Laura E Turner* (lturner@monmouth.edu), Department of Mathematics, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764. The Krieger-Nelson Prize Lectureship.

The Krieger-Nelson Prize Lectureship honours outstanding research by women members of the Canadian mathematical community. First awarded in 1995, it is named after Cecilia Krieger (1894-1974), the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics from a Canadian university, and Evelyn Nelson (1943-1987), a prolific researcher in universal algebra. In this talk, we explore the origins and early history of this prize, from the contributions of its namesakes to the motivations behind the prize itself. (Received September 15, 2016)