EVENTS, NEWS, AND ACTIVITIES

May 5 was our lab get together at Thomson House. Thank you so much for Marie Michelle for setting that up. I was not able to stay for long, but I hope everybody had a good time. It is always nice to get together in a casual atmosphere. Thomson house is so convenient that maybe we should meet there more often.

May 13 I had the pleasure to provide a short talk to the volunteer tutors of Literacy Unlimited. This group provides tutoring services to adult learners with low levels of literacy. In addition, there were also leaders from the adult education community such as our partners from Place Cartier and the chair of the larger association Québec Literacy. There may be opportunities here to apply some of our ideas to adult education beyond that of Place Cartier. I will be following up to see if there is any potential streams of data collection coming from this event.

CSPI has decided not to expand our research project into high schools for this year. However, they will continue to use our elementary school interventions. We have a meeting with the leaders at CSPI on June 13. I will be inviting some of you to assist in this meeting is at least two of you will be taking over leadership of this data collection stream.

I should have the first two chapters of the book completed by next Saturday. I would like to have some of you read over these chapters for copy editing and comments. These early drafts and will likely require a lot of work. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting on this project.

Joyce is doing well and has tolerated the first parts of her treatment with great strength. We are not to phase 2 — weekly treatments that are supposed to be less severe with the side effects.

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Let me know if you are interested in writing a proposal for the NASP conference. I believe these are due in the first week of June. The conference will be in San Antonio, Texas. I am still contemplating whether I want to attend. I will probably be writing a proposal for a miniskills workshop and one other paper.

Please follow the GPS guidelines concerning tracking your progress towards graduation.
http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/progress
Please complete the research tracking form. I will be in the office Wednesday and Thursday of next week to sign and submit these forms. As your supervisor, I need to write a section — so you need to make sure that I have time to write up a mindful section for your report. If you wish to set up an individual meeting, please let me know and we can set aside some time for those two days.


Obviously, masters theses are due in a little more than two weeks. As my schedule is pretty full, please get those to me as soon as possible.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 31 — all annual reports are due
- June 1 — initial drafts of all completed MA theses are due
- June 30 — all portfolios are due

“Successful People are Simply Those with Successful Habits.” – Brian Tracy

**ROLES AND NEEDS FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

No one has contacted me about taking on any of the roles that I mentioned in the last newsletter. So I will be making invitations.

**CURRICULUM**

As you begin to make your plans for the fall semester, a good way to calculate your time expenditures and budgeting is to consider your commitment to the lab is approximately equivalent to one class. Most typically, that is an average of 10 hours per week. Two of the things we will be focusing on the most this fall are writing and ethics. Here are three papers that I expect everyone to be familiar with and comfortable with as we enter the fall term. Please consider this your summer beach reading.


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