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Dr. Claudia Malacrida appointed to SSHRC governing council

Dr. Claudia Malacrida, University of Lethbridge associate vice-president (research), joins 14 other diverse Canadians in being appointed to the governing council of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Kirsty Duncan, Canada's science minister, announced the appointments to SSHRC, the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports post-secondary research and research training in the humanities and social sciences, in Ottawa this week.

"I welcome the returning and newly appointed council members to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council," says Duncan. "This impressive list of diverse candidates will help the council further its support for the social scientists and scholars who are pushing the boundaries of knowledge and helping us better understand the world around us."

"I'm honoured and excited to take on this new responsibility," says Malacrida, who has been appointed to a three-year term. "As a social scientist with a long career in the West, I'm pleased to be included and to bring the perspectives of my colleagues to the national level."

SSHRC plays an important role in Canada's research and scientific landscape and is committed to fostering greater equity, diversity and inclusion in research. SSHRC invests more than \$350 million every year, supporting more than 8,000 graduate students and nearly 14,000 researchers. The governing council meets regularly to set policy and program priorities and allocate budgets.

Malacrida, a professor of sociology, joined the U of L in 2002. Her work investigates questions of power and how difference is constructed, both historically and in the present. Her research interests include eugenics, relational challenges faced by disabled women, and issues of power and medicalization in childbirth practices.

"SSHRC funding is critical to sustaining research that responds directly to community needs and the improved quality of life of Canadians," says Malacrida. "As someone who has been supported by SSHRC grants throughout my career, I appreciate how these funds support developing talent from undergraduate and graduate students right through to senior investigators working on global issues."

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