Message from the Director

On behalf of all the faculty and staff of the Joint PhD in Educational Studies Program, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2015-2016 fall and winter terms. We trust that you had a productive summer and are taking the time to reflect on your accomplishments as you develop your plans for the coming academic year.

This past year was a productive one for the Joint PhD Committee. The committee revised several sections of the 2015 Joint PhD Handbook (www.jointphdined.org), providing clarity around residency requirements, withdrawal, re-admission, and leave of absence procedures, and the requirements of full-time status. We encourage you to review the revised Program Handbook and the Designated Faculty over the next few months. I also would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Joint PhD Program Committee for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the program and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Drs. Paul Berger (LU), Glenn Rideout (WI) and Susan Tilley (BU).

The 2015 Doctoral Seminars were hosted successfully at Lakehead University in beautiful Thunder Bay, Ontario. Our summer began with a warm welcome from Dr. Moira McPherson (Provost & Vice-President Academic) and other senior administrators including Dr. Christine Gottardo (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Dr. John O’Meara (Dean, Faculty of Education), and Dr. Paul Berger (Chair, Graduate Studies and Research, Faculty of Education).

Our keynote address by Dr. Deborah Barndt was one notable highlight of the summer session. Dr. Barndt is professor emeritus in the Faculty of Environment Studies at York University and affiliate faculty member at the Coady International Institute at Saint Francis Xavier University. In her address entitled, “Viva Other Ways of Knowing! Decolonizing Education through Participatory Arts-Based Research”, Dr. Barndt overviewed how her varied professional experiences over four decades have shaped and informed her identity as an academic, activist, and artist. A video recording of Dr. Barndt’s address is available from the Joint PhD website (http://jointphd.ed.brocku.ca/summer-sessions) as are references to some of her many publications.

Wishing everyone productive fall and winter terms.

Vera E. Woloshyn, PhD
Professor & Director, Joint PhD Program
Orientation Breakfast
DSI and DSII students are welcomed to Lakehead University

Keynote Address

*Viva Other Ways of Knowing! Decolonizing Education through Participatory Arts-Based Research* with Dr. Deborah Barndt
The Joint PhD program is pleased to welcome Dr. David Siegel, interim Dean of the Faculty of Education at Brock University. David is a well-known political scientist who specializes in public policy and administration. With a breadth of knowledge and experience in academia David looks forward to his next challenge in Education and welcomes students, staff, and faculty within the Joint PhD program to knock on his door should they find themselves in the Niagara Region.
Recent Graduates

- **Atinuke Adeyemi** (Brock University, 2011)
  On September 21, 2015 Atinuke successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Investigating and Overcoming Mathematics Anxiety in In-Service Elementary School Teachers”. Dr. Dragana Martinovic was Atinuke’s supervisor.

- **Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio** (Lakehead University, 2009)
  On June 9, 2015 Kristen successfully defended her dissertation entitled “What guides us here? Exploring community health nurses’ experiences of moral distress”. Dr. Sonja Grover was Kristen’s supervisor.

- **Kristine Lake** (Lakehead University, 2006)
  On August 20, 2015 Kristine successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Elementary schoolchildren’s perspectives on character: An exploration using a children’s rights participatory framework”. Dr. Sonja Grover was Kristine’s supervisor.

- **Vanessa Mio** (University of Windsor, 2011)
  On September 15, 2015 Vanessa successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Foundational Learning and Rehabilitation: An Investigation of the Remedial Strategies of Postsecondary Violin Instructors”. Dr. Jonathan Bayley was Vanessa’s supervisor.

- **Ewelina Niemczyk** (Brock University, 2010)
  On September 8, 2015 Ewelina successfully defended her dissertation entitled “A Case Study of Doctoral Research Assistantships: Access and Experiences of Full-Time and Part-Time Education Students”. Dr. Michelle McGinn was Ewelina’s supervisor.

- **Emily Root** (Lakehead University, 2009)
  On August 5, 2015 Emily successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Dis-placing myself: Decolonizing a Settler outdoor environmental educator”. Dr. Lisa Korteweg was Emily’s supervisor.

- **Deidre Wilson** (University of Windsor, 2010)

Current Student News

Comprehensive Portfolio Defenses

**Julia Colella** (University of Windsor, 2013)
Julia successfully defended her PhD Comprehensive Portfolio on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the University of Windsor. The title of her portfolio is “Plagiarism education”. Dr. Terry Sefton is Julia’s supervisor.

**Tracey Gurbin** (University of Windsor, 2013)
Tracey successfully defended her PhD Comprehensive Portfolio on Thursday August 27, 2015 at the University of Windsor. The title of her portfolio is “Vignettes and Synthesis: Path to PhD”. Dr. George Zhou is Tracey’s supervisor.
Enoka Makulloluwa (Brock University, 2012)
Enoka successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio on Friday October 16, 2015 at Brock University. The title of her portfolio is “My Academic Trajectory: From Biculturalism to Multiculturalism”. Dr. Tiffany Gallagher is Enoka’s supervisor.

