

Joint PhD in Educational Studies Newsletter Spring Edition 2007

Message from Dr. Fiona Blaikie,

Congratulations to our recent graduates, Drs Randy Haluza-Delay, Joan Shaw and Lorraine Carter.

Welcome to new and returning students and faculty members as we embark upon the eighth summer of Core courses in the Joint PhD in Educational Studies Program.

The first day of classes is July 3rd, 2007. If you have not yet done so, please register through Susan Little (jointphd@lakeheadu.ca) for the Joint PhD in Educational Studies / ISATT Conference starting on July 4th, 2007 and the annual cheese and wine party on July 5th, 2007. It promises to be invigorating and interesting for all participants. My thanks to my colleagues at Brock University, Drs Michael Kompf, Vera Woloshyn, Anne Elliott, Coral Mitchell and Nicola Simmons, for partnering with us.

Summer instructors this year are Drs David Hutchison, Lisa Korteweg and Susan Tilley (Core 1), and Drs Susan Drake and Dragana Martinovic (Core 2). This year the Research Proposal Colloquium course will be offered in both the Fall and Winter. The Fall course is available for students who have completed the Core 2 course. Instructors teaching in the program in 2007 – 2008 are as follows:

Fall 2007:

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies: Dr Benedicta Egbo (UW)

Social/Cultural/Political Contexts of Education: Drs Mary Clare Courtland (LU)
& Dolana Mogadime (BU)

Cognition and Learning: Dr Joe Engemann (BU)

Research Proposal Colloquium: Drs Fiona Blaikie (LU) & Larry Morton (UW)

Winter 2008:

Research Proposal Colloquium – Drs Hope Fennell (LU) & Nombuso Dlamini (UW)

Please note that we have printed a revised edition of the Program Handbook. Please read the Handbook carefully and note the protocols and regulations that govern the operation of the Program. If you have any questions about any aspect of the Program, please don't hesitate to ask.

I wish you all a marvelous summer of learning and collegial friendship.

Best wishes from Fiona.

Recent Graduates

❖ **Randy Haluza-Delay** (University of Western Ontario, 2000)

On January 29, 2007 Randy successfully defended the oral examination of his dissertation "*Developing a Compassionate Sense of Place: Environmental and Social Conscientization in Environmental Organizations*". Supervisor: Dr. Marshall Mangan. Randy is a professor in the Sociology Department at The King's University College in Edmonton, Alberta.

❖ **Joan Shaw** (University of Western Ontario, 2001)

On December 11, 2006 Joan successfully defended the oral examination of her dissertation "*A Fine Balance: A Case Study of One School Planning Council in British Columbia*". Supervisor: Dr. Carol Beynon

On February 21/22 and March 7/8, 2007 Joan produced a musical which involved all 530 children from Upper Lynn Elementary school. This June 2007 Joan will be retiring after 35 years of school teaching.

In February 2007 Joan was invited by Dr. Walter Werner, University of British Columbia to talk about her doctoral work with his graduate students. In March 2007 Joan was invited by the British Columbia Ministry of Education to speak about parental involvement in School Planning Councils.

❖ **Lorraine Carter** (University of Windsor, 2002)

On November 29, 2006 Lorriane successfully defended the oral examination of her dissertation "*Online Education for Ontario's Registered Nurses: An Examination of Critical Thinking*". Supervisor: Dr Larry Morton.

Current Student News

Paul Berger (Lakehead University, 2004)

Paul has accepted a tenure track position in the Faculty of Education at Lakehead University, effective August 1, 2007.

Kate Cassidy (Brock University, 2006)

Cassidy, K. (2007). Tuckman revisited: Proposing a new model of group development for practitioners. *Journal of Experiential Education*. 29 (3), 413-417.

Frances Chandler (Brock University, 2004)

On April 4, 2007 Fran successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio entitled, "*Heart, Mind and Body: A review of the work of a PhD student in preparation for ongoing research in the field of Policy and Leadership*". Fran's supervisor is Dr. M. Manley Casimir.

Pamela Cook (University of Windsor, 2004)

On December 11, 2006 Pam successfully defended her portfolio and proposal defence. Pam's supervisor is Dr. Andrew Allen. Pam has spent time in Belize, at the Liberty Children's Home orphanage collecting data and fieldwork for her dissertation.

Jason Ellis (University of Windsor, 2005)

Jason has accepted a tenure track position at Ashland University in Ohio as an Assistant Professor of Educational Technology.

Ellis, J.B. (2007). *The digital divide in special education: Where do my students fit in?* Presented at the International Study Association for Teachers and Teaching Conference, 2007: Totems and Taboos. St. Catharines, Ontario.

