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X-RING

December 3, 2016

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FALL

CONVOCAION

December 4, 2016

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



Fall is upon us and the turning fall leaves and frosts remind us summer really is gone. There are a couple of events I'd like to draw your attention to in our program. In the spirit of picking up the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission StFX is committing itself to both decolonizing and Indigenizing the campus community. On November 7 & 8 Chief Justice and Senator Murray Sinclair will be honoring us with a visit to our campus.

As the Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), Murray Sinclair provided excellent leadership in this important, often difficult and painful process. For those of you who have not heard Chief Justice Sinclair speak please look up some of his podcasts and interviews on CBC. His insights and observations are transformational. He speaks the difficult truths that came out of the testimonies of the many residential school survivors who were able to be witnesses at the TRC. But he is also able to talk about the hopefulness that can come from moving forward in a new relationship between Settler and Aboriginal peoples in this country. Please watch your email for the link to the presentation Chief Justice Murray Sinclair will be making in November. It will be livestreamed and well worth watching. As such we all, whichever side of the treaties we find ourselves, will take away learnings from his presentation.

StFX also welcomed Charlene Bearhead to campus in late summer to lead a forum on Treaty Education in the province. This initiative is being led by Jaime Battiste and co-chaired by partners at StFX (Dr. Jeff Orr), the Province (Ian Doucette and Janet Porter) and Mi'kmaw Kina matnewey (Eleanor Bernard) and is designing professional learning in treaty education for public school students, government workers and the general public. This forum reminded us of the power in partnerships and that if we all, from wherever we are situated, commit to unlearning, learning and relearned a more inclusive understand of our nation to nation relationships we will move forward in ways that create more balance and hence more justice.

Enjoy the fall! Just a reminder which will keep Jennifer happy (and we all want to keep Jennifer happy!!) to sign up asap for winter and spring courses so that we are not in a position where we have to cancel them...

Joanne

Important Information

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:** has been added to the Continuing & Distance Education website for Master of Education students. <http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/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?](#)
- And many more...
- **X-RING ELLIGIBILITY:** http://www.stfx.ca/sites/default/files/pages/x-ring_policy_2014_.pdf. For more information, please contact Mary Jessie MacLellan at mjmaclel@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.
- **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 winter and spring courses

[For full descriptions click here](#)

WINTER

- EDUC 532.66 – *Curriculum Theory*
Wednesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 11 – March 29, 2017 (no class March 15)
- EDUC 562.66 – *Contemporary Issues in Educational Administrative Theory: Middle School Leadership*
Thursdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 12 – March 30, 2017 (no class March 16)
- EDUC 537.66 – *Philosophical Foundations of Curriculum: Infusing a Growth Mindset into Content Areas*
Mondays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 9 – March 27, 2017 (no class March 13)

SPRING

- EDUC 527.66 – *Principles of Learning*
Mondays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 3 – June 5, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD
- EDUC 569.66 – *Selected Topics in Education: Restorative Approaches in Schools*
Thursdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 6 – June 8, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD
- EDUC 569.67 – *Selected Topics in Education: Global Education*
Wednesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 5 – June 7, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD
- EDUC 545.66 – *English as a Second Language*
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 4 – June 6, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD

In the News

- Mitacs grant helps StFX, IORE look at career perceptions of Nova Scotia middle school students
<http://www.stfx.ca/news/view/22001/>

Cohort News

New Cohorts Starting Summer 2017:

- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership: Outdoor Education

Information on cohorts can be found here: http://www.sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/MEd_Cohorts



Several of the members of the Masters of Education in Curriculum with a focus in Nursing and Health Education met recently at the Nova Scotia Nurses Association General Meeting along with one their instructors, Dr. Joanne MacDonald.

Technology Tips & Tricks

Want to be on the same page as everyone else? Install Office 365!

- ✓ Microsoft Office 365 can be installed on up to 5 devices for free by all StFX faculty, staff, and students. Office 365 contains Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Excel 2016, and other useful applications. It can be installed on both Windows and Mac.
- ✓ If you install Office 365, you will be able to work collaboratively with your peers and submit assignments to your instructor without running into file or platform compatibility issues. To install Office 365, go to office365.stfx.ca, sign in if required, and click on “Install Office 2016”. For a quick video tutorial, see <https://youtu.be/9miQ-utabmM>. Have fun!