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## Master of Education Newsletter

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### Welcome to Summer 2013!

Hot temperatures welcomed graduate students to the Master of Education Program.

There are 80 students from almost every jurisdiction in Canada who are starting their graduate school journey this summer. We are joined by international students and students teaching abroad who enrich our program by bringing in perspectives from other places.

### Fall, Winter and Spring registration opens

**July 17**

**Please register early to  
secure your seat in the  
class.**

**Courses are listed in the  
Fall / Winter Calendar:  
[http://www.sites.stfx.ca/  
/continueducation/](http://www.sites.stfx.ca/continueducation/)**

### Have you applied for Fall 2013 Convocation?

**Convocation Ceremony is  
December 7, 2013**



**StFX Email Accounts:  
All University related  
information is sent to your  
StFX email; please keep  
your email active at all  
times.**

Each year we reevaluate our position about requiring a face-to-face residential experience as a way to begin our program. At the beginning of July there are many graduate students who legitimately question this aspect about our program, given the accessibility of online learning. However, when we speak to graduate students at the end of July they overwhelmingly tell us that the experience of being on-campus has been worthwhile and a positive experience for them. It is our aim to use this month as a time to build the learning community among our graduate students, to build up the confidence of our new graduate students, to allow them to meet many different instructors on campus and, equally important, to be fully here in the space. Students often appreciate the natural beauty of the campus as a place to learn in and as instructors we love the talking circles outside under the shade of the trees on campus!

There are many returning students who are joining us this summer. Most of the courses are online or multi-modal and the relationships formed from the first summer continue to develop in the online environment. We are joined by students in the *Halifax Leadership Cohort* and the *French Immersion Resource Cohort*.

**Congratulations to** the *Tri-County Literacy Cohort* and to the Strait Regional Diversity Cohort who are finishing up their capping experiences this month.

**Welcome to** the *Cape Breton Victoria Diversity Cohort* and to the *Physical Education Cohort* who are beginning their program this month.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All students intending to graduate at Fall 2013 convocation must apply to do so. The application to graduate is located in your personalized mesAMIS account. Please note that a student cannot be considered a candidate for graduation unless an application has been submitted.
- Master of Education program handbook:  
<http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/sites/sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/files/Grad-Handbook.pdf>.  
This handbook contains great information and will answer many questions related to your program - from general information to information on student accounts, technology guidelines, funding support, attendance policy, completion policy, academic writing and more. A great read!
- Students planning to submit requests for reimbursement from their Boards can obtain official receipts from our student accounts office by emailing [slmacdon@stfx.ca](mailto:slmacdon@stfx.ca) or [dnemeth@stfx.ca](mailto:dnemeth@stfx.ca); course start and end dates and proof of completion of courses can be verified by requesting your official transcript through our registrar's office. The transcript comes authenticated with the official university seal and the signature of our registrar. The link to our transcript request form is:  
[http://www.sites.stfx.ca/registrars\\_office/sites/sites.stfx.ca/registrars\\_office/files/Transcript%20request%20form.pdf](http://www.sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office/sites/sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office/files/Transcript%20request%20form.pdf).
- Students who drop a course within 2 weeks of the start date of the course are subject to an automatic charge of \$100.00 to their student account.
- Registration for Fall / Winter / Spring will open to all eligible students on July 17, 2013. We ask that you register as soon as possible for all terms. Course offerings are contingent on enrollment numbers and courses may be cancelled (including core courses) if there is insufficient enrollment. Following is the link to our course offerings:  
<http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/sites/sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/files/CalendarFW13-14%20Master.pdf>.
- Students are able to register for as many EDUC 569s (Selected Topics) as their elective requirements allow provided the course title of each is different.
- **Need assistance selecting your courses?** Please contact the program office for assistance at [med@stfx.ca](mailto:med@stfx.ca) or **1.877.867.3906**.
- **PREVENT WEBFX ACCOUNT LOCK OUTS, ENROLL IN THE WEBFX PASSWORD MANAGER:** Setting up the WebFX password manager provides users with the ability to reset their own passwords in the event of an account access issue. For security reasons WebFX account passwords expire every 90 days. The WebFX password manager service allows users to reset their own WebFX password by answering three personal questions, selected by you during in the enrolment process. If you have not enrolled yet you can do so by using your most recent challenge answer and selecting new user setup at <http://mypassword.stfx.ca>. Initial challenge answers are emailed to un-enrolled users on the 15th of every month. Students who have enrolled since January 2012 can find their challenge answers listed under the "My Accounts" tab in mesAMIS. Complete instructions for setting up the WebFX password manager can be found online at <http://sites.stfx.ca/tsg/sites/sites.stfx.ca.tsg/files/SelfServeSetup.pdf%20>

### To Watch For

One of the recommendations from the Inter-University Forum on Teacher Education held in Truro in June 2012 was that research done in Masters of Education programs in the province be made more accessible and available to educators, school boards and other researchers. At StFX we will be working to make this happen over the next few months as a way of putting a stronger spot light on the tremendous research that is going on in our graduate program!



## Library Services for Distance and Continuing Education Students

In order to access St. FX's online library resources, check out books or use our document delivery services, you must first register as a library patron and then update your account each year of your degree. Please do so before you require these services to avoid any delays. Registering in person is the fastest and preferred method, however if you are not able to get to campus, simply go to **Library**

**Services for Distance and Continuation Education Students:** [http://sites.stfx.ca/library/distance\\_education/](http://sites.stfx.ca/library/distance_education/) scroll down to the section called **Register Your St FX ID** and click on the Access Services E-mail Link. Once the message opens, fill in all the fields and hit send. You should be registered within one (1) business day, unless otherwise stated. All library correspondence is done via your StFX e-mail account, so please be sure to check your messages often. For general inquiries, call our circulation desk at (902)867-2228. If you have research related questions, our on-duty reference librarian would be happy to assist you. Simply call (902)867-2242 or e-mail [reference@stfx.ca](mailto:reference@stfx.ca).

## Congratulations Spring 2013 Convocation Graduates

*Elaina Yvonne Armstrong  
April Dawn Chapman  
Evan Thomas Stuart Critchley  
Stephen Daniel Cullen  
John H. Delorey  
Tshewang Dema  
Matthew David Hanson  
Tammy Jean Hillier-Weatherbee  
Amy Jo Jones  
Erhan Kukner*

*Garry Leslie Leyte  
Kathleen Winnifred J. Lingley  
Elizabeth Burasi Maangi  
Dallas Blair Richard MacDonald  
Mary Jo Ann Maxwell  
Lisa Rebecca McCully  
Carolyn Lee Muise  
Robert Dale Nelson  
Melissa Jayne Power  
Karma Tenzin*



**Heather Michael** is an IB coordinator with Halifax Regional School Board and **Sarah Coates** teaches at St. Georges School in Vancouver.

They are back on campus for a second summer and enjoy the face-to-face experience and what Antigonish has to offer. They were '*caught*' playing tennis at 8:00 am on a hot Saturday morning (33°!). Keeners!