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## **News Release**

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### **Former Faculty Member Dr. Shelley Finson to Receive Award from the Centre for Christian Studies**

(Halifax) - Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford along with the Faculty and staff of the Atlantic School of Theology would like to congratulate Dr. Shelley Davis Finson, on the honour of being made a Companion of the Centre.

This award will be formally conferred at St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Winnipeg on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It recognizes those graduates or members of the community at large who have made a significant contribution to the work of the Centre. Dr. Finson shares her award with Ken DeLisle, a Diaconal Minister.

Dr. Finson is herself a graduate of the Center for Christian Studies. Through her distinguished career she has focused her considerable energies on the role of women in religion and is known for her interest in, and contributions to, Christian feminist liberation theologies. Given Dr. Finson's illness, the award will be given in Absentia.

Eric Beresford, President of AST said. "I am delighted by the recognition being given to Dr. Finson who was a faculty member at AST for 16 years. Dr. Finson's work has done a great deal to raise the consciousness of individuals and the church as a whole to the way we systematically disadvantage and marginalize visible minorities and particularly women. This honour is well deserved indeed."

For more information about this award, please visit the CCS website at [www.ccsonline.ca](http://www.ccsonline.ca).

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