

Joint PhD in Educational Studies Newsletter Fall Edition 2010

Message from Dr. Benedicta Egbo Program Director

Greetings. Another academic year is upon us and, as usual, we are all immersed in our various research and scholarly activities. The last academic year was a busy and productive one for the Secretariat. In particular, a significant amount of time was devoted to developing a new image for the program. I am delighted to report that the Joint PhD Program has a new image design which now appears on all our promotional materials including the program handbook, posters and brochure. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to developing the new image especially the advertising agency, members of the Program Committee and the Deans.

I am also pleased to announce that the Joint PhD Program website has a new look which I hope you'll find more inviting and user friendly. A big thank you to Karen Bourdeau (Administrative Assistant) who spent many hours on the project. Thanks also to John Powell (Department of Public Affairs and Communication, University of Windsor) for his assistance during the development of the new website.

The 2010 Doctoral Seminars which held from July 5 to 30 at Brock University was exceptionally successful. The Secretariat staff was on hand in St. Catharines to open the session. The President of Brock University, Dr. Jack Lightstone, and the Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Marylyn Rose and Dr. Rodger Beatty (who represented the Dean of the Faculty of Education) welcomed the students during the breakfast orientation on Monday July 5 as part of the orientation activities. Doctoral Seminars' students and faculty were also treated to a Wine and Cheese reception on the same day.

One of the highlights of the opening ceremonies was the Keynote address by Dr. Henry Giroux, the renowned scholar, researcher and author who currently holds the Global TV Network Chair Professorship at McMaster University in the English and Cultural Studies Department. Dr. Giroux's talk on the topic "*Changing Society through Scholarship*" was well attended by members of Brock University community including Joint PhD students and faculty. Dr. Giroux's inspiring lecture which was video-taped is available on-line at the Joint PhD website as well as on iTunes/podcast at Brock University website.



Dr. Henry Giroux

Plans are already underway for the next Doctoral Seminars which will hold at the University of Windsor in July 2011. More information regarding the activities and program for the session will be provided to all in due course. In the meantime, I wish you all a productive year and, a happy holiday season!

Benedicta Egbo, PhD

Images of summer 2010 at Brock University



Faculty and students of the Joint PhD in Educational Studies program enjoyed participating and connecting in summer 2010 at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. Pictured above are this year's cohort of Doctoral Seminar 1 and Doctoral Seminar 2 students along with the instructors and Director, Dr. Benedicta Egbo.

Recent Graduates

❖ **Pamela Cook** (University of Windsor, 2004)

On August 26, 2010 Pamela successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled “*Emergent Voices from an Orphanage School in Belize, Central America*”. Supervisor: Dr. Kara Smith.

❖ **Anoop Gupta** (University of Windsor, 2007)

On June 30, 2010 Anoop successfully defended his PhD dissertation “*The Common Link: An Exploration of Some of the Social Cognitive Dimensions of Meaning- Making in Algebra and the Visual Arts using a Case Study Approach*”. Supervisor: Dr. Tony Ezeife.

❖ **Ming (Bonny) Jung** (University of Western Ontario, 2003)

On September 20, 2010 Ming successfully defended her PhD dissertation . Supervisor: Dr. Mary Clare Courtland.

❖ **Laurie Leslie** (Lakehead University, 2005)

On May 14, 2010 Laurie successfully defended her PhD dissertation “*Becoming a literacy teacher: From teacher preparation through the first two years of literacy teaching*”. Supervisor: Dr. Mary Clare Courtland.

❖ **Jelena Magliaro** (University of Windsor, 2006)

On July 20, 2010 Jelena successfully defended her PhD dissertation “*Comparing Information Literacy needs of Graduate Students in Selected Graduate Programs through the Technology Acceptance Model and Affordance Theory*”. Supervisor: Dr. Dragana Martinovic.

❖ **Mary Malik** (Lakehead University, 2002)

On September 10, 2010 Mary successfully defended her PhD dissertation “*Multicultural ways of knowing: Reading The Kite Runner in a grade 11 class*”. Supervisor: Dr. Mary Clare Courtland.

❖ **Natasha Weibe** (University of Western Ontario, 2004)

On April 16, 2010 Natasha successfully defended her PhD dissertation. Supervisor: Dr. Cornelia Hoogland

Current Student News

Portfolio & Dissertation Proposal Defenses

Anne Arthur (University of Windsor, 2003)

On November 5, 2009 Anne successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Anne’s supervisor is Dr. Terry Sefton.

Lena Mangoff (University of Windsor, 2007)

On June 28, 2010 Lena successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Lena’s supervisor is Dr. Finney Cherian.

Aaron Park (Lakehead University, 2007)

On July 19, 2010 Aaron successfully defended his Comprehensive Portfolio. Aaron's supervisor is Dr. Juanita Epp.

Carlos Zerpa (Lakehead University, 2008)

On June 19, 2010 Carlos successfully defended his Comprehensive Portfolio. Carlos's supervisor is Dr. Christina van Barneveld.

