Goldschläger receives France’s Order of Academic Palms

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Philippe Zeller, left, the Ambassador of France to Canada, shares a laugh earlier this week with French Studies professor Alain Goldschläger. Goldschläger received France’s Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of Academic Palms), originally a decoration founded by Emperor Napoleon. The award recognizes major contributions to French national education and culture. Goldschläger, who established Western’s Holocaust Literary Research Institute, was honoured for his work with the International Task Force for Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research.

Western welcomed a delegation from France on Tuesday, including Zeller and Jean-François Casabonne Masonnave, Consul General of France, for the annual France Day celebration. The day’s events included a presentation from Zeller about diplomacy and academic relations between France and Canada, and the ties created through both academic exchange and research collaborations.

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