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Award: Teaching Design and Practice for
Community-Based Learning in Regional Communities

Recipient: Dr. Nicole Vaugeois, Department of Recreation
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Nicole Vaugeois is a co-director for the World Leisure Center of Excellence in Sustainability and Innovation at Vancouver Island University, in Canada. She is also the BC Regional Innovation Chair in Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development. In this role, she works with people in rural BC communities to diversify their economies and enhance the quality of life in communities by utilizing their natural and cultural amenities (recreation, tourism, arts, culture, parks, agritourism, sport development).

She is an active researcher and has conducted research with numerous communities in the region with her students. She collaborates with academics from other institutions and maintains strong ties with policy makers in the provincial and federal government to ensure that her research informs decision making. She maintains a blog on sustainable rural development <http://ruraltourismdevelopment.blogspot.com/>.

