A (Self) Reflexive Lens on Gerontology: Over Time, Through Change, In Aging

A lecture in honour of Professor William F. Forbes

In addition to her current role at CIHR, Professor Martin-Matthews has served as the Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Aging. She has an extensive record of scholarly research on aging and society, health and social care services, and the intersections of formal and informal care.

In December 2017, she was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada, for “extensive research contributions to gerontology, notably in implementing the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging”.

Professor William F. Forbes was the founding Director of the Gerontology program at the University of Waterloo, Canada’s first English-language graduate program in Gerontology. He was also the founding president of the Ontario Gerontology Association and the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG).

In a long and diverse career at the University of Waterloo, he held faculty appointments in the Departments of Chemistry, Sociology, Statistics and Actuarial Science, and Health Studies, and was the Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics from 1972-1980. He had a particular interest in research on smoking, playing an active role on the World Health Organization’s Expert Committee on Smoking Control. Among other honours, Professor Forbes was the first recipient of CAG’s Distinguished Member Award, and was recognized with a 125th Anniversary of Canada Commemorative Medal “for people who have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their community, or to fellow Canadians.”