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Master of Education Newsletter

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Don't forget to register for summer courses – info on page 3

Frustrated when courses are cancelled? Register early to avoid possible cancellation of courses!



New Cohorts starting Summer 2018:

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Cohort 2
- Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 5
- Mental Health Cohort 6 & 7
- Physical & Health Education
- Literacy (TCRCE)

<https://www.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/med-cohorts.html>

As I walked through campus today, I was struck by the fact there are certainly less students around since the end of the exam period. At the same time, I also couldn't help but think that winter is finally behind us.

In the MEd program, our spring term is off and running. As always, I'd like to thank those individuals who are currently teaching a course. Your commitment and dedication to our students never ceases to impress me.

This past weekend, the University held its spring convocation. In total, 57 students were awarded their MEd degrees. The following cohorts were included in this group: Transforming Learning Using Technology and Digital Resources and Mental Health 4. Congratulations to all the graduates!

At the moment, it seems like most of my efforts are focused on preparing for summer school, which will run from July 3-26. In addition to our non-cohort MEd degree, we have a number of new cohorts launching this summer, including mental health, culturally responsive pedagogy, early elementary pedagogy, and health and physical education. We are also very pleased to be launching a literacy cohort in the Digby area. Certainly, there is much work behind the scenes in both the planning and execution phase, and I have no reservation in saying that I'm surrounded by a truly wonderful team who go above and beyond the call of duty each and every day.

As a reminder, after a one year hiatus, the Educational Research Forum will occur on July 23. We have some terrific submissions from current and former graduate students, and once the schedule is finalized, I will circulate via email.

I'm also very pleased to report that Dr. Margaret Kovach from the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan has agreed to join us on campus in July as our Scholar in Residence. Dr. Kovach will also deliver the keynote address on July 23 as part of the Educational Research Forum. There is a plan to make this keynote available through live streaming, and I will share the details once confirmed.

In all, the next few months promise to be busy, but I'm looking forward with great anticipation to summer school. In addition to meeting our new students, I hope to touch base with continuing students, so if you are on campus, my office door is always open.

If you are planning on taking a summer course, I would encourage you to consult our offerings, and register early, as courses do fill up quickly.

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

Would you like to improve your experience with Collaborate and other online applications?

Tip: To get the best experience with Collaborate and other high bandwidth applications, you should **connect your device to your modem using a cable.**

Explanation: High bandwidth applications like Collaborate work much better when you are hardwired to the internet (i.e., connected to your modem with a cable) as opposed to using wi-fi. You can buy such a cable at most stores that sell computer equipment, whether in your area or online. Desktop and laptop computers usually require an ethernet cable, while notebooks, tablets, and newer devices may require specialized cables. Your local store should be able to help you find the right cable.

Trick: If you would like to test the speed of your current connection, [click here](#), and then click on the blue button that says, "RUN SPEED TEST". (You may wish to average the results of a few tests.)

Tip: If your *upload speed* (second number in the test results) is less than 1 Mbps when using wi-fi, it is recommended that you be hardwired when using Collaborate.

Library Tips & Tricks

Library Tips & Tricks: Did You Know?



Your Student ID is also your Library Card. You can request or renew your library card online from the following link:
https://sites.stfx.ca/library/create_account.html



You can access reference assistance through our online chat service called LiveHelp: <http://www.novanet.ns.ca/chat/>



You have access to thousands of eBooks! View these collections from the following link: <https://sites.stfx.ca/library/ebooks.html>



There is a subject guide for every department on campus. Access the Education Guides here: <http://stfx.libguides.com/?b=g&d=a>

** Please note that the Library website will be transitioning to a new format over the summer months and links may change**

Important Information

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** for Master of Education students has been added to the Continuing & Distance Education website. <https://www.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq.html>
 - 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...
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- **X-RING ELIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/why-stfx/x-ring> For more information, please contact Mary Jessie MacLellan at mjmaclel@stfx.ca.
 - **DROPPING A COURSE:** Please be aware of our refund policy. Dropping a course 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. (<https://tinyurl.com/ycr3yhng>)
 - **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.

