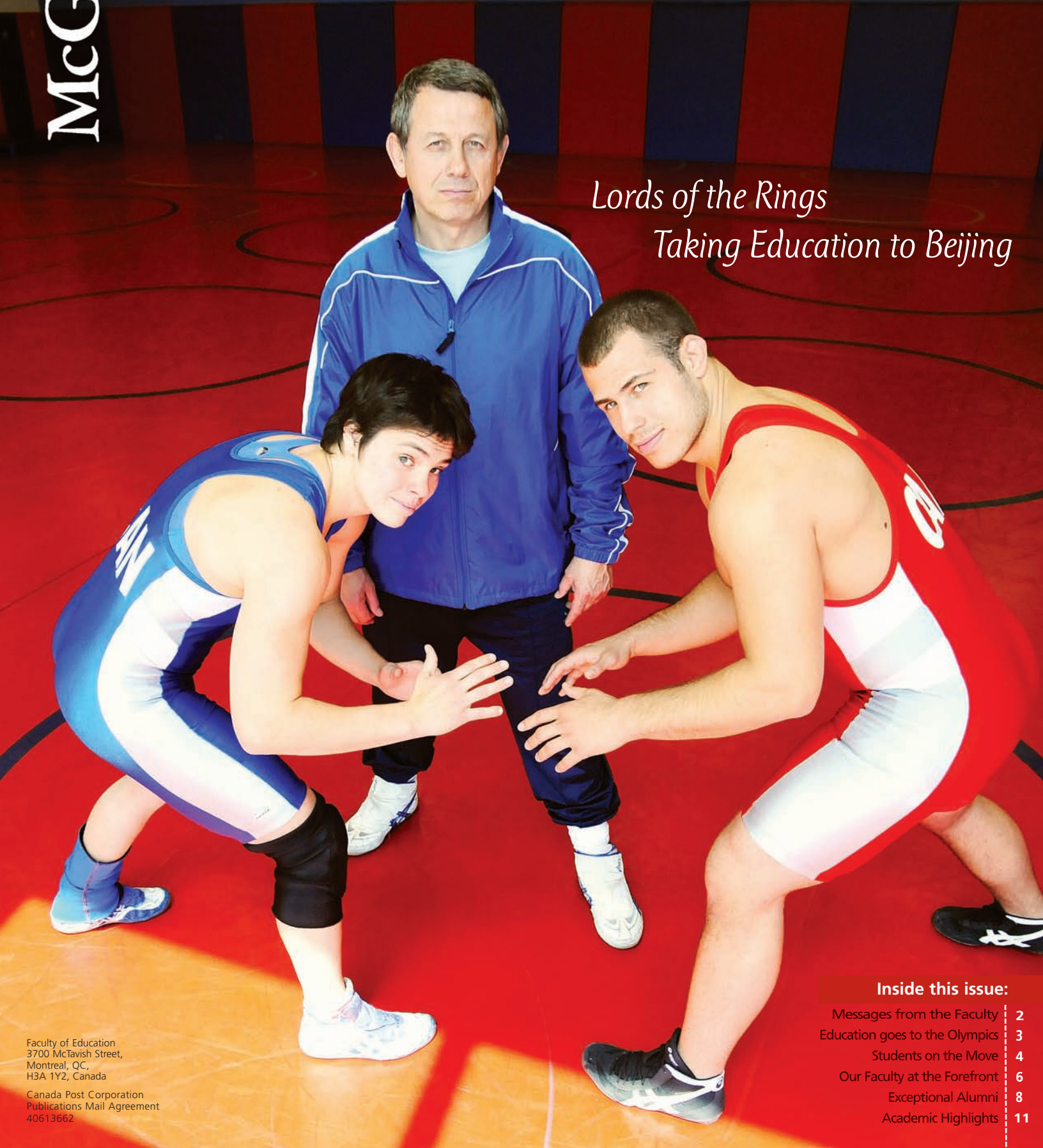




*Lords of the Rings
Taking Education to Beijing*



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Messages from the Faculty

▶ A *Message* from the Dean



Photo: Lewis Wosiu

This academic year, the Faculty commemorates 150 years of teacher education at McGill. Celebrations reached their peak at the 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner, Saturday, October 20, drawing together 350 alumni, students, faculty members and staff from Canada, the United States, the Caribbean and Europe.

The day began with an open-house exhibition that welcomed over 200 guests. With artefacts and photographs, visitors were transported through 150 years of education history. Professors and students intrigued guests with displays and demonstrations of the Faculty's diverse research and pedagogy.

The anniversary celebrations have been a wonderful opportunity for our professors and students to showcase their groundbreaking research. Occupying three contemporary areas—Learning Sciences for the New Times; Health and Lifestyle; and Diversity and Inclusion to Build Social Capital—our research is helping shape the future of the Faculty.

