University of Winnipeg Associations Celebrate John Ralston Saul Honourary Degree

Associations representing staff, faculty and students at the University of Winnipeg are delighted to endorse the awarding of an honourary Doctor of Laws to John Ralston Saul. An accomplished novelist and essayist, Dr. Saul exemplifies many of the values that our organizations hold dear. His dedication to fairness, the common good and public education makes him an ideal recipient.

"The role played by public intellectuals is too often underappreciated. For decades, Dr. Saul has challenged received wisdom and encouraged citizens to think deeply about their role within society," said Hugh Grant, President of the University of Winnipeg Faculty Association.

In his work *A Fair Country: Telling Truths About Canada*, Dr. Saul makes an eloquent case for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. He demonstrates that in spite of repeated attempts at marginalization and assimilation, our institutions, culture and collective identity owe an enormous debt to Indigenous contributions.

"For a university located on Treaty One territory that counts Indigenous inclusion and decolonization as a core priority, Dr. Saul illustrates how indigenizing the academy is a powerful instrument for reconciliation," said UWSA President Rorie Mcleod Arnould.

"UWinnipeg is to be commended for its selection of Dr. Saul to receive an honourary doctorate. As a global proponent for the importance of public education, free expression, and responsible citizenship, he embodies the qualities deserving of such high recognition," said Laurie Morris, President of the Association of Employees Supporting Education Services.

John Ralston Saul will receive his honourary Doctor of Laws on October 17 at the 104th UWinnipeg Convocation. For more information visit uwinnipeg.ca/convocation/

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