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Master of Education Newsletter

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SUMMER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

<http://tinyurl.com/mu82rvk>



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

SUMMER INSTITUTE

July 2-4

Early Elementary
Pedagogy

<http://tinyurl.com/mxqaxbt>

Registration is open:

<http://tinyurl.com/lyh68dx>

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

Master of Education in
Curriculum with a
Concentration in Early
Elementary Pedagogy

<http://tinyurl.com/mcp7s4x>

Was there ever a more welcome spring than this one that followed our long and storm filled Nova Scotian winter? May there be flowers growing wherever you are!!

Congratulations to our 32 M Ed graduates of Spring 2014. Most of our Masters students complete this program while working full-time, contributing to extracurricular activities and often while performing care duties on the home front! We salute your dedication to professional learning! Félicitations to the students from the French Immersion Resource #3 Cohort.

We are excited about several new cohorts which have started this term. **The M Ed in Leadership: Teaching Indigenous Students** (Summer 2014) is bringing together educators from all across the country who are looking at ways to decolonize schooling for First Nations, Inuit and Metis learners. The **M Ed in Leadership: Mental Health and Wellness** (Spring 2014) has just begun and includes a wonderful group of Nova Scotian educators from various Boards who are enthusiastic about enhancing their school's capacity in the area of mental health and wellness. We are still accepting applications for an **M Ed in Curriculum: Early Elementary Pedagogy** (proposed start Summer 2104) which builds on recent initiatives at the EECE and is in response to requests from early elementary educators and administrators of early elementary programs. The cohort will explore such topics as play based learning, inquiry learning, planning for multi-age learning and interdisciplinary teaching. Please pass this information to educators who may be interested. A 3 day Summer Institute (July 2-4) opens up this cohort, but it is also open to educators who will not be part of the cohort.

We build cohorts in response to the needs of educators in the province and across the country. Boards and groups of educators can generate requests for deep professional learning in an area of study and we'll build a cohort, or faculty at StFX may propose cohorts based on their collective expertise and passion in specialized areas of education. We generally need 20 students to launch. If you have ideas please talk to us and talk to other educators in your area. Sometimes the cohort can be Board specific and other times it can be pan-Nova Scotian or pan-Canadian.

Joanne Tompkins, Chair, Department of Curriculum and Leadership

StFX MEd grad (93) Dr. Kent MacDonald appointed 18th President of StFX University

<http://www.stfx.ca/news/view/13611/>

Important Information

- **Summer School 2014** will be held July 7 – July 31
- **New students** beginning their program this summer will be registered by the program office for their required courses
- **Registration for Fall / Winter / Spring 2014/15** courses will be open in mid-July. A link to the new calendar will be circulated to students when it is available. Register early to ensure you get the class you want.
- **Early enrollment means fewer course cancellations!**
- **Fall 2014 Graduation** – students must ensure that they have met all program requirements by the conclusion of the Summer 2014 term. **Students enrolled in Fall term courses are not eligible to apply to graduate at the Fall Convocation Ceremony.**
- **X-ring Eligibility:** If you have earned and/or enrolled in 36 credits towards your degree and are in good academic standing, you may consider applying to receive your X-ring. For more information please contact Julieanne Mattie at jmattie@stfx.ca.
- **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.

The 33rd International Human Science Conference at StFX, August 12-15, 2014

IHSR Conference 2014 Theme:

Embracing Paradox: The Future and Phenomenology

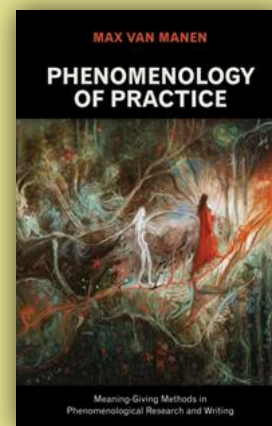
This annual International Human Science Research Conference is dedicated to sharing the promising growth and vibrant varieties of human science research programs and practices, built on complex and evolving traditions. <http://ihsrca.stfx.ca/>

Phenomenological Inquiry and Writing

Workshop/seminar- August 9-11, 2014

Follow this link for detailed information:

http://ihsrca.stfx.ca/Phenomenological_Inquiry_and_Writing_Workshop-August9-11%202014.pdf



Congratulations



Current graduate students **Lea Lamoreux and Neil Penney** have won the **Prime Minister's Award for Teaching** in recognition for their outstanding work in Dettah NWT.

