Message from Dr. Benedicta Egbo  
Program Director

Greetings. How time flies! This past academic year went by very quickly. Indeed, it is hard to believe that it is already one year since the Secretariat moved to Windsor based on the program’s rotational policy. More importantly, I am happy to report that the program continues to thrive.

A warm welcome to new and returning students and, faculty members who will be participating and teaching respectively, in the tenth summer doctoral seminar session which will run from July 6 – 31st at Lakehead. On behalf of the Program Committee, I want to extend a special welcome to the 2009 cohort. You were admitted to the program from a large pool of qualified applicants and, we are delighted that you are now part of the Joint PhD Program “family”. We hope that you will take advantage of all available opportunities (through collaboration with your peers and faculty members), to grow as scholars who develop an enduring commitment to scholarship, research, knowledge generation and lifelong learning. On our part, we at the Joint PhD Program are committed to helping you in any way we can as you embark on this exciting journey. Do not hesitate to contact me, the Secretariat, your advisor, and the faculty member who represents your home university on the Program Committee, if we can be of some assistance to you. I look forward to welcoming you and your second year colleagues in Thunder Bay.

The following instructors will teach the Doctoral Seminars during this year’s summer session: Doctoral Seminar 1: Drs Susan Tilley (Brock), Gerald Walton (Lakehead) and Lisa Korteweg (Lakehead). Doctoral Seminar 2: Drs Alison McInnes (Windsor), Andrew Allen (Windsor) and Hope Fennell (Lakehead). Collaboratively, they have planned a very engaging and productive summer session. A big thank you to all.

As many of you are aware, the Joint PhD Program hosted a Wine and Cheese Reception during the recently concluded CSSE Conference at Carleton University in Ottawa. The reception was well attended by students, Faculty, prospective students and “friends” of the program. I was delighted to see that many of our students delivered papers at the conference. It is my hope that the Joint PhD Program will have an even stronger presence at future conferences.

Best wishes to all for a successful 2009/2010 academic year.

Benedicta Egbo, PhD

Recent Graduates

Arlene Grierson (Brock University, 2004)
On January 12, 2009 Arlene successfully defended her PhD dissertation “Show me, help me, let me: supporting teachers’ changing conceptions of reading assessment and reading instruction”. Supervisor: Dr. Vera Woloshyn. Arlene is currently an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at the Brantford Campus of Nipissing University.

Current Student News

Portfolio & Dissertation Proposal Defenses

Anoop Gupta (University of Windsor, 2007)
On March 23rd, 2009 Anoop successfully defended his Comprehensive Portfolio. Anoop’s supervisor is Dr. Anthony Ezeife.

Kimberly Maich (Brock University, 2002)
On November 14th, 2008 Kimberly successfully defended her Dissertation Proposal “Opening a Can of Worms: Perceptions and Practices of Teachers in Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporating the Role of a Therapist”. Kimberly’s supervisor is Dr. Don Dworet.

Carolyn A. Maingot (Brock University, 2006)

Jan Oakley (Lakehead University, 2007)
Katherine Cassidy (Brock University, 2006)


Pamela Cook (University of Windsor, 2004)


Jenni Donohoo (University of Windsor, 2005)


Jason Ellis, Dr (University of Windsor, 2005 – PhD Graduate 2007)


Arlene Grierson (Brock University, 2004 – PhD Graduate 2009)


Grierson, A., Gallagher, T., & Woloshyn, V.E. (2007). Special education teachers’ experiences implementing a “scientifically-based” program: All that glitters is not gold, Policy and Practice in Education, 13(1.2).

Ismail Gonzalez (Lakehead University, 2007)


Anoop Gupta (University of Windsor, 2007)


Kimberly Maich (Brock University, 2002)


Carolyn A. Maingot (Brock University, 2006)


Jan Oakley (Lakehead University, 2007)


Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007)


Snezana Ratkovic (Brock University, 2007)


May Al-Fartousi (Brock University, 2008)


Katherine Cassidy (Brock University, 2006)

Cassidy, Katherine (May, 2009). What’s the Master Plan? Emerging Trends and Planning for Continuing Education in a New Era. Presented with Wendy Laslo (Continuing Education) at the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education, Vancouver, B.C.

Cassidy, Katherine (May, 2009). Higher Education and Strategic Change in the Wake of a New Era. Presented at the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education in the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Ottawa, ON.


Pamela Cook (University of Windsor, 2004)

Cook, P. (March, 2009). Differentiating Language Arts in Belize, Mid-west Scholars Conference, Indianapolis, IN.


Jenni Donohoo (University of Windsor, 2005)


Jason Ellis, Dr (University of Windsor, 2005 – PhD Graduate, 2007)


George Lamoureux (Brock University, 2005)


Catherine Longboat (Brock University, 2008)

Longboat, C. (May, 2009). Advancing the work of ethics policies and practices in research involving Aboriginal peoples. Honouring Guswenta: Carving Out Space for Peaceful Co-existence in the Academy presented at the CSSE Conference, Ottawa, ON.

