Message from the Director

On behalf of all the faculty and staff of the Joint PhD program in Educational Studies, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2013-2014 academic year. We trust that you had a productive summer and wish you continued success in your studies.

The 2012-2013 academic year was a productive one for the Secretariat. It was also a year of transitions, farewells and new beginnings. On July 1, the Secretariat Office moved from The University of Windsor to Brock University. Please join me in acknowledging and thanking Dr. Benedicta Egbo (Director 2008-2012) and Dr. Jonathan Bayley (2012-2013) for their leadership of this program while at Windsor. Similarly, please join me in acknowledging and thanking Ms. Karen Bourdeau for her oversight of the Secretariat’s Office. The program has benefited greatly from the extraordinary service, efforts and dedication of these individuals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome and introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Ms. Beth Sellick. Beth brings vast experiences as Executive Director for a non-profit organization and Graduate Student Advisor for the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary as well as numerous other relevant professional experiences to the Secretariat’s Office. The Program Committee and I look forward to working closely with Beth over the next five years and I encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with her (email, phone or in person) some time over the next few months.

More recently, the 2013 Doctoral Seminars concluded successfully at Brock University. Dr. Murray Knuttila (provost & Vice-President Academic), welcomed students to Brock and the program at an orientation breakfast on July 2. Welcoming messages were also extended by a number of other senior administrators and scholars including, Dr. Michael Plyley (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Dr. Michelle McGinn (representative for Dean Fiona Blaikie and Associate Dean of Research and International Initiatives, Faculty of Education) Dr. Renee Kuchapski (Chair, Graduate/Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education) Dr. Jonathan Bayley (Acting Director, Joint PhD Program) and myself.

One of the highlights of the summer session was the Keynote address by Dr. Kieran Egan entitled, “The Source of Conflicts About Education”. Dr. Egan is a professor of education at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. Dr. Egan’s scholarship focuses on a new educational theory and its implications for a changed curriculum, teaching practices, and the institution of the school and his scholarly contributions have earned him the title of one of the most respected educators in North America. A copy of Dr. Egan’s lecture is available on-line at the Joint PhD website.

In closing, I feel privileged to assume the role of Director and look forward to serving the Secretariat’s Office over the next five years. In order to understand the unique culture of the program at each university and put faces to some of the many names that we encounter daily, Beth and I will be meeting with administrators, faculty, staff and students at each campus throughout the upcoming months. Until then, I look forward to reading and hearing of your academic accomplishments throughout the year.

Best Wishes

Vera E. Woloshyn, PhD
Professor & Director, Joint PhD Program
Kieran Egan is a professor of education at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada (www.educ.sfu.ca/kegan/).

He received the Grawemeyer Award in Education (1991), was elected to the Royal Society of Canada (1993) and as Foreign Associate member to U.S. National Academy of Education (2000). Dr. Egan received a Canada Research Chair (2001), a Killam Research fellowship (2001-3), won the Whitworth Award (2007), and was nominated as a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association (2010).

His work focuses on a new educational theory and its implications for a changed curriculum, teaching practices, and the institution of the school. His work deals both with innovative educational theory and detailed practical methods whereby implications of his theory can be applied at the classroom level. Various of his books have been translated into more than a dozen languages. His recent books include: An imaginative approach to teaching (2005), Teaching literacy: Engaging the imagination of new readers and writers (2006), The future of education: Reimagining our schools from the ground up (2008), and Learning in depth: A simple innovation that can transform schooling (2010).
Recent Graduates

- **Brendan Brown** (Brock University, 2007)
  On April 15, 2013 Brendan successfully defended his PhD dissertation entitled “Inviting Leadership From a Belfast Bedroom: Invitational Theory in Contemporary Schools.” Supervisor: Dr. John Novak.

- **Louise Gonsalvez** (University of Windsor, 2006)
  On June 17, 2013 Louise successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled “Using Critical Discourse Analysis to Address the Gaps, Exclusions, and Oversights in Active Citizenship Education.” Supervisor: Dr. George Zhou.

