

# BROCK UNIVERSITY

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- Organizational change and transition
- Teacher and administrator professional growth and development
- Values and educational leadership
- Equity, diversity, and social justice
- Student engagement and success

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- K-12 school health policy
- Health & physical education pedagogy & discourse
- Culturally relevant health and physical education
- Teacher education
- Mixed methods research
- Coaching pedagogy

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- Teacher consultation and collaboration
- Special education
- Learning disabilities
- Acquired brain injury
- Inclusion and diversity
- International rights and advocacy for persons with disabilities
- Policy issues
- Differentiated instruction and universal design

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- Arts education; teaching and learning through aesthetic experiences
- Qualitative research including arts based research, arts informed research, visual and auto-ethnographic approaches
- Embodiment in teaching, learning and education: educational spaces
- The hidden curriculum; embodied knowledge; epistemologies; ontologies

- Social theory on the body and clothing; visual identity; socio-cultural Bourdeusian lenses on identity
- Curriculum and assessment as socio-cultural and political enactments of state vs individual agency
- International comparator work in arts education via curricula, assessment, teacher education, resources and expectations for learners in the arts
- Assessment and curriculum in the visual arts focusing on the International Baccalaureate Organization

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- Social-cognitive and emotional development (especially Theory of Mind) in children and emerging adolescents
- Self-concept and peer relations and friendships in young people
- Psychocultural issues in education (gender, social class, cultural context)
- Religiosity, faith orientations and spiritual development within young people

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- Social Justice (ie. Diversity, White privilege)
- Duoethnography, autoethnography
- Holistic education
- Invitational education
- Experiential education
- Action Research

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- Teacher induction
- Organizational leadership
- Case study
- Critical literacy
- Aboriginal education
- Policy analysis

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- Narrative inquiry research in schools, the professions, and within social justice settings
- Communities of learning in educational environments/professions
- Social justice and education (i.e. poverty & schooling, racialization, mental health/well being in school settings and professional landscapes, diversity, equity, human rights, youth, students-as-researchers)
- Literacy, literacies, social justice literacy, literacy narratives, writing as knowing,

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- Literacies
- Digital literacy and mobilities
- Family photography and visual literacies

- Multiliteracies and multimodality
- Writing
- Home and school literacies
- Popular culture
- Creativity and literacy
- Literacy and inquiry
- Ethnography and visual methods
- Research ethics (esp. with children)
- Qualitative and post-qualitative methods
- Arts inquiry research methods

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- Arts education & curriculum
- Indigenous studies & education
- Theatre & music
- Indigenous theatre & opera
- Cross-cultural collaboration
- Community-based research
- De/colonizing methodologies
- Indigenous methodologies
- Interdisciplinary performance
- Autoethnography,
- Aesthetics
- Arts-based & land-based research methods

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- Neuropharmacology and Neuropsychiatry
- Children, adolescent, adult psychopathology
- Mental Health—Internalizing (Anxiety, Depression, OCD) and Externalizing Disorders (e.g., ODD, CD), Bipolar, Schizophrenia
- Certified in the following treatments: Neurofeedback, CBT, Psychotherapy
- Aggressive/antisocial behaviour in children and youth Prevention/intervention programs, in schools, and mental health facilities, for children and youth, at risk for antisocial behavior (anger management, social skills development, moral reasoning)

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- Technology in education
- Online teaching and learning
- Invitational or alternative approaches to teaching or learning with technology

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- Educational reform
- Innovative educational practices
- Narrative research

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- Teaching and assessment strategies in science education
- Professional development of science teachers
- Curriculum
- Action research
- Science education
- Environmental education
- Curriculum integration

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- Technology for teaching and learning
- Online and distance education
- Teacher education: Technology integration in teaching practice, curriculum and instruction
- Research methodology: Qualitative and survey methods

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- Reading and writing instruction and assessment
- Disciplinary literacy
- Inclusion
- Literacy and instructional coaching
- In-school resource teacher role
- Teachers, students with learning disabilities

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- Elementary music education
- Children's narratives of musical experiences
- Narrative inquiry
- Pre-service music teacher education
- Faculty mentorship

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- Leadership, family, and community involvement in education
- School reform and educational change
- Networks and professional learning communities
- Educational policy
- Schools as communities
- Values and ethics in teaching and educational administration

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- Early childhood education and care
- Curriculum and instruction in the early years
- Observation and evaluation in the early years

- Professional development of educators

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- Project-based learning
- Game-based learning
- Social studies education
- Environmental and place-based education
- History and philosophy of education

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- Science education: curriculum and instruction, technology integration, language and science learning
- Teacher education: technology integration, curriculum and instruction, teacher professional development
- Research methodology: qualitative, mixed methods, survey methods, action research, discourse analysis

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- Environmental sustainability education.
- Science education
- Teacher education
- Research methodologies: philosophical inquiry, hermeneutics, phenomenology, case study, survey

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- Teacher education, induction and development
- Narrative inquiry
- Gifted education

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- Policy, politics, and power
- Governance and accountability
- Organizations, leadership, and administration

