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Criminal law specialist receives Distinguished Alumni award

Edmonton – MacEwan University is pleased to announce that Dr. Scharie Tavcer will receive the Distinguished Alumni award.

Tavcer who graduated from the Law Enforcement and Security in 1992, is an associate professor in the Department of Economics, Justice, and Policy Studies at Mount Royal University in Calgary.

Tavcer's main areas of scholarship and research include offenders and the barriers and challenges of reintegrating into the community; sexual and relationship violence; understanding crime, social disorder and the criminal justice system through a feminist lens; victims and trauma-informed care; poverty offending; and, mental illness.

Prior to her career in academia, she worked for Correctional Services Canada in Alberta and British Columbia. She uses her expertise to give back to the community, as a board member of the Elizabeth Fry Society and as an advocate for many other organizations including United Way, the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter and the Justice Sector Constellation of the Poverty Reduction Coalition of Calgary.

She received her Doctorate in Sociology from the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International and International Criminal Law, and the Albert-Ludwigs Universität, both located in Freiburg, Germany.

The Distinguished Alumni award is presented to graduates who exhibit outstanding achievements or make significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: service to the community, business, the arts, human development, the environment, lifelong learning, post-secondary education and/or government.

Tavcer will receive her Distinguished Alumni award at MacEwan University's Spring Convocation.

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