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## Master of Education Newsletter

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### Faculty of Education

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**Frustrated when  
courses are  
cancelled?**

**Register early to  
avoid possible  
cancellation of  
courses!**

**See page 4 for more  
information.**

**FALL**

**CONVOCATION**

**December 2, 2017**

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information

**X-RING**

**December 3, 2017**

[Click here for info](#)

Although it seems like only yesterday that I was writing my submission for the summer edition of this newsletter, fall is now upon us.

As new and continuing students have returned to Antigonish, the campus is abuzz.

In terms of the wider university community, the demolition of Nicholson Hall is now largely complete, and construction of the new Mulrone Hall is underway, with the official sod turning held on September 20. Earlier this month, in a ceremony held on September 7, the Mi'kmaq flag was unfurled to fly permanently on the StFX campus. I'd be remiss if I also didn't point out that during this ceremony, Dr. Lisa Lunney Borden from the Faculty of Education was recognized as the John Jerome Paul Chair for Equity in Mathematics Education. Congratulations to Lisa on this significant accomplishment!

Turning to the MEd program specifically, I'd like to reiterate how truly impressed I was with the enthusiasm and dedication displayed by students and faculty alike during summer school. I know that for many July can be a time to get away and just relax, but to those who completed or taught a course, your commitment did not go unnoticed.

This fall, we have a wide variety of cohort and non-cohort courses being offered, and as many of you may know, we recently transitioned to Collaborate Ultra for our online classes. As we become more acclimatized to this new version, we will see the many benefits associated with this transition. Our instructional designer/online specialist, Shafik Nanji, has prepared a series of YouTube videos to help you navigate Collaborate Ultra, so I'd definitely encourage you to watch these clips. If you are having issues, or want to improve your teaching or learning experience, talk with Shafik. He's always happy to lend a hand, and I think I can speak for everyone when I say we are lucky to have him as part of the team!

To those who have completed their degree requirements, congratulations! The fall convocation is set for December 2, beginning at 3:00 pm in the Keating Centre. I look forward to meeting and celebrating with you as you receive your diploma.

In closing, it is a privilege to teach and learn alongside those of you pursuing an MEd degree at StFX, and on behalf of my colleagues, I thank you for being part of our community of learners.

I wish each of you a wonderful fall, and remember to please register early for winter and spring courses. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best wishes,  
David

## Technology Tips & Tricks

### Have you tried the feedback button in Collaborate Ultra?

- Emojis in the chat box are handy, but if you use the feedback button, your response will stay for a while and will have a better chance of being seen by the instructor and by your classmates. Plus, you can “Agree” or “Disagree”, or even indicate that you have stepped “Away” from your session.
- The feedback button is the little button in the lower right corner of your profile photo (or empty avatar). By default, it is a green check mark, which indicates that you are present. If you click on it, however, you can change it to various emotions or statuses, some of which are described above.

Short video tutorials have been created to help you orient yourself to the new platform. Please click on each of the following links to see the associated playlist:

- [Tutorials for Participants](#)
- [Tutorials for Presenters](#)

## Meet your Librarian

Suzanne van den Hoogen is the Liaison Librarian for the Faculty of Education. She is available to help you with your research. Look for her “Did you know?” tips in future issues of the *Mirror*.

### Have a research question? Please interrupt me!



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## Important Information

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** for Master of Education students has been added to the Continuing & Distance Education website. <http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ>
  - [What is the refund policy?](#)
  - [How do I register for a course?](#)
  - [How do I request a transcript?](#)
  - [How do I request an official receipt for tuition?](#)
  - [How do I apply to graduate?](#)And many more...
- **X-RING ELIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information> For more information, please contact Mary Jessie MacLellan at [mjmaclel@stfx.ca](mailto:mjmaclel@stfx.ca).
- **DROPPING A COURSE** 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. Please see the refund policy under Frequently Asked Questions: <http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ>
- **EDUC 569 SELECTED TOPICS:** Students may register for as many 569s as their elective requirements allow, provided the course title for each is different.
- **STUDENT STATUS:** If your student status changes for any reason, please notify the program office at [med@stfx.ca](mailto:med@stfx.ca)
- **ASYNCHRONOUS:** We have developed several asynchronous courses. Asynchronous e-learning is an interactive, student-centered approach to learning that is not bounded by geography or time.
- **CORE COURSES:** Non-Cohort students are encouraged to take core courses first. Please visit the FAQ's for a list.



### Have you applied for Fall 2017 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony – Saturday December 2, 2017

<https://www.stfx.ca/student-life/convocation/fall-convocation>

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

<http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ>

## Seats are still available in the following winter and spring courses

### WINTER

EDUC 509.66 – *Trauma Informed Practice*  
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
January 9 – March 27, 2018 (no class March 13)

EDUC 569.67 – *Selected Topics: Issues in Supervision*  
Mondays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

[For full descriptions click here](#)

### SPRING

EDUC 533.66 – *Dynamics of Change*  
Mondays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
April 2 – June 4, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD

EDUC 536.66 – *Program Development*  
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
April 3 – June 5, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD

EDUC 561.66 – *Leadership & Administrative Theories*  
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
April 3 – June 5, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD

EDUC 518.66 – *Assessment for/of/as Learning*  
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
April 3 – June 5, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD

### **In the News**

- **Mi'kmaq flag permanently installed on StFX campus**  
<https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/mikmaq-flag-raising>
- **CASAE East Conference 2017**  
[http://sites.stfx.ca/adult\\_education\\_graduate\\_studies/CASAE-East-Conference](http://sites.stfx.ca/adult_education_graduate_studies/CASAE-East-Conference)

### **Recent Research**

Heather Syms – Dr. J. Tompkins & Dr. J. Orr (Supervisors)

MEd Thesis Title: *Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: Exploring Professional Learning from One Leader's Perspective*