

Joint PhD in Educational Studies Newsletter Fall Edition 2007

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Message from Dr. Fiona Blaikie,

July 2007 brought changes to the Program Committee. On July 1st 2007 Dr. Coral Mitchell stepped down as Chair of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at Brock University, and was replaced by Dr Vera Woloshyn. Dr. Anne Elliott will continue as a Program Committee member representing Brock University. On July 1st 2007 Dr Teresa Socha became Acting Chair of Graduate Studies and Research in the Faculty of Education, joining the Program Committee at Lakehead University, while Dr. John O'Meara became Acting Dean. At the University of Western Ontario Dr. Robert Macmillan, the recently appointed Associate Dean of Graduate Programs and Research, became a member of the Program Committee replacing Dr Alan Pitman. At the University of Windsor, Dr. Jonathan Bayley continues as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. I want to thank all members of the Program Committee, outgoing and current, for their hard work and counsel. I also want to thank Mrs Susan Little for her excellent service to the Program as Administrative Assistant.

On July 3rd 2007 breakfast orientation and BBQ luncheon events were held to welcome Core 1 and 2 students and faculty members to Brock University. The annual Joint PhD in Educational Studies/ISATT Conference began the next day, on July 4th 2007. The conference concluded with a cheese and wine at Alpie's on the Brock University campus, at a beautiful site on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment.

In the Spring and Summer of 2007 Dr. John O'Meara and I guest edited manuscripts submitted for a volume of *Brock Education: A Journal of Educational Research and Practice* dedicated specifically to the 2006 Joint PhD Program conference proceedings. This special issue will be printed in December and it will include selected manuscripts submitted by Joint PhD Program students and faculty on the theme *Globalization, Equality and Education*.

In May 2008 the Joint PhD Program cheese and wine will be held at UBC at the annual CSSE conference. Please plan to join us. Summer Core will be held at the University of Windsor in 2008, and if you can, plan to attend the Joint PhD Program conference to be held in the first week of July.

With good wishes to all for the holidays and 2008
from Fiona

2007 Summer Conference

Faculty and students of the Joint PhD in Educational Studies program enjoyed participating and connecting at the 2007 Summer Conference held at Brock University in St. Catharines. Pictured below are this years cohort of Core 1 and Core 2 students and instructors.



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Pictured below are Summer core students and instructors, along with Dr Fiona Blaikie, Dr James Heap and Dr Vera Woloshyn



Recent Graduates

❖ **Jason Ellis** (University of Windsor, 2005)

On July 5, 2007 Jason successfully defended the oral examination of his dissertation "*Special Education Teachers' Perceptions of Barriers to Assistive Technology Integration in Ohio*". Supervisor: Dr. Jonathan Bayley.

❖ **Nicola Simmons** (Brock University, 2004)

On July 3, 2007 Nicola successfully defended the oral examination of her dissertation "*What's Different Under the Gown. New Professors' Development as University Teachers*". Supervisor: Dr. Michael Kompf.

Dr. Nicola Simmons has accepted a position as Senior Instructional Developer - Consulting, at the Centre for Teaching Excellence (CTE), University of Waterloo. Nicola is also the Director of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE), and the Canadian Membership Representative for the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL), and shadow member of the executive for the International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching (ISATT).

Simmons, N. (July, 2007). *What's different under the gown: New professors' construction of their teaching identity*. Presented at the International Study Association for Teachers and Teaching (ISATT) conference, St. Catharines, ON.

Simmons, N. (June, 2007). *Mapping a mirage: Documenting the scholarship of teaching and learning*. Presented at the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) conference, Edmonton, AB.

Simmons, N. (in press). White space versus white noise: Creating connections by carving content. In *Silence in Teaching*.

