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Dr. Sarty holds an undergraduate degree in Engineering Physics and a Ph.D. in experimental nuclear physics from the University of Saskatchewan. He was a postdoc at the Laboratory for Nuclear Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and then spent five years as an Assistant Professor at Florida State University before joining the Faculty of Science at Saint Mary's in 2000. Over the years, his teaching excellence and commitment to educational development has been recognized with various awards, including the Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from the Canadian Association of Physicists, the Science Champion Discovery Award from Halifax's Discovery Centre, Volunteer of the Year recognitions from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Educational Leadership Award from the Atlantic Association of Universities, and a 3M National Teaching Fellowship. He co-chairs and organizes the annual Halifax regional science fair, and has chaired or served on numerous Boards and Committees related to the promotion and administration of Science and other academic initiatives. Some positions in which Dr. Sarty has recently served, or is currently serving, in this area include: President of the Canadian Association of Physicists, Chair of the CAP Division of Physics Education, Chair of the NSERC Scholarship & Fellowships Committee for Physics and Astronomy, the Canadian Institute of Nuclear Physics, TRIUMF Board of Management, Halifax's Discovery Centre Board of Directors, and the Chair and Judging Coordinator for the Discovery Awards for Science and Technology. In his current role as SMU's AVP Research, Sarty also serves as the Chair of the Steering Committee for CLARI (Change Lab Action Research Initiative), the Vice-Chair of Nova Scotia's Offshore Energy Research Association, as a Board member for ACENET, as an institutional SSHRC and NSERC Leader, as a steering committee member for the Nova Scotia Integrated Health Research Innovation Strategy, and as a member of the Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities.