

Language and Literacy Education

Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia

Summer 2012 Newsletter

Greetings from the Department Head



Summer greetings to everyone in the LLED community!

While working hard in my summer office (see photo), I

thought about how blessed I am to be working with my wonderful LLED colleagues, in an environment with vibrant scholarly activities. I can, by no means, capture all the involvements of LLED faculty, students and staff, but I thought that I would highlight a few

events and activities in a brief Summer Newsletter.

I hope that all of you continue to have a happy, healthy summer.

Dr. Annette Henry
Department Head

2012 Drama Summer Institute

Dr. George Belliveau and Dr. David Beare co-taught the combined undergraduate and graduate course, Drama, Literacy, and Diverse Learning (LLED 435/565) July 3-7. This one week institute consisted of 52 students, ranging from B.Ed. teacher candidates to experienced

classroom teachers, with over half of them being in the M.Ed. program.



The institute was enlivened with various guest presenters. Dr. Tara Goldstein

from OISE/UT was one of the highlights. She shared her research-based theatre work highlighting issues of race and homophobia in schools. Other guests included Dr. Cameron Culham (U.Vic) and Glen Wyatt, a North Vancouver teacher.

Recurring Questions of Technology Summer Institute

Three LLED faculty members, Dr. Mary Bryson, Dr. Teresa Dobson and Dr. Candace Galla, and Meike Wernike (Assistant) played a major role in the UBC/SFU joint Institute, Recurring Questions of

Technology Institute (July 9-13), a timely and novel idea conceptualized by Dr. John Willinsky who played a major role in its organization and success. Over 50 undergraduate,

Masters and Ph.D. students from SFU and UBC participated in lectures and activities led by professors from both universities.

Summer 2012 Indigeneity Educational Institute

Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald, Associate Dean of Indigenous Education and Research, and Dr. Jan Hare Associate Professor, LLED, have successfully organized an exciting institute during July and August

involving four courses between EDST and LLED, as well as guest lectures and symposia with a range of scholars from across the country (Drs. Marie Battiste and Susan Dion), LLED scholars (Drs.

Jim Anderson and Candace Galla), LLED Graduate Student, Nicola Friedrich and several esteemed members of the Musqueam community.

As part of the 2012 Indigeneity Educational Institute, Dr. Candace Galla and her LLED 565D (Living our Indigenous Language through Performative Arts) students gave a



performance at The Museum of Anthropology on Friday, July 20th. It was a tribute to the Hawaiian culture with a show of *hula, mele* and *oli* that the students learned in class.

Congratulations and Notes of Appreciation

Congratulations to **Dr. Ling Shi** who has been promoted to Professor! Dr. Shi's areas of research expertise include second language writing, testing, student plagiarism and test-appropriation. Dr. Shi just returned from a fellowship at Beijing



position of Academic Director for the Ritsumeikan Academic Exchange Program on July 1.

After 21 years at UBC, a long-time Ritsumeikan instructor, **Dr. Bill McMichael**, retired on June 30th. We wish Dr. McMichael all the best in this next chapter of his life.



Congratulations to **Dr. Mary Bryson** on her .75 position as Director of the newly-formed Institute for

Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice, in the Faculty of Arts.

Congratulations, again, to Dr. Bryson and her research team for being awarded a 3-year, \$356,377 CIHR Operating Grant for her study, *Cancer's Margins and the Choreography of Knowledge: Toward a Queer Biopolitics and the Mobilization of Public Health Knowledge*. This ground-breaking pan-Canadian study will advance understandings of how sexual orientation and gender shape access to cancer health knowledge and its mobilization in treatment and survivor health decision-

making.

Dr. Candace Galla's "Hula Power" was featured in the UBC



Reports.

This interesting article can be enjoyed at: <http://www.publicaffairs.ubc.ca/2012/07/04/hula-power/>.

Ph.D. Defences

A hearty congratulations to three LLED students: **Onawa McIvor** ("ikakwiw nîhiyawiyân: I am learning [to be] Cree"), **Lauryn Oates**, ("ICT, Multilingual Primary Education and Classroom Pedagogy in Northern Uganda") and **Dennis Murphy Odo** ("An investigation of the cross-mode comparability of a paper and computer-based multiple-choice cloze reading assessment for ESL learners"). Dr. Murphy Odo has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Georgia State University! We wish him well in his new position and wish Lauren and Onawa al the best!

Dr. Ken Reeder has returned to LLED full time, after a six-year secondment as Academic Director of UBC Ritsumeikan Academic



Exchange Program (AEP). We extend our sincere thanks for his many years of dedicated service. Dr. Reeder's research and AEP work were recently featured in one of EPLT's podcasts: bc.ca/epltonline/2012/07/down-the-hall-episode-39-digital-balance/.

Congratulations to **Dr. Sandra Zappa-Hollman**, who began her new