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- Education finance
- Quantitative research methods
- Education and law
- International education
- Governance of education

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- Curriculum and instruction in health and physical education
- Wholistic health
- Mindfulness
- Comprehensive school health and physical activity
- East-West discourses in education, health, and sports
- Cross-cultural studies, multicultural education
- Language teaching and learning (e.g., English as an additional language, Chinese as an additional language)

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- Research ethics
- Graduate student development
- Researcher development
- Research teams
- Mentoring and mentorship
- Situated learning
- Problem solving in mathematics and science

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- Critical social theory
- Adult education
- Philosophy of education
- Sociology of education
- Community development education
- Public pedagogy

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- Technology in education
- Literacy education
- Spelling and grammar
- Teacher education

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- Mathematics education
- Cognition and education
- International education research and development
- Computational thinking and mathematics education
- Teacher education
- Curriculum studies
- Multicultural education
- Qualitative inquiry
- Complexity and education

- Psychoanalysis and education

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- School ethnography
- Classroom research in language arts and social studies
- Teacher as researcher
- Critical pedagogy and anti-racist feminist pedagogy
- Autobiography and life histories
- Social justice and equity studies

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- Philosophy of education
- Philosophy in schools
- History of educational thought
- Critical pedagogy
- Globalization and development theories
- Critiques of consumerism and neoliberalism
- Modernity and postmodernity
- Democracy, citizenship and the politics of education
- Education and the humanities

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- Globalization and its impact on education
- Education and social change
- Educational reform in Latin America
- Education in Cuba in a time of transition
- Education in China in the era of globalization
- Aboriginal educational issues in Canada and abroad
- Global citizenship education
- Global education in elementary, secondary, and post secondary classrooms

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- Higher education, including leadership, research administration, internationalization and innovation (entrepreneurship, university-industry & university-community partnerships)
- School and PSE reform
- Research ethics
- Internationalization of higher education
- History of education, including teacher education, religion & education
- Non-formal education

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- Children's literature
- Literacy theory

- Feminist, neo-colonial, and cultural studies
- Feminist histories of education
- 18th century maternal pedagogies

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- Tribes learning communities
- Beginning teacher education
- FSL and second language pedagogy
- Instructional intelligence

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- Socio-cultural perspectives on literacy and language development
- Digital literacies and the impact of new media on children, adolescents, and teenagers
- Digital and multimodal epistemologies
- Ways of assessing multimodality and new literacies in literacy education, embedding more of a contemporary view of communication into literacy pedagogy and policy
- Bourdieusian sociology and literacy education
- Ecological and ethnographic approaches to research methods, early childhood literacy and family literacy
- Adolescent literacy and issues of identity
- Expanding definitions of the teaching of English
- Bringing outside literacies inside schooling literacies
- Third space theory as a heuristic for teaching and learning
- Space and embodiment in learning
- Multimodality across the content areas, digital humanities in education

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- Educational administration
- Leadership development
- Teacher leadership
- School reform
- Social studies education

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- Child, adolescent and adult psychopathology
- Child and adolescent forensic psychology
- School psychology
- Bullying
- Mental health and wellness
- Assessment: Psychological, clinical, classroom and large-scale
- Integrated curriculum

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- Law and education



- Education administration
- Values and ethics
- Teacher development
- Relationship between individual and society
- Narrative and ethnography

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- Adult education
- Workplace learning
- Learning masculinities and femininities in everyday life
- Gender in war/militaries/militarism
- Qualitative research, teacher research
- Sociocultural learning across the lifespan

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- Multiracial and multiethnic identities
- Critical theories of race and racism
- Marginalized students' access to and representation in postsecondary education
- Social justice and equity studies in education
- Diversity and equity approaches for teaching and learning (k-12 and postsecondary contexts)

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- Research ethics and school-based research
- Curriculum theory/practices, English and Language-Arts curriculum
- Education and post-secondary contexts
- Antiracism and critical white studies in relation to education
- Socio-cultural identities and intersectionality
- Social justice and equity in educational contexts
- Qualitative research, teacher research, critical ethnography
- Education alternative sites (e.g. prison contexts)
- Critical pedagogy and critical feminist praxis in schooling contexts

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- Early childhood education and care (children's interests, curriculum, documentation, environment, teacher beliefs and practice, parent engagement, program quality, class size, program models, advocacy)
- Inter-sector Praxis (Interagency collaboration and system approaches to early development, learning and care)
- Professional development
- Program evaluation

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- Art education
- Social justice and equity issues and the arts

- Museum/school collaborations
- Architecture in the curriculum
- Teacher education

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- Comparative policy analysis
- International achievement studies
- Socioeconomic inequality and student achievement
- Migrant integration and student outcomes
- Education reform and innovation

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- Drama in education
- Authorship
- Reading comprehension
- Early literacy

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- Reading and writing instruction
- Reading remediation and assessment
- Literacy programs and learning strategies for children and adults
- Students with learning disabilities
- Beginning teaching and teacher professional development
- Teachers' and students' lived experiences in the classroom