Publications

James Czank (Lakehead University, 2010)

Czank, J. (2010). *Abstract Right, Reason and the State Hegel's Philosophy of Right*. Saarbrücken, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing.

George Drazenovich (Lakehead University, 2009)

Drazenovich, G. (2010). A Foucauldian Analysis of Homosexuality. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 42(6).

Drazenovich, G. & Kourie, C. (2010). Mysticism and Mental Health: A Critical Dialogue. *HTS Theological Studies*, 66(2), Available at: <http://www.hts.org.za/index.php/HTS/issue/view/38>

Drazenovich, G. (in press [2010]). An Exploration of the Value of the Mystical Experience in Mental Health. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*.

Frank Nezavdal (Brock University, 2007)

Nezavdal, F. (in press [2010]). [Review of the book *Intelligence and how to get it: Why schools and cultures count*]. Brock Education, 19(2).

Sharon Oake (Brock University, 2009)

Oake, S. (2010). e-Learning Policy: Supporting Learners in Higher Education?. In Z. Abas et al. (Eds.), *Proceedings of Global Learn Asia Pacific 2010* (pp. 708-713). Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).

Jan Oakley (Lakehead University, 2007)

Oakley, J., et al. (2010). Animal encounters in environmental education research: Responding to the "question of the animal." *Canadian Journal of Environmental Education*, 15, 102-118.

Russell, J., White, P., Fook, T., Kayira, J. Muller, S., & **Oakley, J.** (2010). Graduate students lend a voice: Reflections on the 10th seminar in health and environmental education. *Canadian Journal of Environmental Education*, 15, 90-101.

Snezana Ratković (Brock University, 2007)

Ratković, S., Tilley, S., & Teeuwssen, Phil. (2010). Enhancing capacity for social justice work within the academy: Building critical consciousness. *South African Journal of Higher Education*, 24 (3), 392-406.

Emily Root (Lakehead University, 2009)

Jickling, B., Sauv , L., Bri re, L., Niblett, B., & **Root, E.** (in press [2010]). The 5th world environmental education congress, 2009: A research project. *Canadian Journal of Environmental Education*, 15, 51-71.

Root, E. (in press [2010]) This land is our land? This land is your land: The decolonizing journeys of White outdoor environmental educators. *Canadian Journal of Environmental Education*, 15.

Root, E. (2010). [Review of the book *The nurture of nature: Childhood, Antimodernism, and Ontario Summer Camps, 1920-1955*, by S. Wall]. *International Journal of Wilderness*, 16(2).

Christina Skorobohacz (Brock University, 2008)

Skorobohacz, C. (2010). Considering a career in academia? Here are some (observed) realities. [Web exclusive article]. *Academic Matters: OCUFA's Journal of Higher Education*. Retrieved from http://www.academicmatters.ca/current_issue.article.gk?catalog_item_id=4162&category=/featured_articles/web_exclusive

Skorobohacz, C., & Al-Fartousi, M. (Accepted for publication). Preparing future teachers to embrace diversity: A collaborative co-instructional approach. *Teaching and Learning*. [authorship shared equally].

Adam Stibbards (Lakehead University, 2009)

Puk, T., & **Stibbards, A.** (in press [2010]). Ecological concept development of preservice teacher-candidates: Opaque empty shells. *International Journal of Environmental and Science Education*.

Presentations

Rawnda Abraham (Lakehead University, 2010)

Abraham, R. (2010). Nim-bii-go-nini Ojibwe Language Revitalization Strategy. Presented at the 17th Annual Sustaining Indigenous Languages Symposium, Eugene, OR, June 25-26.

James Borland (University of Windsor, 2009)

Borland, J. (2010). *Opening the Debate: considering the Evolution of Outdoor Education in Ontario*. Workshop presented at Learning to live Well on This Land Acknowledging Traditional Territories, Engaging Intercultural Dialogues, and Fostering Nature Interconnections, Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, Kinark Outdoor Centre, Minden, Ontario, September 2010.

Borland, J., & Zinn, M. (2010). *Hands on Aquatic Activities*. Workshop presented at Ecolinks 2010, Ontario Society of Environmental Education Conference, Seneca College, King Campus, Ontario, May 2010.

George Drazenovich (Lakehead University, 2009)

Drazenovich, G. (2010). *An Exploration of the Value of the Mystical Experience in Mental Health*. Virtual Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Cambridge, Ontario, August 5, 2010.

Melanie Goodchild-Southwind (Lakehead University, 2005)

Goodchild-Soutwind, M. & Korteweg, L. (2010). *The Hope for Ancestral Pedagogy: Searching for Arrowheads on the Provincial Curriculum Shoreline*. Presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE) Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, May 28 – June 1, 2010.

Laurie Leslie (Lakehead University, 2005)

Leslie, L. (2010). *Teacher Preparation and support for Effective Teaching of Literacy: From Preservice Through Year Two of Inservice Teacher*. Presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE) Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, May 28 – June 1, 2010.

