Lucille Roy Hewitson was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada of a Quebecois father and a Franco-Ontarian mother. A poet, an essayist and a novelist, Dr. Roy-Hewitson is also a well-known literary critic and specialist of contemporary French and Francophone literatures. A graduate of Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, she went on to earn a doctorate on the dynamism of Romain Rolland’s Jean Christophe at the University of Strasbourg, France. Her second doctorate, from the University of Bordeaux, France in 1978, was on the poetics of the works of Anne Hebert.

Dr. Hewitson lived for several years in France and in Montreal, Canada, where she taught and chaired the French Department of Dawson College, while also teaching French and Quebecois Literature at the University of Montreal and McGill University. She is presently Professor of Francophone Literatures and Chair of Modern Languages and Literatures at Creighton University.

Under the name of Lucille Roy, Dr. Hewitson published her first work of fiction, a collection of poems entitled Harmonies d’un songe, in 1979. This was followed the next year by a first novel, L’Impasse. In 1983, Roy published a second novel, L’Appassionata, and in 1974, her third novel, Angelîta, set in Argentina. The next decade was marked by a return to poetry, with the book Entraves published at the Editions du Vermillon in 2002 and Fissures d’angoisse following closely at the same publishing house in 2006. Her essay on the poetics of the works of Anne Hebert, which appeared in 2001 at XYZ in Montreal, was well received by the critics.
Dr. Lucille Roy-Hewitson enjoys equally working with people in an academic setting, teaching language and literature, and creative writing. She sees poetry in all things and can not yet foresee the day when she would retire from the world.

Recent Publications and Honors

- Dr. Roy Hewitson presented a paper on “Anne Hébert et la littérature québécoise contemporaine” at the Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, May 2006.


- In March, 2007, Dr. Roy Hewitson presented a paper on “Les forces libératrices de la terre dans la poésie francophone” at the International Conference on French and Francophone Literature, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas. The text of this paper was subsequently submitted for publication to Contemporary French and Francophone Studies, 2008.

- In October, 2007, Lucille Roy was invited to read from her poetry at the Festival International de la Poésie, Trois-Rivières, Québec.

Travel Abroad

In May 2008, Dr. Roy Hewitson is taking a group of Creighton French students to visit Québec. This immersion course of 3 credit hours, FRN 527, will plunge students into the culture of Montreal and Quebec City, while giving them the oral and written practice needed to achieve fluency. You may contact her by e-mail at:

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