MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Jane Millgate (1937-2019)
Professor of English and Fellow of Victoria College
University of Toronto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Faculty of Arts & Science is deeply saddened by and mourns the passing of Professor Jane Millgate who died at the age of 82 in late January 2019.

Jane Millgate was Professor Emeritus in the Department of English and a Fellow of Victoria College. Born in England in 1937, Jane had a highly distinguished career. She was educated at the universities of Leeds and Kent at Canterbury and taught at Victoria College from 1964–1997. It was at Leeds that she met her husband Michael Millgate, the distinguished biographer of Thomas Hardy. From 1982–87 Jane was Vice-Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Science where she was responsible for the Humanities departments. Under Dean Robin Armstrong, she played a key role in helping to improve morale, specifically relations between Simcoe Hall and the Faculty of Arts & Science’s professors. But however able an administrator she was, her heart was in teaching and research.

She was a much loved and enabling teacher, and her research was outstanding. She is the author of three major books -- *Macaulay* (1973), *Walter Scott: The Making of the Novelist* (1984), and *Scott’s Last Edition: A Study in Publishing History* (1987). This last work, an examination of the creation of Scott’s *magnum opus* edition, was awarded the British Academy’s Crawshay Prize in 1988. In addition, she has edited a volume of essays, *Editing Nineteenth-Century Fiction* (1978), and is the author of numerous articles on American, English, and Scottish literature as well as on the History of the Book. Professor Millgate was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1986 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1994. She served on numerous editorial boards, including *Dalhousie Review*, *Victorian Review*, the *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada*, *English Studies in Canada*, and the *Collected Works of Northrop Frye*, and was a member of the advisory board for the Edinburgh Edition of the Waverley Novels and one of the founders of the Toronto Centre for the Book. Her *Union Catalogue of the Correspondence of Sir Walter Scott*, comprising over 14,000 records for letters from and to Scott, was published by the National Library of Scotland.

Throughout her retirement, she maintained an active interest in Victoria College and the Department of English, organizing wonderful lunches with her husband Michael at their home on Balmoral Avenue and regularly attending Department events like the Canada Milton Seminar. She will be greatly missed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be inscribed in the minutes and that a copy be transmitted to her family as a token of our deep gratitude and respect.

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