Blair Niblett (Lakehead University, 2008)

Niblett, B. (2010). *Activism as Caring and Caring as Activism: Ethics of Activism in Educational Contexts*. Presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE) Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, May 28 – June 1, 2010.

Sharon Oake (Brock University, 2009)

Oake, S. & Chisholm, A. (2010). *Multi-User Virtual Environments (MUVes) and Knowledge Mobilization (KM) in Higher Education: Challenges and Possibilities*. Presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE) Conference, Canadian Committee of Graduate Studies in Education (CCGSE) Section, Concordia University, Montreal Quebec, May, 2010.

Oake, S. (2010). *E-Learning Policy: Supporting Learners in Higher Education?* Presented at rEvolution 2010, The Canadian e-learning Conference, University of Alberta, June 2010.

Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007)

Pearson, K. (2010). *Exploring institutionalized racism in higher education*. Presentation at the annual general meeting of NAFSA (international educators), Kansas City, KS, June 2010. [www.nafsa.org]

Emily Root (Lakehead University, 2009)

Root, E. (2010). *Emerging from the Whiteout: How White Educators Can find their way to Indigenous pedagogies*. Unpublished paper presented at The Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference, Montreal, Quebec. May 28 – June 1, 2010.

Dannenmann, K. and **Root, E.** (2010). *Gifts from the Moose*. Presentation at the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario Conference, Minden, Ontario, September, 2010.

Root, E. and Dannenmann, K. (2010). *Fostering respectful intercultural relationships on Aboriginal traditional lands*. Presentation at the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario Conference, Minden, Ontario, September, 2010.

Root, E. (2010). *Towards respectful allied relationships: Understanding the decolonizing journeys of White educators*. Presentation at Challenging the paradigm: The face of transformation, Terrace, British Columbia, May, 2010.

Christina Skorobohacz (Brock University, 2008)

Skorobohacz, C. (2010). *Exploring women graduate students' gendered lives, experiences, and roles*. Paper presented for the Research on Women and Education Special Interest Group at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2010 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, May, 2010.

McGinn, M., & **Skorobohacz, C.** (2010, May). *Academic service and quality of working life in an Ontario university*. Presented at The Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference, Montreal, Quebec. May 28 – June 1, 2010.

Al-Fartousi, M., & **Skorobohacz, C.** (2010, May). *Preparing future teachers to embrace diversity: A Muslim Middle-Eastern and a White Canadian co-instructors' collaborative approach*. Paper presented for the Canadian Association for Teacher Education (CATE) at The Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference, Montreal, Quebec. May 28 – June 1, 2010.

Skorobohacz, C. (2010, September). *The conversation colleagues program: A partner experience*. Presented at the 2010 Conversation Colleagues Program: Training Session. Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, September, 2010.

Carlos Zerpa (Lakehead University, 2008)

Zerpa, C. (2010). *Modeling Student Motivation and Students' Ability Estimates from a Large-Scale Assessment of Mathematics*. Presented at the 12th International Conference on Motivation in Oporto, Portugal, September 2–4, 2010.

Grants & Awards

George Drazenovich (Lakehead University, 2009)

George was the recipient of the Faculty Research Award, Faculty of Education, Lakehead University.

Catharine Longboat (Brock University, 2008)

Catharine has been awarded the Grand River Post Secondary Scholarship for “academic excellence in the field of education”. Catharine has also been awarded the Government of Canada Endowment Fund administered through National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation to enter the third year of a five year Doctor of Philosophy program at Brock University: *Academic Merit and Leadership contributions to Aboriginal community* and the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Traditional Knowledge 2010 Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship, Auckland New Zealand: *awarded on a competitive basis to support academic researchers desiring to attend and present.*

Lena Mangoff (University of Windsor, 2007)

Lena obtained a matching District Grant of \$2,000 (USD) for a Rotary-based project she developed in collaboration with The Amherstburg Fire Department – “Operation Lifeline: Fire Prevention, Education and Awareness.” Lena has also been awarded 3rd place for the “Hugh Archer Project Excellence Award” for “Operation Lifeline” through Rotary District 6400.

Snezana Ratković (Brock University, 2007)

Snezana was the recipient of the 2010 Dean of Graduate Studies Spring Research Fellowship 2010 award at Brock University valued at \$3000.

Other News

George **Drazenovich** (Lakehead University, 2009)

George has been named the associate editor for the upcoming edition of *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*.

Lena Mangoff (University of Windsor, 2007)

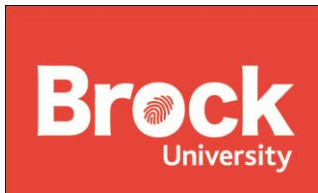
Lena has been elected as President of the Rotary Club of Amherstburg (2011 – 2010) where she is currently the Grants Chair.

Sharon Oake (Brock University, 2009)

Professional Development: Always in search of e-learning research, Sharon attended the Opportunities and New Directions (OND) Conference at the University of Waterloo in April, 2010. The OND focuses on research on teaching and learning.

Images of Summer 2010 at Brock





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