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Master of Education Newsletter

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Faculty of Education

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Don't forget to register for Spring 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 (CCRSB)
- → Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 5
- → Mental Health Cohort 6
- → Physical & Health Education
- → Literacy (TCRSB)

https://tinyurl.com/ybqk7x8v

Although it seems like I was just writing my piece for the fall newsletter, 2017 has come and gone. As such, I'd like to begin by wishing each of you a happy new year! I hope 2018 is filled with both promise and reward.

Stepping back for a moment, I'd be remiss if I didn't extend congratulations to those who graduated during the fall Convocation on December 2, 2017. In total, 93 students were awarded their M.Ed. degrees. The following cohorts were included in this group: Early Elementary Pedagogy #2, Teaching Indigenous Students #2, and Mental Health #2 and #3.

As always, I'd also like to thank those who taught a course during the fall term. Your commitment to going above and beyond is what makes this a truly special program.

During November and December, I had the privilege of travelling to various parts of the province to meet with teachers and school board personnel regarding the potential for establishing new cohorts. It was wonderful hearing from so many dedicated professionals, and I am excited about the many possibilities that exist for continuing to expand the reach of our program, all the while providing an important service for teachers across Nova Scotia. I fundamentally believe that our graduate offerings must be responsive to the needs of in-service educators, and having the opportunity to visit and speak with fellow members of the teaching profession has been valuable, both personally and professionally.

This winter, we are offering a variety of cohort and non-cohort courses. For those who may want to brush up on their familiarity with our online learning platform, our instructional designer/online specialist, Shafik Nanji, has prepared a series of YouTube videos to help navigate Collaborate Ultra. If you haven't viewed these clips, I'd encourage you to watch them, and if you are having issues, or want to improve your teaching or learning experience, speak with Shafik directly.

For those contemplating enrolling in a spring course, I would encourage you to register early. Further, the 2018 summer school schedule has been confirmed for July 3-26. We are currently working on our summer offerings, so please keep an eye out for further details. As well, after a one year hiatus, the Educational Research Forum will occur on July 23. A call for submissions will be forthcoming, so stay tuned for additional information.

In closing, I feel privileged to work alongside those of you pursuing an M.Ed. degree at StFX, and on behalf of my colleagues, I thank you for being part of our community of learners.

I hope you have a terrific winter term, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best wishes,

David

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.

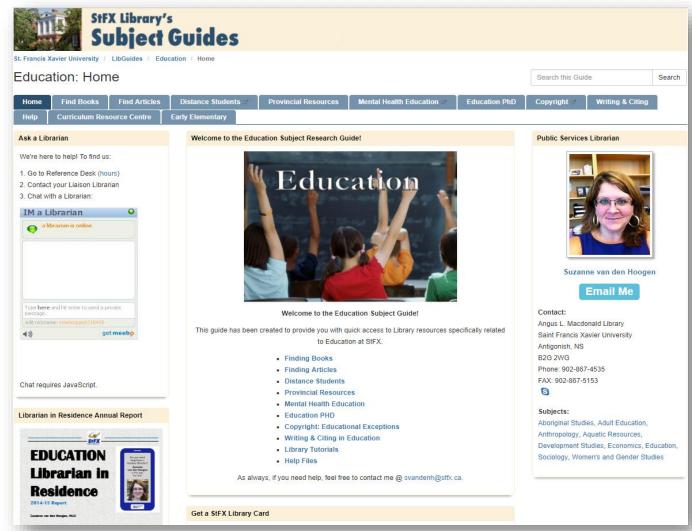
- 1. Click on the blank avatar icon at the bottom of the screen to open the "My Settings" panel.
- 2. Click on the blank avatar near the top of the panel.
- 3. Click on the Upload area to use the file upload wizard, or drag and drop your photo to that area.
- 4. Adjust the cropping and centering of your 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

StFX Education Guide: https://stfx.libguides.com/education

Looking for books, articles, journals, or more? Check out our StFX Education Subject Guide!



Important Information

- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS for Master of Education students has been added to the Continuing & Distance Education website. https://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ.html
 - o How do I register for a course?
 - O How do I request a transcript?
 - o How do I request an official receipt for tuition?
 - How do I apply to graduate?
 And many more...