Current Student News

Kate Cassidy (Brock University, 2006)

Cassidy, K. (in press). Meeting group development needs: A new practitioner-based model to facilitate group growth. In R. H. Stremba & C. Bisson (Eds.), *Teaching adventure education: Theory and best practices*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Cassidy, K. (in press). Multiple ways of knowing and adventure education: Multiple intelligence theory as a framework for program development. In R. H. Stremba & C. Bisson, (Eds.), *Teaching adventure education: Theory and best practices*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Cassidy, K. (June, 2007). *Community Building*. A program co-presented for the Safeguards unit of the United Nations. Vienna, Austria

Pamela Cook (University of Windsor, 2004)

Cook, P. (July, 2007). *Differentiating Language Arts within an Institutionalised Context of Belize, Central America: A Critical Ethnography*. Presentation at Oxford Round Table at Oxford University, England.

Janis Cox (Lakehead University, 2005)

On October 4th, 2007 Janis successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio entitled, "*Can education be healing? Adult women's motivations for and experiences of post-secondary education*". Janis's supervisor is Dr Hope Fennell.

Leisa Desmoulins (Lakehead University, 2002)

Leisa has been awarded Lakehead University's High Output and Publication Excellence (H.O.P.E.) Award for graduate students, for the Winter 2007 competition. The award is for the most highly ranked peer-reviewed publication submitted by a graduate student during this time period.

Jenni Donohoo (University of Windsor, 2005)

On October 9th, 2007 Jenni successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio. Jenni's supervisor is Dr. Jonathan Bayley.

In April 2007 Jenni received approval for funding for a Researcher-In-Residence Grant from the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL). This \$30,000 grant went to the Greater Essex County District School Board to support action research teams during the 2007-2008 school year.

Kimberly Fahner (University of Windsor, 2007)

Fahner, K. (2007) "The Worth of a Woman in Togo". From: *Arms Like Ladders: The Eloquent She --- Poems from the Feminist Caucus*. Ed. Katerina Fretwell. Toronto: *The League of Canadian Poets*, 2007. 57-58.

Gerald Fallon, Dr. (University of Western Ontario, 2002 – PhD Graduate, 2006)

Gerald has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Educational Administration at the University of Saskatchewan.

Roger Fisher (Brock University, 2005)

Fisher, R. (2007). *Introducing the Fanshawe College Student Retention Study*. Presentation delivered at Academic Managers Retreat, Fanshawe College, London, ON.

Fisher, R. (2007). *Student Success is Job One!* Workshop presented at Graduate Certificate in College Teaching program, Fanshawe College, London, ON.

Fisher, R. (2007). *The Unexplored Continent of Community Colleges*. Presentation delivered at International Study Association for Teachers & Teaching, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Fisher, R. (2007). *Research Opportunities for College Faculty*. Workshop presented at College Educators Development Program, Western Region Conference, London, ON.

Fisher, R. (2007). *Integrating Two Streams of Research into One College System*. Presentation delivered at Annual Conference, Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Montreal, QC.

Fisher, R. (2007). *Preliminary Results of the National College Faculty Survey*. Keynote Speaker, Faculty Research Symposium, George Brown College, Toronto, ON.

John Guiney Yallop (University of Western Ontario, 2003)

John has a website <http://publish.edu.uwo.ca/john.guiney%20yallop/>

Guiney Yallop, J. J. (2007). A Place Behind My Childhood Home. In J.-A. Elder-Gomes, F. Louann, C. Martignacco & J. Vickers (Eds.), *Shoreline: Water poems* (pp. 22-23). Toronto, ON: *Canadian Unitarian Council*.

Guiney Yallop, J. J. (2007). The Two Wells Of My Youth. In J.A. Elder-Gomes, F. Louann, C. Martignacco & J. Vickers (Eds.), *Shoreline: Water poems* (p. 54). Toronto, ON: *Canadian Unitarian Council*.

Guiney Yallop, J. J. (2007). *OUT in the world: A gay poetic journey*. Performed at the Seventh International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

John Guiney Yallop (continued)

Guiney Yallop, J. J. (2007). *Poetic evidence from emotional landscapes: A queer way to do research*. Performed at the Third International Congress of Qualitative Research, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Guiney Yallop, J. J. (2007). *Diary of a poetic researcher*. Performance at the First International Symposium on Poetic Inquiry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.