Recent Research

✔ Congratulations to **Nora Rogers MacDonald** who has completed her project entitled: ***Assessment Practices for English Language Learners, Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada)***. (Advisor: Anne Murray Orr) One of Nora's accomplishments is that she came into our online courses from Abu Dhabi, often in the middle of the night or very early mornings. That's determination!

✔ Congratulations to **Nancy Mahoney** in the final stages of her project entitled: ***Student Responsibility for Learning: How can it be reinforced?*** (Advisor: Elizabeth Munroe)

Summer 2014 Course Availability

Seats are still available in the following online courses:

EDUC 507.66 – Qualitative Research Methods

July 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11 & 14 9am-1pm

EDUC 573.66 – Professional Development and Supervision

Mon-Thurs, July 7-17 9:30am-2pm

EDUC 508.66 – Critical Research Literacy

Mon-Thurs, July 21-31 9:30am-2pm

EDUC 536.66 – Program Development

Mon-Thurs, July 21-31 9:30am-2pm



Register online or call **1-877-867-3906** for registration assistance

Technology Tips



Technical Support Tips Audio

Experiencing difficulties with audio? Before contacting Blackboard Collaborate Technical Support, there are a few simple trouble-shooting tips to try:

- If you are using an external microphone, did you connect it first and then re-boot your computer? If you are using an older plug-style microphone, it is possible that it is too old for the audio data to transfer fast enough.
- Perform a complete audio setup wizard. From the menu, click:
 -> Tools -> Audio -> Audio Setup Wizard
Be sure to run through both the speaker settings and the microphone settings, selecting your device from the available options.

Still having difficulties?

Contact Blackboard Collaborate Technical Support (Available 24/7):

- Call: Toll-free: 1-877-382-2293
- Web Resources (Including Live Chat): <http://tinyurl.com/6anp25y>



Online Teaching & Learning Tips & Tools Engaging Presentations? Active Participants!

Are you preparing for a presentation in Collaborate? As you do so, consider ways to turn your passive audience into active participants. Design exercises that combine **emoticons**, **polls**, and **chat discussions** to respond to and to extend content. Use the **breakout rooms** for small group discussions or for learning stations. By using the **timer** feature, the activities can flow smoothly. Combinations of these activities engage learners with the content and with each other.

To learn more about the pedagogical power of Collaborate, contact Wendy Kraglund-Gauthier, Continuing & Distance Education's Instructional Designer. She can be reached by emailing wkraglun@stfx.ca or calling (902) 867-4530. If you are in Antigonish, make an appointment and come in to see her in MacDonald Hall, 204. As well, you can click any time on Blackboard Collaborate's "How To" section at <http://tinyurl.com/6anp25y>

Congratulations Spring Graduates

Immersion française cohorte 3

Abboud, Yassamine Lily
Alcorn, Tanya Maria
Bugden, Bernice Genevieve
Campbell-Bouvette, Natalie Lynn
Deveau, Nancy Mary
Doucet, Christine Helene
Eleftheros, Danielle Marie
Fifield, Linda-Lee Mary
Fougere, Amanda Leigh
Hinton, Jessica Elizabeth
Hollebone, Kimberley Margaret
Jones, Jennifer Ann
LeRoux, Heidi Katherine
MacDonald, Dayna Elizabeth
Malette, Jennifer Anne
Stary-Brown, Barbara
Warren, Catherine Christiane
Williams, Robert Owen Manton

Non Cohort MEd

Bird, Robert Mitchell
Blumer, Stacey Ann
Canova, Anna Elizabeth
Gouthro, Leigha Marie
MacDonald, Lisette Marie
Mahoney, Nancy Louise
Marchand, Melanie Elizabeth
McNamara, Shauna Maureen
Ngo, Matthew Minh-Triet
Pellerine, Michelle Nicole
Tully, Ryan John
White, Madeline Renee
Wilson, Michael David
Wong, Neil George



COHORT LEARNING

Being responsive to the learning needs
of educators and building professional capacity!

