

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citations
The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Dr. Jerry Franklin
Thursday, June 7, 2001**

Mr. Chancellor, it is my pleasure to present Dr. Jerry Franklin, Bloedel Professor of Ecosystem Analysis at the University of Washington. A pioneer in the study of forest ecosystems, management, and stewardship, he is considered to be the primary architect of the new paradigm in how we view and interact with forests. Few have done more to raise our awareness of the fragility of this most precious resource.

Jerry Franklin has often said that his mission is to cut the best deal he can for forests and trees in a world dominated by humans. To our great good fortune he has done just that throughout a stellar career that began in the late 1950s and continues to this day. His research themes have been broad; their effect, sweeping. He has championed a natural ecosystem perspective of forests, advocated the idea that an understanding of natural ecosystem dynamics and forests is fundamental to good stewardship, and promoted the view that forest conservation and the protection of natural areas is essential to forest management and science. These ideas, once revolutionary, are now commonly accepted. Indeed, Dr. Franklin is directly credited with