

The ACAG Stuart Semple Award for Contributions to Geographic Education

Letter of Nomination for James Boxall



James Boxall (FRGS FRCGS) is an ideal candidate for the Stuart Semple Award, and I am pleased to nominate him. For over 30 years he has been a tireless champion of geographic education, and for geographic educators. He has been a long-time supporter of ACAG, but ACAG members may be surprised to know the breadth and depth of his service to geographic education. His impact has been felt provincially, regionally, nationally, and internationally, and has been recognised by national and international institutions.

James is the Geographer and Map Curator in the GIS Centre, which is part of the Dalhousie University Libraries. As well as being an Adjunct in the Marine Affairs Program (MAP), he holds a Lecturer appointment in Earth and Environmental Sciences. His interdisciplinary publications cover the fields of geography, mapping, GIS, digital libraries, health and climate, with an emphasis on sea level rise and coastal communities. He co-edited the book *GIScience Teaching & Learning Perspectives* (Springer).

James was instrumental in the creation of the Canadian Council for Geographic Education, now Canadian Geographic Education, an organization which supports a network of over 20,000 teachers. He is also a Past-President of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, and co-chair of the Canadian Roundtable on Geomatics.

He is a Fellow of both the Royal Geographical Society (UK) and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. He is a past-president of both the Canadian Cartographic Society and

the Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia (which honoured him with the Lifetime Achievement in GIS Award). He is also a Past-Governor of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and a past member of the Board of Governors for the Nova Scotia Museum.

At Dalhousie University James has developed and taught courses in Human Geography in Earth and Environmental Sciences, Geospatial Information Management in the School of Information Management, and Marine Spatial Planning in the Marine Affairs Program. James has been published widely and his geospatial and geography teaching led to his involvement with projects in Canada, the UK, Mexico, and Vietnam, often as co-chair of the International Network for Learning and Teaching Geography.

In December 2022 James was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medal. This medal was awarded to James to recognize his career of service to geography and geographic education in Nova Scotia and Canada.

Respectfully submitted by **Hugh Millward** (FRCGS)

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