

Réal Ouellet

Biography

Réal Ouellet is research professor of French and Québec literatures at Laval University, associate scholar with the CÉLAT (Centre interuniversitaire d'études sur les lettres, les arts et les traditions) and has been a visiting professor at the University of Ferrara, at the University of British Columbia, and at the University of the Antilles and Guyane (Martinique) as a specialist on narratology and on the critical editions of texts. Founding editor of the journal *Études littéraires*, Professor Ouellet has always been actively involved in the dissemination of research, having served with funding organizations, as a series editor and as an Associate Dean of Research. His own work has been recognized with the Killam Prize, one of the most prestigious distinctions awarded to academics in Canada, not once but twice, in 1988 and again in 1989.

Professor Ouellet has published, often in collaboration, on topics such as the novel, the short story, theatre and travel writing, with his most recent work being 2010's *La relation de voyage en Amérique (XVI^e-XVIII^e siècles). Au carrefour des genres*. He has also recently published critical editions of several major historical texts from French Colonial America, among them: Champlain's *Des sauvages* (1603); Sagard's *Le grand voyage du pays des Hurons* (1632); Leclercq's *Nouvelle relation de la Gaspésie* (1691); Lahontan's *Œuvres complètes* (1703), *Dialogues avec un Sauvage* (1703) followed by Gueudeville-Lahontan *Conversations de l'auteur avec Adario, Sauvage distingué* (1705); Pelleprat's *Relation des missions des pères de la Compagnie de Jésus dans les îles et dans la Terre Ferme de l'Amérique méridionale* (1650). A novelist and short story writer, Professor Ouellet has published two historical novels (*L'Aventurier du hasard* (1996) and *Cet océan qui nous sépare* (2008) and two short story collections (*Regards et dérives* (1997) et *Par ailleurs* (2005).

Throughout his academic career, Professor Ouellet has played a very active role in the academic success of his students, having served as advisor for more than fifty Master's theses and doctoral dissertations. He also frequently involves his graduate students in his research and publishing pursuits.

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