Anoop Gupta (University of Windsor, 2007)

Gupta, A. (2007). Education: From telos to technique. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 39(7).

Randy Haluza-DeLay, Dr. (University of Western Ontario, 2000 – PhD Graduate, 2007)

Randy has received a grant from the Laidlaw Foundation for a Discussion Paper on "Environmental Sustainability and Social Inclusion"

Haluza-DeLay, R. (2007). Churches engaging the environment: An autoethnography of obstacles and opportunities. *Human Ecology Review*, 15 (1), 71-81.

Suzanne Hamel (Lakehead University, 2006)

From September 25 - October 26, 2007 Sue collected data at a Primary School just outside Amboseli National Park in Kenya in East Africa, spending time with the teachers, children and elephants.

Clara Howitt (University of Windsor, 2000)

On March 21, 2007 Clara successfully defended her examination of her portfolio and her proposal. Clara's supervisor is Dr. Larry Morton.

Rahul Kumar (Brock University, 2004)

On May 23, 2007 Rahul successfully defended his comprehensive portfolio titled "En-Route to Becoming a Policy Ethicist: The Comprehensive Portfolio".

Rahul's supervisor is Dr. Coral Mitchell.

George (Joe) Lamoureux (Brock University, 2005)

Once again Joe will be teaching an Education Law course at the Master's level for Nipissing University.

Mary Lovering-White (Brock University, 2006)

Niemczyk, E., Dixon, J., **Lovering-White, M. G.**, & McGinn, M. K. (April, 2007). *The learning journey of a graduate student research assistant*. Poster to be presented at the Mapping the New Knowledges Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Jelena Magliaro (University of Windsor, 2006)

Martinovic, D., & **Magliaro, J.** (2007). Openness in the Context of Computer Networks: Educators' Perspective. *International Journal of Technology, Knowledge, Society*, 3(3), 43-52.

Ezeife, A. N., & **Magliaro, J.** (September, 2007). *Computer Self-Efficacy Beliefs of Preservice Teachers*". Presentation at XIII World Congress of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES) in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Kimberly Maich (Brock University, 2002)

Kimberly's course outline for Special Education Part II for Redeemer University College and it has been accepted by the Ontario College of Teachers.

Dworet, D. & **Maich, K.** (In Press). Canadian school programs for students with emotional behavioural disorders. *Behavior Disorders*.

Maich, K. & Elson, P. (November, 2007). Building peer awareness for students with ASD into your everyday instruction. Workshop proposal accepted for the *Alberta Teachers' Association Special Education Council Conference*, Edmonton, AB.

Maich, K. & Lengyell, E. (October, 2007). How to create and deliver a peer awareness program to classmates of children with ASD. Lecture proposal accepted for the *Measuring Success: Creating Meaningful Outcomes, Ontario Association for Children's Rehabilitation Services*, Waterloo Inn, Waterloo, ON.

Maich, K. (August, 2007). The ASD SSP. Poster Presentation. *Geneva Centre Symposium*, London, ON

Maich, K. & Dworet, D. (July, 2007). The therapist approach to instruction: perceptions and practices of teachers. *Totem and Taboos: Risk and Relevance in Research on Teachers and Teaching, International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching 2007 Conference*: Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Maich, K. & Arscott, W. (July, 2007). Camps & Community Resources. Poster Presentation. *First Annual ASD SSP Consultants' Conference*, Ottawa, ON.

Bernicky, G. & **Maich, K.** (July, 2007). Looking ahead. *First Annual ASD SSP Consultants' Conference*, Ottawa, ON.

Verveda, A. & **Maich, K.** (June, 2007). Inclusion, Behaviour and Safety for Campers with ASD. *Fort Erie YMCA*, Fort Erie, ON.

Maich, K. (June, 2007). What is ASD? Poster Presentation. *ASD SSP Camps Open House*, Welland, ON.

Arscott W. & **Maich, K.** (June, 2007). ASD Jeopardy. *Brock University Aquatics, Brock University*, St. Catharines, ON.

