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Master of Education Newsletter

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Don't forget to register for Spring courses – Info on page 2

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



New Cohorts starting Summer 2017:

- Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 4
- Mental Health Cohort 5
- Outdoor Education Cohort 1
- Secondary Science Cohort 1

http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/MEd_Cohorts

For a long time, research about teaching was conducted by outside experts often removed from the context of where the teaching was taking place. Over two decades ago Lytle & Cochran-Smith (1992) argued against this 'outside-in' approach to research and advocated an 'inside-out' approach in which teachers are actively engaged in research and inquiry about their practice. It is exciting as Chair to see the way that teachers and educational leaders are increasingly taking up research in their journey in the Master of Education program. Research and teacher inquiry are the two key strands that we aim to thread through our graduate programs. Boomer (1987), in an effort to demystify teacher research says simply that *to research is to learn deliberately*. We know that the best teachers are those who are actively engaged in learning. It follows therefore that many are engaging in informal research on a daily basis.

In our program, we hope to formalize those informal experiences by providing our graduate students with opportunities to engage in teacher research and inquiry. Many MEd students engage in research within individual classes as they deepen their knowledge base by 'digging into research' on topics that are relevant to them. Students in specialized cohorts are engaged in teacher inquiry/action research as they participate in their capping experience. The professional learning that emerges from these self-directed explorations is shared in a celebratory 'capping day' at the end of each cohort. Other students chose to pursue a thesis or project in which they work with a supervisor to engage in more formal in-depth research projects. The annual Educational Research Day, held in July during summer school since 2015, is a forum in which our MEd and PhD students engaged in dissertation, thesis or project work share their research with new MEd students. This forum has spurred many new students to engage more deeply in research. We are noticing an increase in the students completing the thesis and project routes.

It is exciting to see more 'inside-out' research happening in our schools. Teachers who are researching know the context in which the research is set. The results of their inquiries are often surprising and affirming to them and inform their subsequent classroom and school practices. All of this helps us reach one of the goals of our MEd program – to better serve the needs of all the students we teach!

- Joanne

Important Information

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** for Master of Education students has been added to the Continuing & Distance Education website. <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:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information> For more information, please contact Mary Jessie MacLellan at mjmaclel@stfx.ca.
- **DROPPING A COURSE** 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00.
- **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 course:

[For full descriptions click here](#)

SPRING

EDUC 545.66 – *English as a Second Language*
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
April 4 – June 6, 2017 Plus 6 hours TBD

For instructions on how to register for a course, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions Page: <http://www.sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ>

Have you applied for Spring 2017 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony - Sunday May 7, 2017

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

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

<http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/FAQ>

NON-COHORT

Adam Jeffrey Aldred
 Patrizia Caterina Alecce
 Stephanie Aucoin
 Meagan Anna Marie Bernier
 Allison Marie Chisholm
 Matthew Gary Clarke
 Lacey Anne Clowater
 Sarah Elizabeth Deveau
 Tera Jamie Dorrington
 Ryan J Fox
 Kelly Elizabeth Isenor
 Lisa Diane Jones-McKenna
 Jessica Margaret Lake
 Matthew Adam MacDonald
 Keith Bernard MacGillivray
 Lisa Marie Martins
 Jane Alexandra Marum
 Ciara Meisner
 Christopher George Morash
 Catherine Joanne Paquette
 David John Wallace Rafuse
 Craig Gordon Russell
 Mary Ellen Sellers
 Susan Lynne Thistle
 Shannon Marie Travers
 Julianne L Whitburn

**EARLY ELEMENTARY PEDAGOGY
 COHORT 1**

Lisa Ann Bungay
 Lisa Ann Cormier-Letcher
 Michael Arthur Daley
 Natalie Maria Doroshenko
 Christie Louise Glenn
 Katherine Elizabeth Hampton
 Kyla Marie Heudes
 Dwayne Patrick Laffin
 Monique Renee Leblanc-Delaney
 Kimberley Marie Lohead
 Danielle Katherine McCarron
 Kimberly Dawn Nadasdi
 Laura Mary Oakley
 Krista Anne Phillips
 Kimberley Anne Washburn
 Carmen Dawn Wyllie
 Joanne Zelios

ALGONQUIN COHORT

Mary Carolyn Baxter
 Annette Carla Bouzi
 Colette Elizabeth Garvin
 Christopher John Hahn
 David Crofton Hall
 Lindsay Karl Hinds
 Kimya Keyhan Falsafi
 Mary Catherine Louise LaBerge-Kenney
 Lisa Jennifer Langton
 Jennifer Marie Lloyd
 Nancy Alexandra Makila
 Michael Rabindra Nauth
 Shawn Michael Pentecost
 Francine Marie Roach
 Lynn Margaret Tarzwell
 Nastia Dimitrova Touhlova
 Jane Kathleen Trakalo

MENTAL HEALTH COHORT 1

Ashley Laura Cameron
 Terri Lynn Connolly
 Cynthia Mae Dwyer
 Stephanie Robyn George
 Adeline Anne Hewey
 Natalie Kathleen Horne
 Deena Renette Jewers
 Michelle Lee Lamont
 Virginie Danielle Latour
 Robert John MacDonald
 Stephanie Elaine MacDonald
 Catherine Joanne MacIntyre
 Sonya Nicolle MacIntyre
 Brooke Leanne Miller
 Tracey Lee Quinn
 Michael Todd Smith
 Ian Malcolm Stewart
 Trevor William Whyntott

**TEACHING INDIGENOUS
 STUDENTS COHORT 1**

Brenda Ann Burt
 Susan Doreen Deyoung
 Lorenzo Gerald Dredge
 Erin Michelle Dudka-MacDonald
 William Kenneth Gallant
 Michael Bernard King
 Kimberly Denise Masson
 Danielle Yvette O'Brien
 Leah Michelle Roop
 Ruth Anne Ryan
 Sheila Mary Wiltzen



Left – Algonquin Cohort; Center – Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort; Right – Mental Health Cohort

In the News

- Research teams from three Maritime universities at StFX to look at labour readiness of First Nation youth (<https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/labour-readiness>)
- StFX offers Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on secondary science education (<https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/M.Ed.-secondary-science-education>)
- Master of Education in Leadership with a focus on Outdoor Education (<https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/master-education-leadership-outdoors>)
- Education, respect for each other, keys to reconciliation, Senator Murray Sinclair says in powerful keynote at StFX (<https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/senator-murray-sinclair-delivers-powerful-message>)

Cohort News

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- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership: Outdoor Education Cohort 1
- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership: Mental Health Cohort 5
- Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction: Secondary Science Education Cohort 1
- Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction: Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 4

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

Technology Tips & Tricks

Are your photos getting too large to upload? Compress them quickly and easily!

- ✓ Photos and images can liven up your presentations or illustrate your point on a discussion forum. Yet, these files may be too large to upload or share easily with others. Fortunately, there are free online apps to help you compress your images quickly and easily. One that I use frequently is <https://tinyjpg.com/>. Just click on the preceding link and then drag and drop your images. Have fun!



Students from the Algonquin Cohort travelled from Ontario to Antigonish to participate in the X-Ring Ceremony and Fall Convocation.

Here they are pictured with StFX President Dr. Kent MacDonald.