Seats are still available in the following summer courses:

SUMMER

EDUC 567.66 – *School Law*

July 3 – July 26, 2018 **ASYNCHRONOUS**

EDUC 529.66 – *School & Teaching Effectiveness*

July 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 **ONLINE**

EDUC 518.66 – *Selected Topics in Education:*

Education for LBGTQ Students

July 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 **ONLINE**

For instructions on how to register for a course, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions Page: <https://www.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq.html>

Course descriptions can be found in the Spring & Summer 2018 Calendar: <https://www.mystfx.ca/continuingeducation/continuing-distance-education-calendars.html>

Non-Cohort

Margaret Anne Armstrong
Frederick Adam Berube
Alberto Jose Boutet
Krystal Marie Comeau
Shanna Lee Corning
Erinn Patricia Esau
Donna Marie Hughes
Peter Benedict MacIntosh
Suzanne Marie MacMullin
Alicia Marie Mills
Darrell Alexander Richardson
Rebecca Marion Anna Lee
Newlands Boutet

Indigenous Education Cohort 1

Barrie Paul Justin Bernard

Physical & Health Education Cohort 3

Justin Robert Oliver

Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 2

Candace Joy Susan Bernard
Jenna Lynn Hadley

Mental Health Cohort 4 (Ottawa)

Michelle L Bryden
Lisa Anne Cameron
Tracey Lynn Clarey
Chantel Melissa Couture-Campbell
Sarah Joan Derks
Tricia Gaeleen Eddy
Tracey Marie Haley
Julia Kathleen Jesmer
David Andrew Kennedy
Jennifer Marie Lentz
Erin Alva Marjorie Lepage
Deborah Elizabeth Lyon
Nancy Diane McIntyre
Niamh Margaret O'Brien
Tracy Ann O'Brien
Lise Lucille Marie Pignal-Hanson
Laurie Lee Reesor
Stephanie Ann Reid
Renee Katherine Rozon
Tracy Lynn Spear
Deanne Marie Strong

Transforming Learning Using Technology & Digital Resources

Amanda Jayne Bayard
Duncan Keir Campbell
Tanya Dawn Cook
Andrea Suzanne Cormier
Elizabeth Joyce Cyr
Tina Diane Dalrymple
Jean-Luc Deveau
Daniel Alan Doroshenko
Katherine Elizabeth English
Peter Mark Hunt
Mandy Rae Little
Molly Ellen Little
Gina Lorraine MacDonald
Dawn Marie MacKillop
Neil Peter MacLellan
Nikole Lin McCormick
Mairi Jane Parr
Jane Lesley Ross-MacEachern
Krista Lynne Simm
Andrea Kim Wadman



Congratulations to M.Ed. graduate Jennifer Oldford of Dartmouth, NS, recipient of the *Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award*, recognizing graduate student research that represents the highest level of scholarship and makes a significant contribution to fostering an understanding of current issues, problems, or interests the field. Jennifer was awarded her degree in December 2017.

In the News

- [M.Ed. student wins cost of her X-Ring in Student Satisfaction Survey](#)
- [Educator Dr. Ann Sherman remembered, honoured in new \\$1 million scholarship established at StFX through the Bragg Family Foundation and Deveau Fund](#)
- StFX Master of Education graduate Tracey Quinn '16 appeared on CBC's The National. Ms. Quinn was part of StFX's first mental health education cohort. Her work at StFX continues into the classroom, helping girls develop good self-esteem. <http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/thenational/self-esteem-the-key-to-empowering-the-women-of-tomorrow-1.4567138>

Cohort News

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- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership: Physical & Health Education
- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership: Mental Health Cohort 6 & 7
- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership: Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Cohort 2
- Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction: Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 5
- Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction: Literacy

Information on cohorts can be found here: <https://www.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/med-cohorts.html>

Educational Research Forum - July 23, 2018

Presenters for the 2018 Educational Research Forum include graduate students (MEd and PhD) from the Faculty of Education at St. Francis Xavier University.

[HTTPS://WWW.MYSTFX.CA/MASTERS-OF-EDUCATION/2018-EDUCATIONAL-RESEARCH-FORUM.HTML](https://www.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/2018-educational-research-forum.html)