Arscott, W. & **Maich, K.** (June, 2007). ASD and issues for young children. *Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care, Brock University*, St. Catharines, ON.

Maich, K. (June, 2007). Structured Learning Environment Poster Presentation. *ASD SSP (Niagara) Open House*, St. Catharines, ON

Arscott, W. & **Maich, K.** (May, 2007). Camp and Kids with ASD: Can we all enjoy this? *Ontario Camping Association Conference*, Toronto, ON.

Maich, K. (April, 2007). Open House Welcome. *ASD SSP (Niagara) Open House*, St. Catharines, ON.

DeTrinidad, A. & **Maich, K.** (April, 2007). A review of the ASD SSP: Program & Initiatives for 2007. *Niagara Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting*, Welland, ON.

Carolyn Maingot (Brock University, 2006)

Carol is in her fourth year as a Board of Directors for the Ontario Association for Adult & Continuing Education School Board Administrators member.

From September, 2006 – June, 2007 Carol was a member of the conference planning committee of the International Study Association for Teachers and Teaching Conference, Totems and Taboos, St. Catharines, ON.

Maingot, Carolyn A. (July, 2007). *Fostering consciousness, insight, and social action through an integral perspective on transformative learning*. Presented at the International Study Association for Teachers and Teaching Conference, Totems and Taboos, St. Catharines, ON.

Maingot, Carolyn A. (January, 2007). Adult Education representative at the *Ontario Roundtable: Towards an Effective Adult Learning System*, Toronto, ON, sponsored by the Canadian Policy Research Networks.

Mary Mallik (Lakehead University, 2002)

On September 21, 2007 Mary successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio entitled "Secondary English teachers' experiences of teaching Obasdan, a multicultural text in grade 12 English classroom ". Mary's supervisor is Dr. Mary Clare Courtland.

Trudy Medcalf (Litster) (University of Western Ontario, 2002)

Trudy has completed a film based on her doctoral research with a team of elder co-researchers, aged 70 to 85. The film, called "Moving Together", is a 54-minute documentary that explores not only the question of what old people have to teach us about growing old but also shows a method of academic inquiry that is participatory and arts-based. She is presently submitting the film to a number of documentary film festivals around the world.

Jan Oakley (Lakehead University, 2007)

For 2007-2008 Jan received an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) for \$15,000.

Oakley, J. (2007). Book review: The power and promise of humane education (Z. Weil). *Canadian Journal of Environmental Education*, 12, 185-186.

Oakley, J., Jickling, B., and Russell, C. (2007). Editorial: A plurality of stories to guide environmental education. *Canadian Journal of Environmental Education*, 12, 5-8.

Sonya Pancucci (Brock University, 2002)

This past summer Sonya presented two papers at The International Study Association for Teachers and Teaching (ISATT) & Joint PhD in Educational Studies Conference, "The Joint PhD Program: An Innovative Approach to Doctoral Studies" at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON:

Pancucci, S. (July, 2007). "*Train the trainer: The bricks in the learning community scaffold of professional development.*" This paper has been published in the International Journal of Social Sciences and the article can be found at <http://www.waset.org/ijss/v2/v2-1-3.pdf> – International Journal of Social Sciences, Vol.2, No.1, 2008 ISSN1306-973X.

Pancucci, S. (July, 2007). Sonya shared at a roundtable paper presentation the initial findings of her doctoral research entitled, "*The observed impact of teachers' capacities on learning community implementation: A participant-observer case study.*"

Snezana Ratkovic (Brock University, 2007)

Elliott, A., Woloshyn, V., Bajovic, M., & **Ratkovic, S.** (in press). Promoting teacher candidates' awareness of the role of critical literacy in the curriculum: Lunchtime conversations. *The Reading Professor*.

Ratkovic, S. & Kentel, J., (July, 2007). Immigration, oppression, and professional identity: Death of a science teacher. Paper presented at the International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Tilley, S., Powick-Kumar, K., & **Ratkovic, S.** (April, 2007). Regulatory practices and qualitative research: Making sense of ethics review. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association conference, Chicago, IL.

