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Madeleine D. Giguere, Professor Emerita University of Southern Maine, has been selected as a recipient of the Maryann Hartman Award which will be presented on November 5th. 1997 in Wells Common at the University of Maine in Orono.

A sociologist, Professor Giguere was born in Lewiston, Maine attended local schools, received her B.A. from the College of New Rochelle, her M. A. from Fordham University, M. Phil. from Columbia University and an honorary Doctorate from Rhode Island College. She taught at St. Joseph's College - North Windham Me., St. John's University - Brooklyn, N. Y., Boston College - Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and the University of Southern Maine - in Portland. She is a member of the American Sociological Society, the American Council for Quebec Studies, the Federation des femmes franco-americaines, the American Canadian Genealogical Society and SS. Peter & Paul Parish.

Professor Giguere has served on many committees among which are Sociologists for Women in Society, Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, Comite de vie Franco-Americaine, ActFANE, Governor's Council on the Status of Women, Board of Trustees of the Lewiston Public Library, Lewiston Historical Commission, Maine State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Board of Directors of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and as the Volunteer Director of the Franco-American Heritage Reading Room at the Lewiston-Auburn College.

Recently Governor Angus King appointed her to serve on the Commission to Study the Development of Maine Franco-American Resources.

The author of many published essays on Sociology and Franco-Americans, Professor Giguere is best known throughout New England, the United States and Canada as the authority on the interpretation of New England's French Population based on the 1970, 1980 and 1990 censuses.

Since its creation in 1986, the Maryann Hartman Awards Ceremony has been an annual event celebrating the significant contributions of Maine women locally and nationally in a variety of fields. Named for the late Professor Maryann Hartman, outstanding teacher and scholar in Speech Communication at the University of Maine, the awards honor the spirit, achievement, and zest for life that she epitomized. This award recognizes distinguished Maine women and their accomplishments in the arts, politics, business, education, and community service. The work of the women selected provides inspiration to others and demonstrates the levels of attainment now possible for women. Presented annually, the awards increase campus and community awareness of contemporary women's accomplishments.