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Mi'kmaw History Month

Kwe! Our university is pleased to be offering a wide range of events and educational experiences to educate and reeducate ourselves in the post Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) period. If you have not had a chance to look at the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission it is well worth a read

(http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Honouring_the_Truth_Reconciling_for_the_Future_July_23_2015.pdf)

The report calls for the need for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians and **education is seen as a major act of reconciliation**. In that light, as educators, we all have an important role to play in that process. There is an amazing array of things going on this campus alone. In the next few weeks Chris Benjamin, author of *Indian Road School*, will be on campus sharing information about his book. The President, Kent MacDonald, and Chief PJ Prosper from Paqtn'kek Mi'kmaw community will be planting a tree of friendship in Xavier Garden. There will be a Mawio'mi on campus and Aboriginal broadcaster, hip hop artist, and university academic Wab Kinew will be on site inspiring youth leaders in their efforts of reconciliation. For the first time in our history the Mi'kmaw flag will fly over the campus during the month on October.

In addition there are amazing websites and new CBC shows and podcasts that speak to a wide array of issues related to the TRC and our shared history. No longer can we say 'we didn't know' nor can we say 'we don't have the resources'. Jeff Orr shared with us this link below which talks, for example, about 10 books that parents/ guardians/ teachers can share, in ways that young people can understand, stories about residential schools.



As Thomas King says in his book *The Truth About Stories* we can't say we would have lived our lives differently if we had only known the stories out of the residential schools. We are being made aware of them...they are out there. It is up to us now to ACT because, after all, we are **ALL** treaty people.

WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH THE PROGRAM OFFICE, PLEASE USE YOUR STFX E-MAIL

There are seats available in the following:

Winter Courses:

EDUC 569.76 – Selected Topics: Restorative Approaches in Schools

EDUC 521G.66 – Current Research in Instruction: Physical Education

Spring Courses:

EDUC 501.66 – School Data Management

EDUC 529.66 – School & Teaching Effectiveness

Have you applied for Fall Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony December 5th, 2015, 3:00pm



10 books about residential schools to read with your kids cbc.ca/1.3208021 #AbEd #yeg #ableg

Important Information

Check your Student Account Balance

Log into mesAMIS using your student id and PIN: <https://mesamis.stfx.ca/reports/login.asp>

There is a link in the middle section "See Activity and Current Balance on Your Student Account". Click on that to view your student account. If you have questions about your Student Account, please contact the Student Account Office: http://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/StudentAccounts

Request an Official Receipt for Tuition

Official Receipts are provided by the Student Accounts Office. You can contact them by visiting their homepage: http://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/StudentAccounts

Request a Transcript

Course start and end dates and proof of completion of courses can be verified by requesting your official transcript through our registrar's office. The transcript comes authenticated with the official university seal and the signature of our registrar. The link to our transcript request form is:

http://sites.stfx.ca/registrar_office/transcriptrequests

Request Student Standing Letters For Reimbursement

All official letters regarding student standing must come from the Registrar's Office. To request a letter from the Registrar's Office you can log into mesAMIS using your student id and PIN

(<https://mesamis.stfx.ca/reports/login.asp>), click on the link on the left hand side "Confirmation of Enrollment". This form allows you to indicate to the Registrar's Office exactly what you need and where they can send the letter. If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at:

registr@stfx.ca / Toll Free: (888) 734-7839 / Phone: (902) 867-2160

X-Ring Eligibility

Questions regarding X-Ring eligibility and the X-Ring ceremony (held December 3rd each year) should be directed to Mary Jessie MacLellan, Director, and Alumni Affairs at mjmaclel@stfx.ca.

X-Ring Policy can be found here: http://www.alumni.stfx.ca/s/650/images/editor_documents/x-ring_policy_2014_.pdf

Dropping a Course

Dropping a course within 2 weeks of its start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00

EDUC 569 Selected Topics

Students may register for as many as their elective requirements allow, provided the course title for each is different.

Belize Service Learning 2016

EDUC 469/569: Selected Topic in Education (Educational and Community Programming in International Contexts) is an immersion service-learning course that enables pre-service and in-service teachers to work with children and youth within a developing nation. Students will plan and lead various educational/community programs related to a number of concepts, including physical literacy, wellness, and play. The summer immersion experience will be preceded with 3-6 hours of in-class planning related to a number of topics, including physical literacy, wellness, and play; additional topics may include cultural diversity, cultural responsiveness, recreation, sport, and teaching



for personal and social responsibility. The summer immersion experience will also be followed with 2 hours of in-class time focused upon a reflection of the immersion service-learning experience.

For more information contact Dan Robinson (drobinso@stfx.ca)

Recent Research

Congratulations to Karen Berezowski & Sherry Neville-MacLean who recently completed theses!

Karen Berezowski: *Students' Experiences of Yoga 11 in Nova Scotia Public Schools* (Supervisor: Daniel Robinson)

Sherry Neville McLean: *Students' Perceptions of Factors Influencing Their Learning Inside and Outside the Classroom During Rural Canadian English for Academic Purposes Program* (Supervisor: Robert White)



StFX Email Accounts –

All correspondence will be sent to your campus e-mail

Frustrated because your StFX email account has expired? IT Services has addressed this problem by allowing students to have '**Self-serve Password Manager**' which means you can control the activation of your email account. Please follow the guidelines in the tutorial provided on the following link: [Guides & Tutorials](#). With the webFX Self-serve Password Manager, you can activate your webFX account, reset your webFX password, update your webFX challenge questions, or unlock your webFX account.