Glen Rideout, Dr. (University of Windsor, 2001 – PhD Graduate, 2005)

Glen has accepted an appointment at the Faculty of Education, University of Windsor, in Education Policy and Leadership, commencing January 1, 2008. He has been at the King's University College, Edmonton, since July 2004.

Karen Roland (University of Windsor, 2003)

On July 12, 2007 Karen successfully completed the oral defense examination of the comprehensive portfolio. Karen's supervisor is Dr Benedicta Egbo. In January 2007 Karen received an Academic Appointment as the Experiential Learning Specialist in the Faculty of Education, University of Windsor.

Dlamini, S.N., Martinovic, D., & **Roland, K.** (May, 2007). *Examining the challenges of culturally relevant education in the teacher education program at the University of Windsor.* Presented at the Ministry of Education/Faculties of Education Forum 2007, OISE/UT, Toronto, ON.

Roland, K. & Henshaw, C. (April, 2007). *Inclusive teaching and the duty to accommodate.* Presented at the Faculty of Education Transition Days Conference, University of Windsor, Windsor, ON.

Teresa Shields (Brock University, 2006)

Shields, T. (July, 2007). *Exploring Trustee Leadership as an Essential Governance Role* at Joint PhD in Educational Studies & International Study Association of Teachers and Teaching (ISATT) Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Shields, T. (June, 2007). *Board Development: Governing Boards as Communities of Practice.* The Fourteenth International Conference on Learning, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Linda Weber (University of Western Ontario, 2004)

On June 8, 2007 Linda successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio defense and thesis proposal. Linda's supervisor is Dr. Goli Rezai-Rashti.

Natasha Wiebe (University of Western Ontario, 2004)

On June 6, 2007 Natasha successfully defended her comprehensive portfolio defense. Natasha's supervisor is Dr Cornelia Hoogland. In September 2007 Natasha was awarded a two year SSHRC doctoral fellowship; a two year Western Graduate Research Scholarship; and a research assistantship.

Wiebe, N. (accepted). An interview with Miriam Toews. *Conrad Grebel Review*.

Wiebe, N. (accepted). "deathbed vigil," and "cancer." *Rhubarb: A Magazine of New Mennonite Art and Writing: Special Ontario Issue*.

Wiebe, N. (in press). Di Brandt's writing breaks Canadian Mennonite silence and reshapes cultural identity. In M. Schulze, D. G. John, G. Liebscher, S. Siebel-Achenbach, & J. M. Skidmore (Eds.), *German Immigrants and Their Descendants: Culture, History, Language*. Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

Wiebe, N. (2007). "mennocostal 1: singing in tongues," and "mennocostal 2: filled with the spirit." *Rhubarb: A Magazine of New Mennonite Art and Writing* 13, 39-40.

JOINT COLLABORATIONS:

Carroll, D., Martinovic, D., & Magliaro, J. (July, 2007). "*Information and Communication Technologies: Issues of Access and Equity*" at The Joint PhD in Educational Studies & International Study Association of Teachers and Teaching (ISATT) Conference, Brock University, St. Catherine's, ON

Cassidy, K. & Shields, T. (July, 2007). *Learning in Community: Board Development for Trustees* at The Joint PhD in Educational Studies & International Study Association of Teachers and Teaching (ISATT) Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Awender, T., Ellis, J.B., 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, SK

Congratulations!



On May 18th, 2007 Lena Lazanja (nee Mangoff) (University of Windsor, 2007) and husband Marinko, along with big brother Alexander (4 years) welcomed the safe arrival of their baby girl, Athena Georgia Lazanja (7 lbs 14 oz).

On July 5th, 2007 Liza Sneyd (Brock University, 2007) and husband Chris are happy to announce the safe arrival of their twin sons, Ciaran Patrick (2 lbs 6 oz) and Shay Brendan (2 lbs 4 oz).

On September 4th, 2007 Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007) and husband Tim welcomed the safe arrival of their first child, a son, Kai Murdoch Pearson (7 lbs 0 oz).

