

Joint PhD in Educational Studies Newsletter Fall 2005

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Message from Fiona

Greetings to you all. I write this on Halloween night, a rainy one here in Thunder Bay.

We have accomplished a great deal over the last six months. In June 2005 the new Handbook was printed and distributed. Also in June, the new Website at www.jointphdined.org was launched. It was designed by Tove Tronslien (webmaster at Lakehead University), and mirrors the aesthetics of the new promotional material. Susan Little does a great job keeping website information updated.

The Department of Distance Education and Distributed Learning at Lakehead has improved the WebCT platform. I continue to host live chat via WebCT.

In July 2004 the first annual Joint PhD Program conference was held at Brock University during the summer core courses. The theme was *Alternative and Innovative Research Paradigms in Education*. The conference was such a success that the Program Committee planned another conference held in July 2005 at The University of Windsor. The theme was *What is Scholarship?* This question was examined via the three fields of study: Cognition and Learning, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, and Social/Cultural/Political Contexts of Education. Students were encouraged to present, as well as faculty members representing the fields of study at the participating universities. The intimate setting limited to faculty and students in the Program enhances the teaching and learning taking place in Core 1 and 2 summer courses. As well, the annual conference facilitates scholarly dialogue, networking, jointness, and visibility of faculty members' and students' ideas.

As a result of the 2004 conference, presenters were invited to submit manuscripts for blind review to *Brock Education: A Journal of Educational Research and Practice*. Student publications in this journal continue to appear. Presenters at the 2005 conference have been invited to submit manuscripts for blind review to *The Journal of Teaching and Learning* at the University of Windsor. Please do submit your manuscripts to Dr. Norm Diffey, the Editor, as soon as possible! (diffey@uwindsor.ca).

Plans are underway for Summer 2006 at Lakehead University, and will include the annual conference. If you have any ideas regarding themes please send them to me at fiona.blaikie@lakeheadu.ca.



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Leisa Desmoulins, Natasha Wiebe (with Sasha in utero), Fran Chandler, and Arlene Grierson at the Summer Conference, University of Windsor, July 2005.

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Message from Fiona continued

In May 2005 we held a very successful wine and cheese social at the annual CSSE conference at the University of Western Ontario, attended by many students and faculty. It was a great opportunity to get together. If you are going to be attending CSSE at York in May 2006, please plan to attend the wine and cheese. We will announce details later...

April 30th 2006 is the next deadline for news and information for the Spring Newsletter. For scholarly news, please provide full citations. Also, it is preferable to submit only publications that are in press or printed.

Finally, a very special thank you to the program committee for their collegiality, hard work, and advice: Drs Vera Woloshyn and Coral Mitchell at Brock, Dr Norm Diffey at Windsor, Dr Carol Beynon at Western, and Dr John O'Meara at Lakehead. Also, I would like to thank Susan Little, who does a great job keeping things operating smoothly in the Secretariat Office.

Wishing each of you and your families all the very best in 2006, from Fiona

CSSE 2005

Wine and cheese at CSSE, University of Western Ontario, May 2005. We expected about twenty students and faculty and over sixty guests turned up! We had a great wine and cheese party in sunny outside courtyard at the CSSE (Learners') Conference.



2005 Summer Conference

Faculty and students of the Joint PhD in Educational Studies program enjoyed participating and connecting at the Summer Conference, University of Windsor, July 2005.





Current Student News

Congratulations to you all!

Catherine Bates (Brock University, 2005)

Catherine already has an MA from Central Michigan University. In October 2005 she received the Master of Distance Education degree from Athabasca University.

Paul Berger (Lakehead University, 2004)

On October 18th, 2005 Paul successfully completed the comprehensive examination of his portfolio titled: "Schooling in Nunavut: Moving 'adaptations' to community voice".

Mary Breunig (Lakehead University, 2003)

On June 29th, 2005 Mary successfully completed the comprehensive examination of her portfolio titled: "Critical Pedagogy as Praxis: Turning the Theory of Critical Pedagogy into Post-Secondary Classroom Practices".

As well, her dissertation proposal has been approved.

Breunig, M. (in press). Turning Experiential Education and Critical Pedagogy Theory into Praxis. *Journal of Experiential Education*.

Breunig, M. (in press). Developing People' Critical Thinking Skills Through Experiential Education Theory and Practice. *32nd Annual Association for Experiential Education Conference Proceedings (Norfolk, VA)*

Breunig, M. (2005). Experiential education and its potential as a vehicle for social change. *Academic Exchange Extra*, 4. Online article pages 1-15.

Martin, B., Cashel, C., Wagstaff, M. & Breunig, M. (in press). *Outdoor leadership: Theory and practice*. Human Kinetics: Champaign, IL. *Human Kinetics*.

