

PATRICK DEANE: BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE (LONG VERSION)

Patrick Deane is the seventh President and Vice-Chancellor of McMaster University, a position he has held since 2010. As President, Dr. Deane is focused on promoting and supporting research, strengthening the connections between the University and the local and global communities that we serve and ensuring a distinctive, personalized and engaging experience for McMaster's students.

Dr. Deane was born and raised in South Africa, where he read English and Law at the University of Witwatersrand. He immigrated to Canada in 1978 and undertook graduate studies in English Literature, receiving both an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario. He taught English Literature at the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario and subsequently undertook a variety of progressively more senior academic administrative roles at the University of Winnipeg and Queen's University prior to his appointment at McMaster.

Dr. Deane is also a Professor in the Department of English and Cultural Studies and has published two books and many articles and other publications. His principal research interest is British writing of the period 1914-1945, with a particular focus on the relationship between literature and politics on a national as well as an individual level. He has been honoured with many awards for his academic work, including the first John Charles Polanyi Prize for Literature, which he received in 1988. He received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.