Longboat, C. (May, 2009). Strategies for transformation in the ethical space of a secondary school. Tomorrow is Mine: Responding to the Needs of Aboriginal Children in Public Education, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.


Longboat, C. (October, 2008). Identity: Health and Healing, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Kimberly Maich (Brock University, 2002)


Maich, K. & Lengyell, E. (April, 2009). Organizing and structuring events as routines for children with ASD. Conference for Early Childhood Educators, Where it all Begins, Conestoga College, Kitchener, ON.

Maich, K. & Lengyell, E. (April, 2009). ASD in the preschool classroom. CHANGE Ontario Early Years Conference, Bramford, ON.


Maich, K. (April, 2009). Introduction to Visuals. Redeemer University College Mini-Conference in ASD, Ancaster, ON.

Maich, K. (April, 2009). Introduction to ASD. Redeemer University College Mini-Conference in ASD, Ancaster, ON.


Maich, K. & Lengyell, E. (February, 2009). Introduction to ASD. Nipissing University BEd Program, Brantford, ON.

Maich, K. & Lengyell, E. (February, 2009). Introduction to ASD. Redeemer University College’s BEd Program, Ancaster, ON.


Maich, K. (January, 2009). Introduction to ASD Public Lecture. Tyndale University College, Toronto, ON.

Maich, K. & Lengyell, E. (December, 2008). Introduction to ASD. Redeemer University College’s BEd Program, Ancaster, ON.


Jelena Magliaro (University of Windsor, 2006)


Sonya Panucci (Brock University, 2002)


Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007)


Pearson, K. (February, 2009). Exploring whiteness in higher education informed by critical race theory. Paper accepted for the annual International Education & University Conference, Spokane, WA.

Pearson, K. (January, 2009). Introduction to whiteness and critical race theory. Presentation to Introduction to Women Studies at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON.

Deanna Pecaski McLennan (University of Windsor, 2004)


Snezana Ratkovic (Brock University, 2007)


Kathleen Sharrman (University of Windsor, 2008)


Sharman, K. (May, 2009). Narrative Teaching Strategies for Vocational Teacher Education. Presented at the University of Windsor- Oakland University Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning 2009, Windsor, ON.


Nicola Simmons (Brock University, 2004 – PhD Graduate, 2007)


Simmons, N., Stublely, G. & Lee, J. (May, 2009). Getting engaged in engineering: Holding on to good students once you’ve found them. Accepted for the Opportunities and New Directions conference, University of Waterloo.

Simmons, N., & Taylor, K. L. (February, 2009). Navigating SoTL challenges: Faculty developers as catalysts. Presented at the Educational Developers’ Caucus, Durham College, Oshawa, ON.


Christina Skorobohacz (Brock University, 2008)


Skorobohacz, C. (February, 2009). Enacting social justice and equity in the classroom and beyond: A research assistant’s observations, analyses, and experiences participating in a SSHRC-funded project. Guest Lecturer for EDUC 2965: Diversity Issues in Schooling, Course Instructor Dr. Dolona Mogadime, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Skorobohacz, C., & Liu, L. (January, 2009). Conversation colleagues: Two participants’ experiences. Presentation for the Conversation Colleagues Program: Training Session, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

Michelle Turan (University of Windsor, 2007)


Catherine Longboat (Brock University, 2008)

Catherine has been awarded a Special One-Time only PSE Bursary Government of Canada Endowment Fund administered through National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation valued at $2600.00 to enter the first year of a five year Doctor of Philosophy program at Brock University. Catherine was also the recipient of the Casino rama’s Award for Excellence Graduate Program valued at $4500.00.

Carolyn A. Maignot (Brock University, 2006)

Carolyn has been awarded a Brock University annual Graduate Fellowship for the Winter and Spring/Summer terms valued at $7,775.00. Carolyn has also been awarded the Brick Robb Memorial Scholarship for Educational Research from Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ federation valued at $6,300.00
Catherine Bates (Brock University, 2005)
Catherine, who is in the Canadian Forces will be moving to the UK this summer to take up a two year position as Canadian Exchange Officer at the Defence Centre of Training Support at Royal Air Force Station Halton, United Kingdom.

George Lamoureux (Brock University, 2005)
George was recently elected to the position of Ontario Teachers’ Federation Past President and will continue to represent 155,000 teachers in publicly funded education in Ontario. George will be teaching at Barrie Central Collegiate this fall.

Carolyn A. Maingot (Brock University, 2006). Carolyn was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education School Board Administrators for the 2009-2010 year in the role of Vice-President.