

Denis Fortin

John Nevins Andrews Medallion

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This afternoon the recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion is Denis Fortin, whose scholarship and teaching in Adventist history and theology has distinguished him among his colleagues.

Fortin received a BA in pastoral ministry from Canadian Union College, now Burman University, in 1982. He earned an MDiv from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1986 and a PhD in theology from the Université Laval in 1995.

Fortin is married to Kristine Knutson, who worked at Andrews University in a number of positions from 1994–2019, and they have three children, Kimberly, Mark and Erika. In spring 2019, Denis and Kris walked the French pilgrimage road, the Way of St. James, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Fortin joined the Seminary faculty in 1994 as assistant professor of theology. Since then, he has also served as associate professor of theology, director of the Master of Divinity program, associate dean, chair of the Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy and dean from 2006–2013. Currently, he is professor of historical theology at the Seminary.

Fortin participates in a number of scholarly societies, including the American Academy of Religion, the Adventist Society for Religious Studies, the Adventist Theological Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Additionally, he has served on numerous committees for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and on the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

Fortin has authored many publications on Adventist history and theology. His latest publications include “Oneness in Christ,” which is a Bible study guide on unity in the Church, and a companion volume, “One in Christ: Biblical Concepts for a Doctrine of Church Unity.” His annotated 125th anniversary edition of the Ellen G. White classic “Steps to Christ,” published by Andrews University Press in 2017, received widespread support and praise. He co-edited “The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia” published in 2013 and “Adventism in Quebec: The Dynamics of Rural Church Growth, 1830–1910” published in 2004. Forthcoming publications include a biography of Adventist church leader George I. Butler.

For his leadership as a scholar and educator, the faculty of Andrews University is proud to present Denis Fortin with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.