

Bio for Presidential Search Committee

Iain Higgins, a faculty member at UVic since 2001, is Professor in the English Department and Editor of *The Malahat Review* (since 2018), published by UVic and supported by competitive funding from the Canada Council for the Arts and the BC Arts Council. He has taught regularly in the Medieval Studies Program and often serves on its elected Program Committee. He is a member of the newly established Media Studies Program. He has participated in UNI 101 and 201 and co-taught sessions of the “Predigital Book” at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute (2012, 2013, 2015–19). He has published scholarly and creative work and received peer awards for it (the Medieval Academy of America’s 2001 Prize for outstanding first book; Honorable Mention [2012–13] for the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Literary Work [Modern Language Association of America]). He was a successful co-applicant (with Heather Dean, Associate Director of Special Collections) for an interdisciplinary SSHRC Connection Grant for a Speaker Series and Workshop on the History of the Book (2015–16). His service includes terms as Director of Medieval Studies (July 2006–Dec 2009; Acting, July–Dec 2017) and Chair of English (2014–2017), and membership on various faculty and university committees, including the AWR Working Group (2018–2019), the HUMS Dean Search Committee (2014–15), and search committees for Chairs and program Directors. He has served as an External Reviewer for the Department of English at Carleton University (2015) and as Internal External Reviewer for the Writing Department (2019). He believes that public postsecondary educational institutions should be open, inclusive, equitable, and compassionate, governed collegially, and supportive of all students, faculty, and staff, of all academic disciplines and their research, and of cross-disciplinary and cross-faculty collaboration as well as community outreach.