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Master of Education Newsletter

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Don't forget to register for Spring courses – Info on page 3

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



New Cohorts starting Summer 2019:

A&P:

Inclusive Education

Mental Health (Toronto)

Outdoor Education

C&I:

Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

Early Elementary Pedagogy

Inclusive Education

Social Studies

<https://tinyurl.com/ybqk7x8v>

I am always amazed at how quickly a year slips by, and 2018 was certainly no exception. With that said, I would like to wish each of you a somewhat belated happy new year. I hope 2019 is rewarding for each of you, both professionally and personally.

As always, I would be remiss if I didn't thank our fall 2018 instructional team. To each of you who lent your time and expertise to teaching a course, your unwavering commitment to our program does not go unnoticed.

Congratulations are extended to the 82 students who graduated during the fall Convocation on December 1. The following cohorts were included in this group: Early Elementary Pedagogy #3, Physical and Health Education #4, and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy #1.

This winter, we are offering a variety of cohort and non-cohort courses, and for those considering enrolling in a spring course, I would encourage you to register early. Further, the 2019 summer school schedule has been confirmed for July 2-25. We are currently working on finalizing our summer course offerings, so please keep an eye out for further details.

Beginning in July 2019, we are proposing to start several cohorts, including outdoor education, early elementary pedagogy, culturally responsive pedagogy, and a mental health cohort based in Toronto. In addition, we are launching new cohorts in the areas of inclusive education and social studies.

I would also like to draw to your attention the 2019 Agnes Calliste African Heritage Lecture, to be delivered by Dr. George J. Sefa Dei. Ghanaian-born, Dr. Dei is a renowned educator, researcher and writer, who is considered by many as one of Canada's foremost scholars on critical race and anti-racism studies. Currently, he is a Professor of Social Justice Education and Director of the Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT). He was also a colleague and collaborator of Agnes Calliste. Dr. Dei will present his lecture, entitled "Black like Me: Reframing Blackness for Decolonial Politics" on February 28 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Schwartz Auditorium.

In closing, it is a true honour to work and learn alongside those of you pursuing a graduate education degree at StFX, and on behalf of all my colleagues, I thank you for being part of our community of learners.

Wishing each of you a terrific winter term, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us, as we are all here to help.

David

Technology Tips & Tricks

Have you uploaded your profile photo in Collaborate Ultra?

Your profile photo allows your instructor and your classmates to recognize you quickly, as well as contributes to the overall sense of community within the online classroom.

In order to upload your profile photo, follow the simple steps below.

1. Click on the blank avatar icon at the bottom of the screen to open the “My Settings” panel.
2. Click on the blank avatar near the top of the panel.
3. Click on the Upload area to use the file upload wizard, or drag and drop your photo to that area.
4. Adjust the cropping and centering of your photo as desired.
5. Verify that the “Always use this profile picture” box is checked (optional, but recommended).
6. Click on the Save button.

That’s all there is to it!

Library Tips & Tricks



First, let me introduce myself: my name is Meghan Landry and I’m the new liaison librarian to Education at StFX! I’m originally from Prince Edward Island and previously worked as an academic librarian at UPEI. Feel free to contact me regarding your research questions or for help with access to the library’s resources.

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If you’re a distance student, and you run into problems accessing resources in print or resources that we don’t have electronically, but you’d like to request access, you have a few options:

1. If you’re located in Nova Scotia, you can sign out and request materials from any Novanet participating university with your **StFX card**.
2. If you’re located outside of Nova Scotia, sign up for a **CAUL card**: <http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/caul-cards>. This gives you borrowing privileges at universities outside of the Novanet consortium.
3. Check to see if your local university library allows public users to access their databases in-person via one of their public computers.
4. If you want to place a Document Delivery request, but are located outside of Antigonish, contact the office to see how we can help you: <http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/document-delivery>

Consult the Distance Students page of the Education subject guide for more information:

<http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/library-services-distance-and-continuing-education-students>

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>
 - 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?
 - What is the refund policy?And many more...
- **X-RING ELLIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring>
- **DROPPING A COURSE:** Please be aware of our refund policy. Dropping a course 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. Please see [here](#) for the refund policy.
- **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 courses:

[For full descriptions click here](#)

EDUC 536.66 – *Program Development*
Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm (CRN 12002)

EDUC 533.66 – *Dynamics of Change*
Thursdays, 7:00pm – 10:00pm (CRN 12001)

EDUC 567.66 – *School Law*
Asynchronous (CRN 12003)

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

Fall Convocation – CONGRATULATIONS!

Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Cohort 1

Arsenault, Matthew
 Bateman, Sandra Lee
 Black, Kendall Darren
 Black, Shannon
 Crowdis, Jennifer Lynn
 Doucet, Julienne Marie
 Ferguson, Cheryl
 Jardine, Jennifer
 Keeping, Andrea Joy
 Kolke, Doreen Virginia
 MacLean, Ann Michelle
 MacLeod, Ian Murdock
 Martin, Corrie Leigh
 Mitchell- Smith, Karla Michelle
 Smith, Dara Keshia
 Suo, Linda
 Swan, Tracy

Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 3

Baccardax, Laurie Anne
 Baker, Sharon
 Bowers, Amy-Sue Alison
 Campbell, Kimberlee Dawn
 Chesnutt, Mary Jane
 Cormier, Meaghan
 Desmond, April Colleen
 Endres, Patricia Aileen
 Gray, Gary
 MacDonald, Melanie Ann
 Maynard, Jessica Kate
 McGrath, Karen Elizabeth
 Murray, Kathleen Jennifer
 O'Neill, Maureen Rita
 Randall, Jenna Marie
 Roach, Lisa
 Rossley, Lisa Dianne Marie
 Schuringa, Jessica Rose
 Shaw-O'Leary, Suzanne

Physical & Health Education Cohort 4

Bray, Gerard
 Cunningham, Ben
 Cuthbert, Ashley Anora
 Ewing, Kris Michelle
 Griffiths, Joy
 Hennigar, Alyssa
 Knickle, Sarah Alice
 MacDonald, Kenneth Daniel
 MacLaughlin, Vikki
 MacNutt, David
 Malloy, Kirsten
 Muise, Michelle
 Poole, Jason
 Squires, Ian
 Van Ritchie, Alan Todd
 Veinotte, Mary Marjorie
 Webb, Ericka
 Zanini, Samantha Kate

Non-Cohort

Boone, Sara Marie
 Canaria, Jasmine
 Carter, Ellen Elizabeth
 DeMings, Dana
 Denny, Yolanda
 Doiron, Wendy Ella
 Evely, Craig Thomas
 Field, Jennifer
 Francis, Lloyd Thomas James
 Gillis, Eleanor Anne
 Hale, Bob
 Harrison, Rachael
 Horne, Beth
 Koumbias, Sacha
 Lamont, John Ryan
 Lutz, Robert
 MacLellan, Mary Jessie
 MacQuarrie, Neil Cormac
 McCormick, Bonita Darlene
 McPhee, Michael Stephen
 Moore, Bonnie Michelle
 Moore, Drew
 Paris, Megan Susan
 Phillips, Robert John
 Samson, Janelle Kay
 Shannon, Colleen
 Sheffield, Cheryl Marie
 Tait, Krista



In the News

- [Together We Can launches at StFX; aims to improve girls' positive identity](#)
- [StFX confers degrees and diplomas; honours academic "trailblazers" during 2018 Fall Convocation](#)

Recent Research

Dudett Kumar – Dr. JoAnne MacDonald (Supervisor)

MEd Thesis Title: Factors That Influence Performance on the Canadian National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN@)

Cohort News

New Cohorts Starting Summer 2019:

- Master of Education in Administration & Leadership
 - Inclusive Education
 - Mental Health Education (Toronto Area)
 - Outdoor Education
- Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction
 - Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
 - Early Elementary Pedagogy
 - Inclusive Education
 - Social Studies

Information on cohorts can be found here:

https://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/MEd_Cohorts.html

Have you applied for Spring 2019 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony - Sunday May 5, 2019

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

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

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