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Master of Education Newsletter

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



**Still need to register for
a summer course?
Check out page 5 for
seat availability!!**

It is difficult to believe that we have been living in the shadow of COVID-19 for over a year. The pandemic has brought with it great upheaval, but as the vaccine rollout continues, I cannot help but be optimistic that we will turn the corner in the very near future.

I would like to congratulate those who were awarded their MEd degrees at the Spring Convocation on May 7. Best wishes are also extended to Dr. Laura-Lee Kearns, who was recognized as the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award.

In terms of the MEd program specifically, our spring term is well underway. As always, I would like to thank those individuals who are currently teaching a course. Your commitment and dedication to our students never ceases to impress me.

Much of my current attention is focused on planning for summer school, which will run from July 5-30. Although we had hoped to welcome students to campus, we will be conducting all courses virtually in July. An important feature of summer school will be the re-introduction of the Educational Research Forum on July 26. We have some terrific submissions from current and former graduate students, and once the schedule is finalized, it will be circulated.

I am also very pleased to report that Jane Meader will be resuming her role this summer as Elder in Residence. Further, Dr. Ann Lopez from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education has agreed to join us as our Scholar in Residence. Dr. Lopez will also deliver the keynote address on July 26 as part of the Educational Research Forum.

A final point I wanted to raise is that change is a natural part of the educational landscape. In this regard, I would like to recognize Dr. Jeff Orr, who is completing his second term as Dean of Education on June 30. Jeff has been a tireless supporter of the graduate program, and I wish him well as he begins a well-deserved administrative leave. I also want to welcome Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, who will begin her term as Dean of Education on July 1. Lace Marie comes to StFX from Laurentian University, where she held various leadership roles. I wish her all the best on this appointment. I would be remiss if I also did not mention that this will be my final piece for the newsletter. My term as Chair will conclude on June 30, and I will be starting a one-year sabbatical on July 1. Certainly, it has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to have served in this role. Of course, I had the great fortune of working with a truly outstanding team. For fear of overlooking someone, I would simply like to acknowledge all our instructors, both full- and part-time. Thanks are also extended to those within the Faculty of Education and Continuing and Distance Education who always went above and beyond the call of duty. I would like to mention a couple of people by name with whom I worked very closely over my term. Jennifer Farrell and more recently Rhiannon Smith have been phenomenal. Their work behind the scenes needs to be recognized, as they were invaluable in ensuring everything always ran smoothly.

In closing, I want to reiterate that I feel privileged to have served as Chair of this program and I wish my successor nothing but the best as they assume this leadership role. And to all past and current graduate students, it has been wonderful working with each of you, and I hope your future endeavours are rewarding and successful.

As always, please stay well!

David

Spring Convocation – CONGRATULATIONS!

Tyson Ball

Darren Barkhouse – Early Elementary Pedagogy

Darci Collier

Louis Googoo

Shawna-Kay Lawrence

Matthew Leonard

Erin MacDonald – Inclusive Education, Curriculum & Instruction

Marvin Mohring

Susan Peebles

Jacqueline Prosper

Michael Quiambao

Chantal Samson Haley

Ericka Sutherland

Ashleigh Wroe



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>

- 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?
 - What is the refund policy?
- And many more...



- **X-RING ELLIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring>
- **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. Please see [here](#) for the refund policy.
- **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:** 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 [Program Overview](#) for a list core courses for each stream: Administration & Policy and Curriculum & Instruction.

Technology Tips & Tricks

Have you uploaded your profile photo in Collaborate Ultra?

Your profile photo allows your instructor and your classmates to recognize you quickly, as well as contributes to the overall sense of community within the online classroom.

In order to upload your profile photo, follow the simple steps below.

1. Click on the blank avatar icon at the bottom of the screen to open the “My Settings” panel.
2. Click on the blank avatar near the top of the panel.
3. Click on the Upload area to use the file upload wizard or drag and drop your photo to that area.
4. Adjust the cropping and centering of your photo as desired.
5. Verify that the “Always use this profile picture” box is checked (optional but recommended).
6. Click on the Save button.



That's all there is to it!

Library Tips & Tricks

Spring 2021 Lockdown update:

Beginning on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021, the Angus L. Macdonald Library will be suspending in-person services as a result of the provincial locked down. We are pleased to be able to offer our curbside pickup program once again as we attempt to navigate through these challenging circumstances.

For those students living in Antigonish County, here is more information on our curbside pickup:

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/library/curbside>

All in-person services and space bookings are cancelled until further notice.

Other services available to MEd students during lockdown include:

- 1) Novanet LiveHelp: an instant messaging service staffed by Novanet librarians (from across Nova Scotia) from Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/library/live-help>
- 2) Virtual one-on-one appointments with myself: depending on my availability, I am able to book virtual appointments from Monday to Friday, between 9am-5pm: <https://stfx.libcal.com/appointments/meghanlandry>. If I am busy or unavailable, one of my colleagues should be able to assist you: <https://stfx.libcal.com/appointments>
- 3) For quick questions, email me directly at mlandry@stfx.ca.

Library Tips & Tricks Continued

4) Use our Knowledge Base or Subject Guides to explore answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

- a. Knowledge Base <https://stfx.libanswers.com/>
- b. Education Subject Guide: <https://stfx.libguides.com/education>
- c. The *NEW* Theses & Dissertations Subject Guide: <https://stfx.libguides.com/theses>
 - i. Want more information on how to use dissertations in research? Want to locate a past StFX thesis? Or do you want information on how to submit your own thesis? Check out this guide!

Stay safe everyone!

In the News

- [Leading Canadian expert on Indigenous research methodologies at StFX for Educational Research Forum](#)
- [Research forum to showcase important work being undertaken by M.Ed. and PhD students in StFX's Faculty of Education](#)

Cohort News

New Cohorts Starting Summer 2021:

Master of Education in Administration & Policy

- Inclusive Education
- Indigenous Education
- Outdoor Education
- Non-Cohort

Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
- Early Elementary Pedagogy
- Inclusive Education
- Non-Cohort

Information on cohorts can be found here: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/med-cohorts>

Seats are still available in the following summer courses:

[For full descriptions click here](#)

For instructions on how to register for a course, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions Page: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>

- EDUC 508.67 - **Critical Research Literacy in Education** (CRN: 21652)
July 5-8 and July 12-15 (9:30 am – 2:30 am AST)
- EDUC 569.66 - **Universal Design for Learning in the Virtual Classroom: Including All Learners** (CRN: 21656)
July 5-8 and July 12-15 (9:30 am – 2:30 am AST)
- EDUC 541.66 - **Administration of First Nations Education** (CRN: 21654) July 5-8 and July 12-15 (9:30 am – 2:30 am AST)
- EDUC 581.66 - **The Role of the Principal** (CRN: 21655)
July 19-22 and July 26-29 (9:30 am – 2:30 pm AST)

[The Fall/Winter/Spring 2021-2022 Calendar will be available in mid-July. You will receive an e-mail notifying you when the calendar has been posted and when registration will open.](#)