

# Memorandum

## Re: Recommendation for the Sarah Shorten Award

**Date:** September 4, 2019

**To:** CAUT Council

**From:** Pat Armstrong and Momin Rahman, Co-Chairs

The CAUT Equity Committee is pleased to recommend Amanda Bittner for the Sarah Shorten Award.

Dr. Bittner is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at Memorial University. Through teaching, research and service, she has tirelessly worked for the advancement of women in the university, in the community and across Canada.

At Memorial, Dr. Bittner built structures and helped institutionalize systems that support and promote women in academia, students and academics. She created inclusive, mentoring spaces to support women to experience belonging and to help in career progress.

In community, Dr. Bittner is an enthusiastic and outstanding leader, "a model of an engaged scholar", bringing her research to influence public discourse and policy for the advancement of women, and her service at local women and family organizations.

Her research on gender and politics has had real world impact, and she was recognized with the 2017 President's Award for Outstanding Research.

Many letters of recommendations attest to Dr. Bittner's commitment and leadership. The CAUT Equity Committee is honoured to submit the name of Amanda Bittner for this nomination.