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**Fall, Winter, and
Spring 2018 –
2019 Registration
is now OPEN!!**

StFX MEd students can find the fall, winter, and spring course schedules in the Continuing & Distance Education Fall & Winter 2018-2019 Calendar:

<http://www2.mystfx.ca/continuingeducation/continuing-distance-education-calendars>

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



It seems as though it was only yesterday that I was writing my first piece as Chair for the 2017 summer edition of the MEd newsletter. However, as is often the case, the past twelve months have slipped by very quickly, but looking back, it has been an exciting and rewarding year.

This summer, we had 129 new students beginning their MEd degree, including cohorts in culturally responsive pedagogy, early elementary pedagogy, mental health education, physical education and health, and an off-campus literacy cohort which commenced in Digby. Besides this, there were several hundred continuing students completing face-to-face or online courses.

For some, their educational journey is drawing to a close. Congratulations to the following cohorts, who have completed their capping experience this July: Early Elementary Pedagogy #3, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy #1, and Physical and Health Education #4.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our exceptional instructional team. Our full- and part-time instructors give very generously in lending their time and expertise. Certainly, the commitment of our teaching staff makes the program what it is. In addition to our instructional team, a special thanks to Jennifer Farrell, who ensures everything runs smoothly. I'd also like to recognize Shafik Nanji and Matt Cameron, who provide strong instructional support for those of us teaching and learning online.

During this past month, I've met many on-campus students, and the enthusiasm and level of engagement you have displayed never ceases to amaze me. I realize taking a course during the hot and humid weather we have experienced this July can be tough, but your commitment to learning does not go unnoticed.

As a way of closing, I'd like to thank you for choosing StFX. I know I can speak for my colleagues when I say that it is an absolute privilege to teach and learn alongside those of you pursuing an MEd degree.

I hope you all have a terrific summer, and if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best wishes,

David

A highlight from this summer was our 2018 Educational Research Forum, which occurred on July 23. A new element to this year's Forum was the addition of a Scholar in Residence—a role most aptly assumed by Dr. Margaret Kovach from the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Kovach delivered a moving keynote entitled, "What makes Indigenous Methodologies Different? Some Thoughts on Principles, Practices, and Possibilities." Dr. Kovach also had an opportunity to spend time visiting each of our graduate classes, engaging in meaningful conversation and dialogue with our students. I have no reservation in saying that Dr. Kovach was an inspiring Scholar in Residence, and her on-campus involvement this summer will leave a lasting impression in terms of our own views on research.

As you can appreciate, bringing the Educational Research Forum together involves many individuals, so I want to recognize the members of the organizing committee: Drs. Dan Robinson, Jennifer Mitton-Kükner, Anne Murray-Orr, and Joanne Tompkins. I'd also like to thank Christina Sylliboy and Darlene Prosper for their kind words during the keynote, as well as the audio visual team for live streaming Dr. Kovach's presentation. The support from Continuing and Distance Education, the Academic Vice-President and Provost, the Associate Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies, the Dean of Education, and the Campus Store, was also greatly appreciated. Finally, I would like to recognize the presenters, who so graciously and eloquently shared their research. I had an opportunity to participate in many of the concurrent sessions, and I was incredibly impressed by the variety of topics. Several students commented that they were "blown away" by the presentations. This stands as a testament to the quality of graduate educational research being undertaken.

David

<https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/Dr-Margaret-Kovach>



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?And many more...
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- **X-RING ELIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information>
 - **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. (<https://tinyurl.com/ycr3yhng>)
 - **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.

Have you applied for Fall 2018 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony – Saturday December 1, 2018

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

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

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

Technology Tips & Tricks

Ever wonder how to start a private chat with someone in your Collaborate Ultra session?

Here's how:

1. Click on the purple tab in the lower right corner to open the Collaborate panel.
2. Click on the icon that looks like two people to open up the Attendees panel.
3. Click on the three dots (...) beside their name.
4. Click on "Send a chat message" from the menu that opens up.

That's all there is to it!

Here is a link to a short video that shows all you need to know: https://youtu.be/xvOuyj_vROw

Library Tips & Tricks

The Angus L. Macdonald Library website has a new look! <http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/>

ANGUS L. MACDONALD LIBRARY

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SUBJECT GUIDES
Browse library resources by program



MY ACCOUNT
loans, renewals, balance, etc.

LIBRARY HOURS

HOURS [Next Day](#)
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

Angus L. Macdonald Library	8:00am - 5:00pm
Archives	-
Document Delivery	9:00am - 4:30pm

Looking for books, articles, journals, or more? Check out the StFX Education Subject Guide!

StFX Education Guide: <http://stfx.libguides.com/education>

