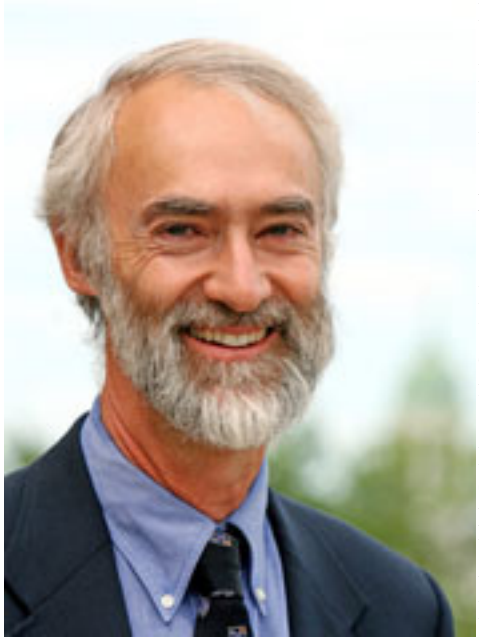## StFX Names Dr. Steven Baldner Dean of Arts

ANTIGONISH, NS --- St. Francis Xavier University President Dr. Sean E. Riley announced today that Dr. Steven Baldner has been appointed Dean of Arts.

Dr. Baldner joined the StFX philosophy department in 1992 as an associate professor and was named a full professor in 1999. He has served StFX in a wide range of capacities including member and chair of the University Senate, member of the faculty development committee, member of the committee for students with disabilities, co-chair of Coady Debates, and vice president of the StFX Faculty Association.

"I look forward to the challenges this new role will bring," Dr. Baldner said. "I will be working closely and collaboratively with faculty, staff, and members of the senior administration to create a great academic experience for both students and faculty."

Prior to joining StFX, Dr. Baldner taught at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon and at the Cardinal Muench Seminary in Fargo, North Dakota. He earned a BA in History from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, an MA in History from the University of Toronto, a MSL in Philosophy from the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, and a PhD in Medieval Studies from the University of Toronto. Dr. Baldner is a member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy and the Canadian Maritain Association. Recently he has lectured and taught at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford. His research areas include mediaeval and ancient philosophy; mediaeval theology; nature; human nature; Thomas Aquinas and Albertus Magnus.

"It is wonderful to see someone with such outstanding experience and enthusiasm take on the Dean of Arts role," said Dr. Sean Riley. "His efforts as dean will help ensure StFX offers an unparalleled teaching and learning environment."