- **Barbara Harrison** (Brock University, 2008)
  On January 24, 2013 Barbara successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled “Riffing on a Theme: Faculty Experiences With Service-Learning in a Food Security Research Network in Ontario.” Supervisor: Dr. Susan Drake.

- **Gail Lafleur** (Brock University, 2002)
  On September 12, 2013 Gail successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled “Ojibwe Elders’ Experiences of Peace: Our Well-Being With the Earth.” Supervisor: Dr. Alex Lawson.

- **Wendy Stienstra** (Lakehead University, 2002)

- **Oscar Vincente** (University of Windsor, 2006)

- **Georgann Watson** (Brock University, 2007)

Current Student News

**Comprehensive Portfolio Defenses**

- **Adeyemi Atinuke** (University of Windsor, 2011)
  On September 23, 2013 Adeyemi successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Adeyemi’s supervisor is Dr. D. Martinovic.

- **Po-Ling Bork** (Brock University)
  On May 14, 2013 Po-Ling successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Po-Ling’s supervisor is Dr. Sheila Bennett.

- **Kara Delicata** (University of Windsor, 2011)
  On March 14, 2013 Kara successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Kara’s supervisor is Dr. Christopher Greig.

- **Nesreen El Kord** (University of Windsor, 2010)
  On February 1, 2013 Nesreen successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Nesreen’s supervisor is Dr. Shijing Xu.

- **Blessing Igbokwe** (University of Windsor, 2009)
  On April 10, 2013 Blessing successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Blessing’s supervisor is Dr. Geri Salinitri.

- **Gail Kuhl** (Lakehead University 2009)
  On July 12, 2013 Gail successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Gail’s supervisor is Dr. Connie Russell.

- **Laura Lane** (Brock University, 2011)
  On July 11, 2013 Laura successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Laura’s supervisor is Dr. Nancy Taber.
Vanessa Mio (University of Windsor, 2011)
On December 13, 2013 Vanessa successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Vanessa’s supervisor is Dr. Jonathan Bayley.

Cynthia Parr (Brock University, 2010)
On April 5, 2013 Cynthia successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Cynthia’s supervisor is Dr. Vera Woloshyn.

David Thompson (University of Windsor, 2011)
On May 28, 2013 David successfully defended his Comprehensive Portfolio. David’s supervisor is Dr. Darren Stanley.

Adeyemi Atinuke (University of Windsor, 2011)

James Borland (University of Windsor, 2009)

Jennifer Brant (Brock University, 2011)


Julia Colella (University of Windsor, 2013)

Jennifer Holm (Lakehead University, 2009)


Chrispina, LeKule (University of Windsor, 2010)

Kael Sharman (University of Windsor, 2008)


Tracy Shields (Lakehead University, 2012)
Patrick Tierney (Brock University, 2011)


Tierney, P. J. (in press). The framework: The role of access, attributes, and affordance in the adoption of distance education technology for lifestyle change. *International Journal of Distance Education Technology*.

Larysa Turko (Lakehead University, 2010)


Christina Skorobohacz (Brock University, 2008)


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### Presentations

**Adeyemi Atinuke** (University of Windsor, 2011)


**Judy Brant** (Brock University, 2011)


**Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio** (Lakehead University, 2009)


Jennifer Holm (Lakehead University, 2009)


Holm, J. (2013, February). Improving mathematics teaching through professional learning groups. Presented at the 2013 Faculty of Education Graduate Student Conference. Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ont.

Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007)

Kael Sharman (University of Windsor, 2008)


Patrick Tierney (Brock University, 2011)


Michelle Turko (University of Windsor, 2007)

Larysa Turko (Lakehead University, 2010)


Grants & Awards

Adeyemi Atinuke (University of Windsor, 2011)
Adeyemi was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Canada Doctoral Fellowship, an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Declined), the A.R. and E.G. Ferriss Award, the Ross H. Paul Scholarship, and the Canadian Federation of University Women (Windsor Club) Award.

