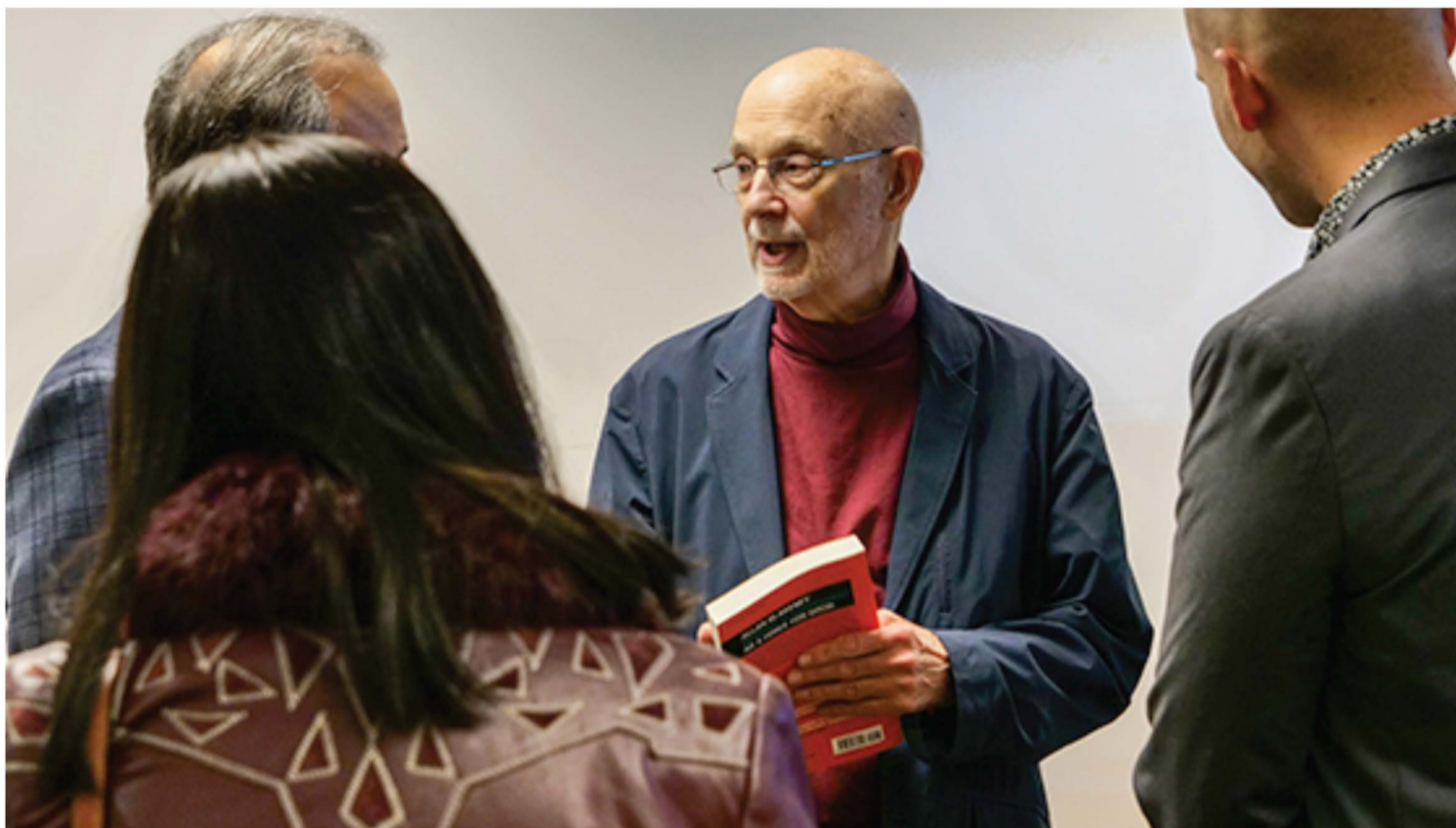


Fifth-annual author recognition event celebrates creative works with U of R connection

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John Whyte discusses his work *Back to Blakeney* with fellow U of R authors at Author Recognition Event on November 21. *Photo: University Advancement and Communications*



Brett Waytuck brings greetings on behalf of the Dr. John Archer Library.

The University of Regina is home to many gifted wordsmiths.

On Thursday, a celebration was held at the Dr. John Archer Library to acknowledge the authorship of University of Regina faculty, staff, students, alumni, and retirees who have published new works in the past calendar year. Now in its fifth-year, the University of Regina Library Author Recognition Program recognizes the creation of new works such as books, edited proceedings, sound recordings, musical scores or video recordings. Since inception in 2015, the Author Recognition Program has had more than 150 works submitted.

In all, 30 submissions from 26 authors were celebrated at the event.

John Whyte, Professor Emeritus from the Department of Politics and International Studies, was one of the authors in attendance. Whyte is a co-editor of *Back to Blakeney: Revitalizing the Democratic State* – a collection of essays about former Premier of Saskatchewan Allan Blakeney.

“I worked for Blakeney for three years, and I loved working for him,” said Whyte. “We argued all of the time, so I wrote a book about the arguments we had!” joked Whyte.

Released in August and published by the University of Regina Press, *Back to Blakeney* is a collection of essays reflecting on Blakeney’s achievements and legacy. Other contributors to the work include Roy Romanow, former Premier of Saskatchewan and Dr. David McGrane, an associate professor at the University of Saskatchewan. Like many scholarly works, the book is a culmination of a long-term collaboration between experts in a particular field of study.

“We all attended a conference on Blakeney about 10 years ago. And in the past three years we all really worked to put together this collection,” said Whyte on how the work came into existence. “It’s a great feeling to have it completed. I would love to write more!”

Attended by authors, their families and friends, as well as University colleagues, the annual celebration allows U of R authors to connect to one another, discuss the creative process, the journey to publication, and to celebrate their achievements. Event speakers included Brett Waytuck, University of Regina Librarian and Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), who both underscored that the written word is very much alive and well within the University.

“The writing process is challenging, but rewarding. You all should be very proud. Enjoy your achievements!” said Waytuck.

To view the program from the 5th Annual University of Regina Library Author Recognition Reception, [click here](#).



Attendees had the opportunity to view the works being celebrated.



U of R authors pose with their works.