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### **Capilano University names Jenny Penberthy faculty emeritus**

NORTH VANCOUVER B.C. September 15, 2020 – Capilano University is pleased to announce it is conferring the title of Faculty Emeritus on longtime instructor Jenny Penberthy. Penberthy was a respected faculty member at the University who taught in the English department for 24 years.

“As a widely-published and renowned scholar in the field of modern poetry, Jenny Penberthy has made a significant impact at Capilano University,” said Capilano University President Paul Dangerfield. “It is a delight to deliver this recognition of the ways she inspired hundreds of students and added to the breadth of the University community.”

Penberthy published several scholarly books on the American poet Lorine Niedecker and made important contributions to the study and appreciation of her work, while remaining deeply engaged in supporting the Capilano University community. In addition to teaching, Penberthy directed the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation lecture series, expanded the operations of The Writing Centre, founded CUE Books and participated in numerous University committees.

For six years, she also served as editor of The Capilano Review, maintaining its national reputation as a lively magazine of experimental literary and visual arts. Through this role, she pioneered Sacred Space: The Tom Cone Festival of New Plays, a highly successful annual festival of innovative short plays. Her involvement also ensured the magazine survived its transition to an independent, off-campus publication in 2015.

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Since retiring in 2016, Penberthy has continued her research and scholarly writing, and her support for The Capilano Review. Recently she edited *The Art of Language: Selected Essays of Kenneth Cox* and contributed a chapter to the collection *Poetry and Praxis 'After' Objectivism*. Now she is working on a collection of letters by Lorine Niedecker as well as a history of Fulcrum Press. She remains a member of the Editorial Board of The Capilano Review and serves as Board Chair for the Capilano Review Contemporary Arts Society.

#### **About Capilano University**

Capilano University is a teaching-focused university based in North Vancouver, with programming serving the Sunshine Coast and the Sea-to-Sky corridor. The University enrolls more than 10,150 students each year and offers 97 programs, including bachelor's degrees in areas as diverse as film, jazz, early childhood education and tourism management. Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano, an important leader of the Squamish (Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh) Nation of the Coast Salish people. Our campuses are located on the territories of the Lil'wat, Musqueam, Sechelt (shíshálh) Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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