Judy Bornais (University of Windsor, 2013)
Judy was awarded the Council of Ontario Programs in Nursing (COUPN) 2013 Excellence in Teaching Award and was chosen for the 2013 Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Award for Excellence in Nursing Education (Tenured Position). (Award will be presented in Ottawa on November 19, 2013)

Jennifer Brant (Brock University, 2013)
Jennifer was the recipient of a Doctoral Award from SSHRC for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio (Lakehead University, 2009)
Kristen was awarded SIM-one (Ontario Simulation Network) funding for the project Innovative Use of Simulation Equipment for Education of Personal Support Workers as the principal investigator with co-investigators Ian Newhouse, Linda Pisco, Stephanie Hendrickson, Kathy Kortes-Miller, Ruth Wilford.

Patrick Tierney (Brock University, 2011)
Patrick was awarded the Dean of Graduate Studies Research Fellowship for Spring 2013 as well as the Brock Faculty of Education PhD Research Fellowship for 2012-2013.

Larysa Turko (Lakehead University, 2010)
Larysa is the recipient of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship for 2012-2013.

Congratulations to all!

Other News

Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio (Lakehead University, 2009)
Kristen presented a six hour workshop on Feb 2013, “Making a Difference!” with Kathy Kortes-Miller on palliative/end-of-life dementia care education for hospice volunteers Part of a study funded by Alzheimer’s Society of Thunder Bay, “Making a Difference”: Exploring the Value of Volunteering in Palliative/End-of-life Dementia Care Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON.

Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007)
Krista achieved the professional designation of Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP).

Kael Sharman (University of Windsor, 2008)

Alumni Achievements

Kimberly Maich (PhD), a graduate of Brock University, is now an Assistant Professor at Brock University. Kimberley was the recipient of a Wilfrid Laurier University Internal Research Grant for work on Leadership Issues in Special Education, a Brock University Advancement Fund Special Purpose Grant for Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Ontario Context: An Introduction, a Research Innovation Fund Grant from Fanshawe College, as Co-Principal Investigator with Carmen Hall (Fanshawe College) for The Continuation of a Case Study of an iPad-Infused Classroom, a Graduate
Research Assistance Development Fund Grant from Brock University, as Co-Principal Investigator with Carmen Hall (Fanshawe College) for A Case Study of an iPad-Infused Classroom, a Family Services Community Grant from Autism Speaks Canada, as Project Lead, for Peer Awareness for Preservice Teachers, and a Research & Development Grant from Brock University, as Principal Investigator with Carmen Hall (Fanshawe College), for Stay, Play, & Talk: Assessing the Impact of a Peer-Mediated Social Skills Program on the Peer Play of Preschool-Aged Children with Social Issues, Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder, or a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder in Inclusive Child Care Settings.

Jelena Magliaro (PhD), a graduate of the University of Windsor, is now the Inter-Faculty Program Academic Coordinator at University of Windsor.

Sylvia Moore (PhD) a graduate of Lakehead University is now a visiting assistant professor at Labrador Institute of Memorial University. Sylvia is developing the new Aboriginal Community-Based B.Ed. Program for the Labrador Institute.

The Joint PhD in Educational Studies Program community suffered two tragic losses this past year. It is with deepest respect that we pay tribute to two special scholars.

Dr. Michael Kompf (Brock University) passed away in early August after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Michael was involved in our PhD program, supervising a number of students. He also taught Doctoral Seminar I in 2010 (with Gerald Walton, Lakehead), and the Research Colloquium in 2009 (with Connie Russell, Lakehead).

Dr. Jonathan Neufeld (Brock University) passed away this past September. Jonathan was involved in the early years of our program when he taught in the Doctoral Seminars (2001, 2005, & 2006). Jonathan was always eager to engage in discussion with students and colleagues and assist in scholarly endeavours.

Michael and Jonathan will be missed.

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