Mary is now a co-editor of *The Journal of Experiential*. To view the press release visit <http://communications.lakeheadu.ca/news/?id=204>

Mary and her husband Tim spent part of Summer 2005 in Alaska, sea kayaking sections of the Inside Passage.

Pamela Cook (University of Windsor, 2004)

In August 2005 Pam traveled to Russia. Currently, she is in residence at the University of Windsor continuing her work in the area of constructivist theories of learning.

Leisa Desmoulins (Lakehead University, 2002)

On June 27th, 2005 Leisa successfully completed the comprehensive examination of her portfolio titled: "Exploring Aboriginal Peoples' perspectives and issues."

Tiffany Gallagher (Brock University, 2000)

Tiffany graduated from our program in 2005. Recently, she accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of educational psychology in the Faculty of Education at Brock University. Her research includes developing an assessment-to-intervention model for learning resource teachers, creating rubrics for writing assessment and instruction, and writing about the doctoral portfolio experience.

Randolph Haluza-DeLay (University of Western Ontario, 2000)

Randy is busy editing the January 2006 issue of the journal *Local Environments*, which is based on the theme Environmental Justice in Canada.

Randy presented two papers at the May 2005 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Western Ontario: "Doing environmental education in the church: An autoethnography of opportunities and obstacles" and "Environmental social movements: Creating an ecological habitus"

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

On November 9th, 2005 Bonny successfully completed the comprehensive examination of her portfolio.

Laurie Leslie (Lakehead University, 2005)

Laurie is working as a Research Officer for Dr. Mary Clare Courtland on a national literacy study through OISE/UT.

Trudy Litster (University of Western Ontario, 2002)

On October 5th, 2005 Trudy successfully completed the comprehensive examination of her portfolio.

Kimberly Maich (Brock University, 2002)

Kimberly is working on data collection for her dissertation. She has moved from Botwood, Newfoundland to Brantford, Ontario.

Maich, K. (2005). A brief review of the special education consultant teacher: Enabling Children with Disabilities to be Educated with Nondisabled Children to the Maximum Extent Possible. *Education Review a journal of book reviews: Brief Reviews for July 2005* <http://edrev.asu.edu/brief/july05.html>.

Maich, K. (2005) Levels of awareness: An article review *Council of Special Services Newsletter*, February (provincial newsletter), page 17.

Ken McClelland (Brock University, 2001)

McClelland, K. (In press). John Dewey: Aesthetic Experience and Artful Conduct. *Education and Culture: The Journal of the John Dewey Society*.

McClelland, K. (In press). Dimensions of Dewey: Philosophy and Science. *Academic Exchange Extra*.

McClelland, K. (April, 2005). Experience or Metaphor, Philosophy or Literature? Exploring the Aesthetics of John Dewey and Richard Rorty. Presented at the *American Educational Research Association* in Montreal.

Steve Sider (The University of Western Ontario, 2001)

Steve has been appointed an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at Redeemer University, Hamilton.

Sider, S. (In press). A review of Meier, D.R. (2004) *The young child's memory for words: Developing first and second language and literacy*. New York: Teacher's College Press in *The International Review of Education*. Netherlands: UNESCO Press.

Sider, S. (In Press). A review of Bottery, M. (2004). *The challenges of educational leadership: Values in a globalized age*. London: Paul Chapman Publishers in *The International Review of Education*. Netherlands: UNESCO Press.

Sider, S. (May,2005). *Language as identity: The experiences of Mennonite migrants from Mexico in rural southern Ontario*. Paper presented at the *Canadian Society for Studies in Education Conference*, The University of Western Ontario.

Wendy Stienstra (Lakehead University, 2002)

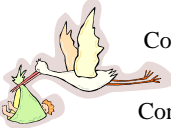
On October 24th, 2005 Wendy successfully completed the comprehensive examination of her portfolio titled: "*Developing understanding: Changing conceptions of elementary school mathematics*."

Ed Sykes (Brock University,2001)

On October 4th, 2005 Ed successfully completed the comprehensive examination of his portfolio titled: "*Design, Development and Assessment of the Java Intelligent Tutoring System*".

Salah Zogheib (University of Windsor, 2003)

On August 31st, 2005 Salah successfully completed the comprehensive examination of his portfolio titled: "*Prioritizing Computer Research in Education: Does Experience Really Come First?*"



Congratulations to Natasha Wiebe and Joel Trotter, proud parents of Sasha Rae Wiebe Trotter. Sasha arrived two and a half weeks early on October 5, 2005 at 8:31pm, weighing 6 lbs, 3 oz.

Congratulations to Debra Bankay and Renzo Bertoia, proud parents of Elizabeth Catherine Bertoia . Elizabeth was born at 11:44am on May 16, 2005 and weighed 6lbs. 3 and a half ounces.

Please send us your news of significant (and insignificant) life events you wish to share with your colleagues and friends.

Finally, a happy festive season to all, and very good wishes for 2006 from Fiona and Susan in the Secretariat office.

