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Regna Darnell
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What is most striking about the relationships between Dr. Darnell and her former students ... is her commitment to seeing others succeed. At a time in her career when she could be resting on her accomplishments she is instead focused on the success of others. - Gerald P. McKinley

Her dedication to the discipline of Socio-Cultural Anthropology goes far beyond her lengthy list of publications, past the students who have studied with her directly, to the lives of our children and our communities. Dr. Regna Darnell deserves this recognition because she embodies the life-giving nourishment that is implicit in the concept of woman and vital to growing new pathways and new dimensions of thought and action. My path is forever illuminated because the support of Dr. Darnell. Regna is my hero! - Bimadoshka A. Pucan

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Marie Françoise Guédon University of Ottawa

Dr. Guedon's role as a mentor has been wide-ranging and unceasing, guiding students from around the world, including from Canada, France, China, and the United States. She supports the intellectual and personal development of her students with rigour and kindness, understanding that mutual learning is an essential part of the teacher-student relationship. - Angela Sumegi and Linnea Rowlett

She mentored a generation of female scholars and [with a] deep understanding of the challenges facing women in fieldwork and academia... [and] led to forming a network of largely feminist scholars from around the world, who are re-thinking the nature of matrilineality and matricentric societies. - Hope MacLean

The history of anthropology frames her feminist perspectives in community capacity building, Indigenous control of access to and dissemination of intellectual property, and digital knowledge sharing....Her proposed re-examination of the conceptual structure underlying embodied patriarchal power relationships wields the heuristic concept of matriculture as a powerful counterclaim that facilitates investigation of cultures that were historically mis-labelled to exclude such phenomena. This is a lasting contribution to feminist anthropology. - Regna Darnell and Christina Holmes