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Master of Education Newsletter

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**Frustrated when
courses are
cancelled?**

**Register early to
avoid possible
cancellation of
courses!**

**See page 3 for more
information.**

**FALL
CONVOCATION**

December 1, 2018

See page 3 for more
information

X-RING

December 3, 2018

[Click here for info](#)

I am always amazed at how quickly summer turns to fall, and it seems as though the transition between the seasons has been even more pronounced this year.

Of course, the fall brings with it the arrival of new and returning students, making the campus noticeably busier.

In terms of the MEd program, I would like to reiterate how truly impressed I was with the enthusiasm and commitment to learning displayed by students and faculty alike during summer school. I know July is often a time to unwind, but to those who completed or taught a course—especially considering the extreme heat during the month—your dedication did not go unnoticed.

This fall, we have a wide variety of cohort and non-cohort courses being offered. As always, many thanks to our exceptional instructional team. I'd be remiss if I didn't also extend my appreciation to Shafik Nanji and Matt Cameron, who continue to provide outstanding technical support.

To those of you who have completed your degree requirements, congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment! The fall convocation will occur on December 1, and I look forward to meeting and celebrating with you as you receive your diploma.

Recently, I had an opportunity to spend some time in Belize working on a consultancy examining system-level leadership. During my visits to various schools, and meeting with educators and those involved in government, I was struck by the fact that although the system in Belize differs from what we find in Canada, the universal ideals of education transcend borders. That is, regardless of geographic locale, teachers, on a daily basis, devote themselves to assisting students realize their full potential. In reflecting on my time in Belize, I'm reminded of the significant responsibility we as educators assume, and at the same time, I'm encouraged by the fact that student learning is always at the forefront of our practice. Although the term "lifelong learning" might be clichéd in some circles, it resonates strongly in education, and makes me proud to say that I am a teacher!

In closing, it is a true privilege to work alongside those of you pursuing an MEd degree, and on behalf of my colleagues, I thank you for choosing StFX.

Wishing each of you a wonderful fall, and remember, please register early for winter and spring courses.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best,

David

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>
 - What is the refund policy?
 - 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...
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- **X-RING ELLIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring>
 - **DROPPING A COURSE** 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. Please see the refund policy under Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>
 - **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.

Fall 2018 Convocation Information

Convocation Ceremony – Saturday December 1, 2018

<https://www.stfx.ca/student-life/convocation>

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>

If you have any questions please contact Wendy Hayne in the Registrar's Office at whayne@stfx.ca

Do you need to make your PowerPoint smaller so that it will upload more easily?

- WINDOWS:
1. Go to File and select Save As.
 2. Select your destination: This PC --> Documents or Desktop (for example).
 3. In the new window, beside the Save button, is a "Tools" menu.
 4. In Tools, select Compress Pictures.
 5. Use the drop-down menu to select the smallest size possible (150 or 96 ppi).
 6. Press OK.
 7. Save the compressed PPT.
- MAC OS:
1. In the top menu bar, select File.
 2. Select Compress Pictures.
 3. Use the drop-down menu to select the smallest size possible (150 or 96 ppi).
 4. Press OK.
 5. Save the compressed PPT.

This will make your PowerPoint file size noticeably smaller with minimal loss of image quality (for online courses). Best practice is to use Save As and create a copy of your PowerPoint if you wish to preserve a high-quality image file with original Document.

Another option is to use wecompress.com (available online through a web browser).

Drag your file into the webpage, then download the file when prompted.

This will work for any type of document and device. File size limit of 100Mb.

Seats are still available in the following winter and spring courses

WINTER 2019

EDUC 508.66 – *Critical Research Literacy*
Wednesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 9 – March 27, 2019 (no class March 20)
(CRN 54189)

EDUC 532.66 – *Curriculum Theory*
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 8 – March 26, 2019 (no class March 19)
(CRN 54190)

EDUC 561.66 – *Leadership & Administrative Theories*
Wednesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
January 9 – March 27, 2019 (no class March 20)
(CRN 54191)

SPRING 2019

EDUC 533.66 – *Dynamics of Change*
Thursdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 4 – June 6, 2019 Plus 6 hours TBD
(CRN 12001)

EDUC 536.66 – *Program Development*
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 3 – June 5, 2019 Plus 6 hours TBD
(CRN 12002)

EDUC 567.66 – *School Law*
Asynchronous
April 1 – June 6, 2019 Plus 6 hours TBD
(CRN 12003)

[For full descriptions click here](#)

In the News

- [Teach Mental Health: StFX involved in launching new mental health literacy course for pre-service and practicing teachers](#)
- [Readiness for the field: StFX teachers publish new book on preparing pre-service teacher educators](#)

Recent Research

Ellen Carter – Dr. Lisa Lunney Borden (Supervisor)

MEd Thesis Title: *Exploring teacher perspectives and experiences educating youth in care in Nova Scotia*

Eleanor Gillis – Dr. Jennifer Mitton-Kükner (Supervisor)

MEd Thesis Title: *An Ethnographic Exploration of the Experiences of Middle School Teachers Participating in Mandatory, Year-Long, Guided Teacher Inquiry*

Have you applied for Spring 2019 Convocation?

If you plan to graduate at the Spring 2019 Convocation, you need to **apply now** by completing the Application for Graduation form on Banner Self Service. If you have already applied, please check your convocation status to ensure that your name, degree and hometown are correct.

Students who do not apply to graduate cannot be considered for convocation.

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See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

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Inter-University Doctoral Program in Educational Studies

The Inter-University Doctoral Program in Educational Studies (a collaborative partnership between Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent, and St. Francis Xavier universities) is continuing to accept applications. The program can support students in preparation for assuming the role of educational researcher in one or more of six themes: curriculum studies, educational foundation and leadership, inclusive education, lifelong learning (adult education), literacies, and psychological aspects of education.

Student research assistantships available.

Any enquiries about the program can be directed to:

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Apply for the July intake by November 15.

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