



## STFX FACULTY MEMBER'S GROUND-BREAKING RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN PRESTIGIOUS JOURNAL *NATURE*

How do we understand fairness, and why do humans collaborate with each other and share resources at a cost to themselves? Does fairness develop differently across cultures? Those are the questions StFX Psychology Professor **Dr. Tara Callaghan** and honours 2012 StFX psychology graduate and current Simon Fraser PhD candidate **John Corbit** (who are also a mother-son scientist team) are helping to answer as co-authors of a paper published in *Nature*, an international journal known for its original, ground-breaking research spanning all scientific disciplines. This article became the most highly cited scholarly output by a StFX faculty member in 2015. The research addresses a central question in the origins of human cooperation, the question of how humans develop a sense of fairness in situations where resources are shared with others. Recently, there has been work done to investigate the development of fairness that highlights the importance of socialization in human fairness. The importance of this study is that it is the first to address the question of the origins of human fairness from a cultural developmental perspective. The study investigated the question of development of fairness across seven societies that ranged from small to large-scale societies. Research was conducted in the U.S., Canada, Peru, India, Uganda, Senegal, and Mexico. Dr. Callaghan conducted the research in India and Mr. Corbit conducted the Peru portion. They both worked on the Canadian portion.