Ellis, J.B., & Garske, G. G. (2007). *First Nations Spirituality: Traversing Grief and Loss*. Presented at the Seventh International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities, and Nations. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Ellis, J.B., Awender, T., Lamoureux, G., Wessel, D., & Donohoo, J. (2007). *Of class and culture: Reflections on access and educational policy in four countries (Panel/Table ronde)*. Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE/SCEE) Comparative and International Education Society of Canada (CIESC) Congress. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Roger Fisher (Brock University, 2005)

Roger has been appointed to the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) National Task Force on Student Retention and has also been appointed Acting Member of the Fanshawe College Research Ethics Board.

Roger has been awarded another Teaching Release grant through the Fanshawe College Research Initiatives Fund (January to May, 2007) to conduct a national web-based survey of faculty participation rates in applied research at community colleges. The Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) has awarded him a \$70,000 grant to do a one year study of "Factors Affecting Non-completion Rates at a Community College".

Roger Fisher (Brock University, 2005) *continued*

Fisher, R. (In press). The Scholarship of College Teaching: Research Opportunities in the New Millennium. *Journal of Teaching and Learning*, (4)1.

Fisher, R. (April 2007). *Research Opportunities at Canadian Colleges*. Presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Fisher, R. (March 2007). *Building Faculty Participation in Research*. Presented at the Applied Research Symposium, OISE, Toronto, Ontario.

Fisher, R. (February, 2007). *Introducing the National Survey of College Faculty*. Presented at the Applied Research Conference, Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Ottawa, Ontario.

Fisher, R. (November, 2006). *Nuts & Bolts of Research at Community Colleges*. Presented at the Scholarly Research Symposium, Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta.

John Guiney Yallop (University of Western Ontario, 2003)

John is co-editor of a special issue of an on-line journal, Forum: Qualitative Social Research (FQS) Performative Social Science to be published in May 2008 (<http://www.qualitative-research.net/fqs/fqs-eng.htm>).

George (Joe) Lamoureux (Brock University, 2005)

Joe has been elected OSSTF/OTF Table officer for a two year term. In 2008-2009 Joe will be representing 166,000 Public Teachers in Ontario as President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation. Once again Joe will be teaching an Education Law course at the Master's level for Nipissing University.

Laurie Leslie (Lakehead University, 2005)

Leslie, L.E. (2006). *Teacher preparation and support for effective teaching of literacy*. Presented at the Graduate Conference, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Kimberly Maich (Brock University, 2002)

Kimberly is lead consultant on the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association [NLTA], Centennial Fund Project Grant for \$6,000 (2007).

Maich, K. (2006). Autism Spectrum Disorder School Support Program website, <http://www.hhsc.ca/asd-ssp>.

Maich, K., Lengyell E., & Carstensen, C. (April, 2007). *Teaching peer awareness to classmates of young children with ASD*. Workshop proposal accepted for Early Childhood Resource Teacher Network of Ontario Annual Conference, Waterloo Inn and Conference Centre, Waterloo, Ontario.

Maich, K., Lengyell E., & Carstensen, C. (March, 2007). *How to create and deliver a peer awareness to classmates of children with ASD*. Workshop proposal accepted for the Conference for Early Childhood Educators, Where it all Begins, Conestoga College, Kitchener, Ontario.

Hunter, T., & **Maich, K.** (February, 2007). *Using visuals to teach students with ASD*. District School Board of Niagara, Welland, Ontario.

Maich, K., & Adey, K. (January, 2007). *Newfoundland and Labrador ASD Resource Forum*. Council of Special Services 2007 Inservices, Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland.

Traynor, S., **Maich, K.,** & De Trinidad, A. (November, 2006). *Developing peer awareness lessons for students with ASD*. Workshop presentation at CEC Ontario Provincial Conference 2006, 50th Anniversary Celebration, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Dworet, D., & **Maich, K.** (November, 2006). *An updated look across Canada: Current provincial and territorial policies and practices for students with emotional/behavioural disorders*. Lecture presentation at Council for Exceptional Children Ontario Provincial Conference 2006, 50th Anniversary Celebration, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Hunter, T., & **Maich, K.** (November, 2006). *An introduction to "Filling in today?: A resource for substitute teachers and educational assistant support students with ASD."* Fall DSBN Special Education Inservice Series, Welland, Ontario.

Dworet, D., & **Maich, K.,** Plavinskis, S., & Ford, M. (October, 2006). *Research across the continuum*. Panel presentation at the Brock University Faculty of Education Research Colloquium, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Maich, K., Traynor, S., & DeTrinidad, A. (October, 2006). *ASD Services in Niagara*. Fall DSBN Principals' Forum. Welland, Ontario.

