Biography - Stuart Semple

Stuart Semple began his teaching career in Australia after completing his degree in geography at the University of Sydney. He moved to Canada to complete his graduate education at the University of Toronto before heading to Nova Scotia in 1968 to teach at Dalhousie University. Mr. Semple taught geography courses at Mount Saint Vincent and St. Mary’s universities in Canada, and at Canberra College of Advanced Education in Australia. He is presently Adjunct Professor in the Department of Geography at Mount Allison University.

Mr. Semple also works with the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), for which he was Chief Examiner in Geography from 1996 to 2001, and is currently Senior Examiner in Geography. He is involved in IBO curriculum development and teacher education workshops.

Deeply respected for his service in the field of geography, Mr. Semple has often been invited to present his papers and lead workshops at schools and geographic conferences. He has published numerous articles on various geographic topics, and he has several geography related professional affiliations, including the Canadian Council for Geographic Education (CCGE) and the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG).

His experience and passion for geography promotion and teaching have been recognized with a number of awards, including the first CAG Excellence in Teaching award in 1997. In 2009, The Atlantic Association of Geography created the Stuart Semple Award which recognizes people who have greatly contributed to geographic literacy in Atlantic Canada.