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Master of Education Newsletter

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FALL

CONVOCATION

December 1, 2019

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information

X-RING

December 3, 2019

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**Frustrated when
courses are
cancelled?**

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

**See page 4 for more
information.**



I am always amazed at how quickly summer turns to fall, and it seems this year is no exception. The warm weather of July and August has been replaced with cooler and shorter days. I'd be remiss if I didn't also make note of the fact that September bore witness to Hurricane Dorian. Although Atlantic Canada did feel the effects of this hurricane, we escaped relatively unscathed, especially considering the devastation it caused in the Bahamas. Certainly, our collective thoughts are with those directly or indirectly impacted by Dorian.

The fall also signals the return of new and continuing students to Antigonish, with the campus as well as the town noticeably busy. Recently, the University also celebrated the grand opening of Mulroney Hall. This state-of-the-art facility will provide much needed academic space. A few days ago, I took a walk through the building, and was impressed by the classrooms as well as available technology. As someone also deeply interested in politics and government, the replica of Prime Minister Mulroney's Parliament Hill office is notable. While the building is an important addition to campus, the accompanying scholarship and bursary program will afford many deserving students the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education.

Turning specifically to the MEd program, this fall, we have a wide variety of cohort and non-cohort courses being offered. To those who have completed their degree requirements, congratulations! The fall convocation is set for December 1, beginning at 3:00 pm in the Keating Centre. I look forward to meeting and celebrating with you as you receive your diploma.

I would also like to wish Jennifer Farrell well as she embarks on a new role as Online Education Technology Assistant within Continuing and Distance Education. I think I can speak for everyone when I say Jen is amazing at her job, and she will be extremely missed. A replacement will be named in the near future, but in the interim, please join with me in congratulating Jen on this exciting opportunity.

In closing, I hope each of you have 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.

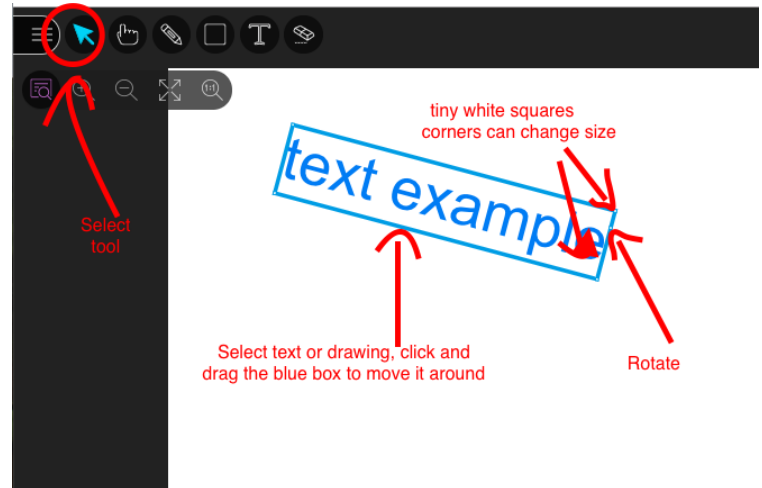
Best wishes,

David

Technology Tips & Tricks

Do you use annotation tools in Collaborate Ultra?

Annotations Tools in Collaborate Ultra are used with Whiteboards or over Slides shared on the screen. Sometimes an instructor will provide an exercise for participants to add text or draw on the screen. Often with multiple participants there is the chance text or drawings will overlap. You can change this by using the selection tool. This will allow you to select text or drawing and click and drag it or change the size or orientation of it. The Selection Tool can be a helpful item when working with many participants on one screen.



Library Tips & Tricks

What is RefWorks and why should I be using it?

RefWorks is an online citation management software that helps you organize your references and generate a bibliography.

RefWorks is paid for by StFX and requires your StFX Username and Password to sign up at:

<https://refworks.proquest.com/>

Some features:

- Add citations manually or export them directly from databases
- Unlimited storage
- Sort and manage your references by topic, course number, assignment, etc.
- Format your bibliography in any style – i.e. APA, MLA, Chicago Style, and many more

Why should I use it?

RefWorks makes it quick to store and manage multiple citations and it can be accessed from anywhere with an Internet connection

- Quick Cite feature generates an *in-text citation* as well as a *full citation* for the bibliography
- Write-n-Cite is a plug-in for Microsoft Word or Google Docs that allows you to import citations as you are writing
- Writing large research papers will be easier and more efficient

Final note: RefWorks imports data from other databases and websites to generate a citation. This leaves room for possible errors – always double check for grammar and formatting before you hand an assignment in. Familiarize yourself with citation styles so you can quickly pick up errors.

Contact Meghan Landry at mlandry@stfx.ca with any questions!

Student Handbooks

- Master of Education Student Handbook
- Thesis and Project Guidelines
- Academic Writing <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/handbooks>
- Guide to Graduate Studies
- StFX Academic Calendar

Important Information

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** for Master of Education students has been added to the Continuing & Distance Education website. <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-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>
- **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: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-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
- **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.



Fall 2019 Convocation Information

Convocation Ceremony – Sunday December 1, 2019

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

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>

If you have any questions please contact Wendy Hayne in the Registrar's Office at whayne@stfx.ca

Seats are still available in the following winter and spring courses

****In accordance with section 2.1.6 of the university calendar, students with a balance of fees owing from a previous term will not be permitted to register in a subsequent term or receive official university transcripts.****

WINTER 2019

EDUC 527.66 – *Principles of Learning* (CRN 55016)
Wednesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 8 – March 25, 2020 (no class March 18) + 3hrs TBD

EDUC 569.66 – *ST: Poverty and Schooling* (CRN 55018)
Mondays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 6 – March 23, 2020 (no class March 16) + 3hrs TBD

[For full descriptions, click here.](#)

SPRING 2019

EDUC 536.66 – *Program Development* (CRN 12154)
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 7 – June 9, 2019 +6hrs TBD

EDUC 561.66 – *Dynamics of Change* (CRN 12155)
Mondays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 6 – June 8, 2019 +6hrs TBD

EDUC 569.66 – *ST: Education for LGBTQ Students* (CRN 12156)
Thursdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 9 – June 11, 2019 +6hrs TBD

In the News

- [StFX faculty enjoy continued success in SSHRC research grants competition](#)
- [StFX education professor wins best paper of the year award from internationally respected journal](#)

Have you applied for Spring 2020 Convocation?

If you plan to graduate at the Spring 2019 Convocation, you need to **apply now** by completing the Application for Graduation form on Banner Self Service. If you have already applied, please check your convocation status to ensure that your name, degree and hometown are correct.

Students who do not apply to graduate cannot be considered for convocation.

If you have any questions please contact Wendy Hayne in the Registrar's Office at whayne@stfx.ca

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

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Inter-University Doctoral Program in Educational Studies

The Inter-University Doctoral Program in Educational Studies (a collaborative partnership between Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent, and St. Francis Xavier universities) is continuing to accept applications. The program can support students in preparation for assuming the role of educational researcher in one or more of six themes: curriculum studies, educational foundation and leadership, inclusive education, lifelong learning (adult education), literacies, and psychological aspects of education.

Student research assistantships available.

Any enquiries about the program can be directed to:

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Apply for the July intake by November 15.

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