Arcott, W., & **Maich, K.** (October, 2006). *The ASD SSP*. Community Care Access Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Jelena Magliaro (University of Windsor, 2006)

Martinovic, D. & **Magliaro, J.** (January 2007). *Openness in the Context of Computer Networks: Educators' Perspective* at The Third International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society. Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Trudy Medcalf (University of Western Ontario, 2002)

In March 2007 Trudy presented a DVD of a dance performance undertaken by her elder co-researchers and a troupe of trained dancers at the American Society on Aging Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. The dance piece, called "TranscenDance", is one of several ways that Trudy and her elder research team are presenting their findings to a variety of audiences, in their efforts to bring about social change regarding our perceptions of old age.

Deanna Pecaski McLennan (University of Windsor, 2004)

On December 8, 2006 Deanna successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio and on January 29, 2007 she successfully defended her proposal entitled "*Kinder-caring: Exploring the use and effects of sociodrama in a kindergarten classroom*". Deanna's supervisor is Dr Kara Smith.

Pecaski McLennan, D.M., & Smith, K. (2006). Promoting positive behaviours using sociodrama. *Journal of Teaching and Learning*, 4(2), 47-55.

Sarah Pashagumskum (Lakehead University, 2005)

On March 20, 2007 Sarah successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio entitled "*Envisioning Eeyoueducation Alternatives: Investigating Possibilities for Alternative Schooling in a Northern Indigenous Community*". Sarah's supervisor is Dr Connie Russell.

Terry Shields (Brock University, 2006)

Shields, T. (2007). Review of the book *Governance as leadership: Reframing the work of nonprofit boards*. In *Leadership and Organization Development Journal*. Vol. 28 (2), 191-192.

Shields, T. (2007). Review of the book *Mastering leadership*. In *Leadership and Organization Development Journal*. Vol. 28 (4).

Shields, T. (March, 2007). *School Board Governance and Trusteeship: Unrecognized Influences in Educational Sustainability* at the York University Graduate Conference: Researching Theory and Practice for Education, Toronto, Ontario

Nicola Simmons (Brock University, 2004)

Steering Committee for the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education; The International Study Association on Teacher Thinking 2007 Conference Committee; The Research Ethics Board, Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning.

Simmons, N., Drakeford, T., & Hosseinpour, N. (2007). Critical incidents and anxious times: Transformative learning through inquiry. In C. Knapper (Ed.). *Experiences with inquiry learning*. Proceedings of a symposium at McMaster University, October 1-3, 2004. Hamilton, Ontario: Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University.

Simmons, N. (February, 2007). *What's different under the gown: New professors' development as university teachers*. Presented at the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Educational Developers' Caucus (EDC) conference, Guelph, Ontario.

Simmons, N. (November, 2006). *Creating collaborative SoTL: Interdisciplinary partnerships*. Presented at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning conference, Washington, DC.

Simmons, N. (2006). *Mapping a mirage? Documenting the scholarship of teaching and learning*. Presented at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning conference, Washington, DC.

Simmons, N. (March, 2007). *Are we having fun yet?* Presentation for faculty members at Wilfred Laurier University.

Simmons, N. (March, 2007). *Empower yourself to appraise yourself*. Presentation for McMaster University staff conference.

Simmons, N. (January, 2007). *Reflective practice*. Presentation for University of Toronto teaching assistants.

Linda Weber (University of Western Ontario, 2004)

Linda's work in International Student Services at King's University College was recognized by the City of London; King's won the City of London Race Relations Recognition Award (see: http://www.uwo.ca/kings/news/stories/2007-recognition_award.html).

Min Zeng (University of Windsor, 2004)

On November 27, 2006 Min successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio. Min's supervisor is Dr. Nombuso Dlamini.

JOINT COLLABORATION:

Trudy Medcalf (University of Western Ontario, 2002) and **Dr. Lorraine Carter** (University of Windsor - PhD Graduate 2006)

Trudy and Lorraine, both members of the 2002 cohort year, recently collaborated on a videoconference through which Trudy presented some of her doctoral research findings to 15 health centres across Ontario. Lorraine is a manager in the continuing education sector for health professionals of the Ontario Telemedicine Network. Trudy's presentation, "*The Reality Beyond Appearances: Elders on Growing Old*" was led jointly by six elder co-researchers.



Proud parents Sue Hamel (Lakehead University 2006) and Rodney Swatton, along with big sister Nemma (3) are happy to announce the arrival of Ian Donald Swatton on December 21st, 2006

On June 7, 2007 Deanna Pecaski McLennan (University of Windsor, 2004) and husband Trevor welcomed the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Cadence Sage.

Congratulations!

