



## Canada's Counsellors and Psychotherapists Honour Past-President and Stonewall Resident with Two Prestigious Awards

**Stonewall, MB (22/07/2014)** The Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) is proud to honour past CCPA President, Lorna Martin with the CCPA Doctoral Dissertation Award and the CCPA Professional Contribution Award at their awards ceremony held recently in Victoria, British Columbia.

The CCPA awards program acknowledges all of the unsung heroes and persons worthy of recognition in the counsellors and psychotherapists profession. CCPA commends all members far and wide who daily make a positive difference in the lives of people and the advancement of the profession.

“The awards program recognizes and honours some outstanding individuals in the counselling and psychotherapy profession,” said Dr. Blythe Shepard (President, CCPA). “From students emerging into our profession to those who have been practitioners, supervisors, and mentors, CCPA offers its appreciation for their work in growing a strong foundation of caring and action.”

This CCPA Doctoral Dissertation Award recognizes outstanding research and development in counselling and psychotherapy at the doctoral level. The CCPA Professional Contribution Award is awarded to a member in recognition of outstanding professional contribution to counselling and psychotherapy in Canada.

Dr. Martin is the current the Past-President of CCPA and President of the COMPASS Centre for Examination Development. Previously the CCPA President (2011-2013) and Provincial Consultant for Counselling with Manitoba Education, Dr. Martin has initiated and supported counselling and psychotherapy initiatives for more than 25 years. She is the author of multiple resources focusing on counselling and education, and delivers workshops on counselling, educational psychology, and fair assessment practices. A certified teacher in two provinces, a Canadian Certified Counsellor (CCC) and a trained arbitrator; Dr. Martin's doctorate in Education (counselling) followed studies at the University of Manitoba and York University.

Dr. Martin has wide and varied experiences at provincial, national, and international levels related to: competency-based regulations, outreach, ventures that ensure and sustain counsellor competency, collaboration with counselling associations beyond Canada's borders, and the importance of access to qualified counsellors and psychotherapists for all Canadians.

The CCPA Awards, a program in effect for over 30 years are presented annually at their conference.

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