

## **Faculty of Engineering**

### **Award for Teaching Excellence**

#### **Convocation Citation, June 6, 2002**

Madam Chancellor, this year's recipient of the Faculty of Engineering Award for Teaching Excellence is Dr. Aaron Gulliver, a Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. This award is given to recognize and encourage outstanding instruction, curriculum development and innovation in the classroom and laboratories. Dr. Gulliver is a most worthy recipient of this honour.

Dr. Gulliver completed his doctorate at UVic in 1989 and joined the faculty ten years later. In the intervening decade he was a faculty member at Carleton University in Ottawa and the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand

Dr. Gulliver teaches in a broad range of areas including

- Communications Theory and Systems
- Mobile Communications
- Error Control Coding and Sequences

Two separate student nominations were submitted citing Dr. Gulliver's excellent teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels – one of those nominations being endorsed by twenty-nine students. To quote the nominators, albeit briefly:

“Dr. Gulliver's ability to equip his students with knowledge and abilities needed to succeed both in an academic and industrial setting, all within a creative and open learning environment should be recognized.”

“I have observed how much time Dr. Gulliver takes to prepare for his classes and his genuine concern for the performance of his students.”

“The material in Dr. Gulliver's courses is extremely challenging, however he uses many effective teaching methods to help all students grasp the concepts.”

In addition to being a dedicated and effective teacher, Dr. Gulliver has an excellent research record. He is the author or a co-author on 104 refereed journal publications and 79 refereed conference publications in his areas of expertise: communications, coding theory and information theory.

Graduate student supervision is a critical facet of the teaching mission of the University. Four doctoral and 13 masters students have graduated under Dr. Gulliver's supervision and he is currently supervising nine students.

Dr. Gulliver is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is a Board Member and the Secretary of the IEEE Information Theory Society, and was recently selected as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada. His research contributions and professional activity and service further inform and enhance his teaching.

Madam Chancellor, the Faculty of Engineering and the University of Victoria are pleased to recognize Dr. Gulliver's many and varied accomplishments and on this day to especially recognize his excellent teaching and graduate student supervision.