- **X-RING ELLIGIBILITY:** https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information For more information, please contact Mary Jessie MacLellan at mijmaclel@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/yafpw9ft)
- ➤ 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 spring courses:

For full descriptions click here

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EDUC 536.66 – *Program Development* Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

EDUC 561.66 – *Leadership & Administrative Theories* Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

EDUC 518.66 – Assessment for/of/as Learning Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

For instructions on how to register for a course, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions Page: https://sites.stfx.ca/continuinged ucation/FAQ.html

Non-Cohort

Mehri Aghaseyedhassanesfehani Melissa Dawn Berger Megan Madonna Carey **Chenting Cheng Bonnie Jane Cremo** Marisa Sree Ranga Prem Kumar Cory Alexander MacDonald Johanna Katrine MacDonald Heather Fay MacGillivray William Tyson MacGillivray Anthony Joesph Magee Julia Rubina Martino Ayrin Lyn McCullough Thomas Matthew Miller Keisha Shanele Moore Leo Garett Erese Nickelo Catherine Joanne Paquette **Devin Jerome Penney** Janet Ellisa Schlotzhauer **Heather Syms** Yuqing Wang

Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort (2)

Christina Aucoin Cavanaugh
Amanda Diane Detheridge
Colleen Lynn Dickie
Shelly Janice Jollimore
Kathryn Logan Langille-Decker
Alasdair Mackay Lanyon
Carol Lynn MacDonald
Judith Lorraine MacKenzie
Amber Dawn McDaniel
Julie Angela McManaman
Myra Patricia Muise
Shelley Lynn O'Connell
Elaine Marie Russell
Pamela Louise Zawidzki

Mental Health Cohort (2)

Kimberley Anne Bain Amanda Lee Bonvie Trevor Marc Boudreau Ashlee Elizabeth Dawn Bruce Angela Doreen Campbell Matthew Shane Cormier Jill Lucas Fraser Alison Roslie Ruth Hayward Christene Ann Irving Nancy Dawn Jay **Emily Louise MacDougall** Faber Tyler Scott Mackie Kathryn Elizabeth Mackie Wendy Lee MacKinnon Michelle Marie McCarron John Randolph Muir Ruth Ann Murray Paula Marie Raynard Janice Marie Rehill Jackelyn Margaret Ryan Joseph Trevor Whyte

Mental Health Cohort (3)

Erin Doris Coates Jessica Ann Corkum Lacey Jo Cyr Tanya Deanne DeViller Patricia Lynn Fee **Christine Mary Gallant** Michelle Diane Hurlburt Bruce Gordon Joshua Shauna Rose Lev Julie Elizabeth Lohnes-Cashin Ellen Adele MacIntvre Alana Denise MacLeod Reid Tracey Jean MacNeil Jennifer Anne Moriarty Cynthia Lee Trudeau Colton Charles Munroe White

Teaching Indigenous Students Cohort (2)

Alexis Marie Bati
Nicole Elizabeth Campbell
Bradley William John Carrier
Barbara Anne Daniel
Natalie Catherine Denny
Shane Jeremiah Douglas
Cornelia Ann Francis
Stephanie Leah Francis
Eleanor Marie Googoo
Tania Emily Gould
Leslee Jene Mills
Naomi Dawn Pierrard
Georgina Marie Poulette
Kristen Marie Sampson
Santhi Welch

Mental Health (1)

Jennifer Dawn Oldford

Nursing and Health Sciences

Anne Marie Dobbin Yvonne Joyce Fraser Charlene Elizabeth Wiseman

French Immersion

Paulette Clara Marchand Christina Marie Roland



In the News

> Education professor's legal book provides guidance for teachers and administrators

Recent Research

Jennifer Oldford – Laura-Lee Kearns (supervisor)

Healing Art: A qualitative exploration of the use of the visual arts by students processing traumatic events

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
- > 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://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/MEd Cohorts.html

Have you applied for Spring 2018 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony - Sunday May 6, 2018

https://www.stfx.ca/student-life/convocation/spring-convocation

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply. https://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ.html