Melissa Oskineegish (Lakehead University, 2013)
Melissa successfully defended her PhD Comprehensive Portfolio on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Lakehead University. The title of her portfolio is “How does self-awareness affect pre-service teachers in developing pedagogical practices that are responsive to Indigenous students”. Dr. Paul Berger is Melissa’s supervisor.

Sean Schat (Brock University, 2012)
Sean successfully defended his PhD Comprehensive Portfolio on Tuesday October 6, 2015 at Brock University. The title of his portfolio is “From Circling to Emerging”. Dr. Joe Engemann is Sean’s supervisor.

Alexa Scully (Lakehead University, 2010)
Alexa successfully defended her PhD Comprehensive Portfolio on May 7, 2015 at Lakehead University. The title of her portfolio is “Redressing the miseducation of non-Indigenous Canadians through place-based teacher education”. Dr. Paul Berger is Alexa’s supervisor.

Monique Somma (Brock University, 2013)
Monique successfully defended her PhD Comprehensive Portfolio on Monday, June 8, 2015 at Brock University. The title of her portfolio is “Teacher Change through the Lens of Rights and Critical Disability Theories”. Dr. Sheila Bennett is Monique’s supervisor.

Shuzhen Zhao (University of Windsor, 2012)
Shuzhen successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio defense on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the University of Windsor. The title of her portfolio is “A Reconciliation of Library User Education”. Dr. George Zhou is Shuzhen’s supervisor.

Publications

Judy Bornais (University of Windsor, 2013)

Tracy Crowe Morey (Brock University, 2014)

Perez Oyugi (Brock University, 2011)

Sirous Tabrizi (University of Windsor, 2014)
Presentations

Jacqueline Beres (Brock University, 2014)


Judy Bornais (University of Windsor, 2013)


Freeman, M., Dennison, S., McKay, P., Rickeard, D., Bornais, J., Crawley, J., & Walsh, V. (2014). *With a little help from our friends! Integrating the science of patient safety in medication administration practices in a Faculty of Nursing.* Presentation at The Great Lakes 5th Biennial Nursing Conference: Integrating Research, Theory And Practice To Maximize Patient Safety And Health Outcomes Conference, Caesars Convention Centre, Windsor, Ontario.


Andrews, D.M., Bornais, J. A. K., & Dixon, J. C. (2014, May). *We learn so you learn: Peer observation to improve classroom teaching.* Presentation at the 8th Annual International Conference on Teaching and Learning, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, MI.

Andrews, D. & Bornais, J. (2014, May). *Peer collaboration network.* Invited panel presenter at the University of Windsor Educational Leadership Forum, University of Windsor, Windsor, ON.


Christina Garchinski (Brock University, 2015)

Garchinski, C. M. (2015, November). *Teaching adolescents to think and act responsibly through narrative filmmaking: Strategies for technology education students using the EQUIP approach.* To be presented at the 59th Annual Special Education Conference. Niagara Falls, ON.

Fouada Hamzeh (University of Windsor, 2014)


Enoka Makulloluwa (Brock University, 2012)


Bryanna Scott (Lakehead University, 2013)


Sirous Tabrizi (University of Windsor, 2014)


Justin Teeuwen (University of Windsor, 2015)

Teeuwen, J., Brush, M., Rangan, C., Salinitri, G., Smithers, D., Jagpal, J., & Keating, J. (2015, May). *Developing resiliency in calculus through mentorship.* Poster presented at the University of Windsor and Oakland University Teaching and Learning Conference, Windsor, ON.
Grants & Awards

Jacqueline Beres (Brock University, 2014)
Jacqueline was awarded OGS for her research project for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Christina Garchinski (Brock University, 2015)
Christina was awarded OGS for her research project for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Doe O’Brien-Teengs (Lakehead University, 2013)
Doe was awarded the Indigenous Learning Pathways to Prevention Student Award funded by the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) for her project Developing Research from Within: Building Research ideas with Oahas staff for June 2015-June 2016.

Bryanna Scott (Lakehead University, 2013)
Bryanna is a recipient of Indspire’s Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries and Scholarship Awards Program for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Monique Somma (Brock University, 2013)
Monique was awarded OGS for her research project for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Sirous Tabrizi (University of Windsor, 2014)
Sirous was awarded the Pat Rogers Award for Social Justice in Education.

Justin Teeuwen (University of Windsor, 2015)
Justin was awarded OGS for his research project for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Owen Webb (Brock University, 2013)
Owen was awarded OGS for his research project for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Congratulations to all!

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