The significance of these research areas has seen the Faculty's grants increase considerably from a yearly average of \$935,000 in 1995-1998 to \$6,700,000 in the 2006-2007 academic year. It is estimated that we now hold the **highest per capita research** income among Canadian education faculties.

This level of research productivity would not have been possible without the hard work of our dedicated academic staff and outstanding students. Examples abound in this issue of *In Focus* and I invite you to contact the Faculty to find out more.

For more than 150 years, McGill Education has nurtured talented educators who have shaped countless young lives. Now, it seeks to attract and retain the best educational experts, broaden collaborations in research and education and strengthen its undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs.

Campaign McGill will provide the support McGill Education requires to educate superb teachers, refine and improve teaching methods, and develop curricula and teaching materials that enable future generations to achieve their potential in life.

Dr. Jamshid Beheshti
Interim Dean | Faculty of Education

▶ *Dear Alumni and Friends,*



Photo: Lewis Wosiu

I feel very excited to have joined the Faculty as its Development Officer at this historic stage in education at McGill. Not only have I been deeply impressed by the important work already being carried out in the Faculty, but I am now dedicated to making sure that we can continue to provide our students with the quality of education that they require to realize their full potential.

This is why your gift is so crucial in helping us move forward. Your generosity ensures that our students can participate in exciting projects and excellent educational opportunities that make a lasting impact. Please take this opportunity to send your Alma Mater Fund gift with the form provided at the back of this newsletter. Each contribution, however big or small, goes a long way. With your help, we will continue to offer an education that is well beyond the ordinary. *Thank you!*

Katie Whitehead
Development Officer | Faculty of Education

▶ Development and Alumni Relations - **keeping you connected!**



Photo: Jim Harris

If you've ever attended an Education alumni event, chances are you've had the pleasure of meeting Jennifer. Her mission is to keep your calendar full!

Jennifer Coutlee | Alumni Relations and Special Events Associate



Ling is here to keep you informed through print publications and our Alumni website. Keep up to date on alumni news, event information and photographs at www.mcgill.ca/edu-alumni.

Ling Yuen | Special Projects Coordinator



Photo: Lewis Wosiu

Ask Amena—she has the answers! The wheel that keeps the DAR office turning, if you need any information about lost classmates or future events, Amena's the one to call.

Amena Ahmad, BCom'07 | Administrative Coordinator

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Education goes to the Olympics

McGill's Lords of the Rings Taking Education to Beijing

Grappling with the challenges of education must be good training, particularly for three champion wrestlers headed for Beijing this summer as part of the Canadian National Olympic Team.

"It's a dream come true," says three-time world silver medalist Martine Dugrenier, BEd(PHE)'08. She and first-year BEd student David Zilberman and their coach, David's father Victor Zilberman, MA'79, have their sights set on gold.

Dugrenier's stellar wrestling career started nine years ago in CEGEP. "It was a fluke," she says. "Coach Zilberman's class was the only one that fit my schedule, and my background in gymnastics gave me an advantage over the other girls."

Coach Zilberman has nothing but praise for Dugrenier's achievements as a woman in a male-dominated arena. "Wrestling was long considered a man's sport until 1989, when they first had women in the World Championships. But I believe an athlete is an athlete. No one thought Martine would become a world performer in wrestling, but she's been outstanding."

"It was great that I could study while wrestling," reflects Dugrenier who discovered that lessons learned while wrestling relate well to school and life. "You need a strategy, an open mind and the ability to adapt quickly," she says, "and my Education degree at McGill will also help me become a physical education teacher or a coach."

David Zilberman also appreciates the support he receives at McGill. "The Olympic trials involved a lot of travelling and it was hard to keep up with my work. However, various professors really stood by me and gave me extra time and assistance. Having people help you accomplish your goals makes all the difference in the world."



(Left-right): Martine Dugrenier, Victor Zilberman and David Zilberman at the Reinitz Wrestling Centre, YMHA Snowdon.

It's rare to see a freestyle wrestling champion studying early childhood education, and Zilberman often finds he's the only male in the class. "I have no problem with that," he says. "It's good for young kids to have both male and female role models."

Competing in Beijing will certainly enhance his role model status. "It's very exciting to represent Canada. The competing, the training, the atmosphere at a competition – it's like nothing else. And my father's a great coach!"

Likewise, Coach Zilberman is undeniably proud of his son. "David put many years into the sport and this year he placed 5th at the World Championships. Now he's going to the Olympics. It's a big accomplishment."

Himself a winner of multiple wrestling titles, Coach Zilberman, a physical education teacher at Vanier College, has produced numerous World and Olympic medallists over the last 30 years. He began coaching wrestlers at McGill while he studied for his Master's in Comparative Education.

Looking to the Beijing Games, he says, "The competition's tough but I'm hopeful and optimistic about the chances for David and Martine."



"Having people help you accomplish your goals makes all the difference in the world."

Students on the Move



Shannahn McInnis Beautiful Minds

"I was on a crowded metro with a little girl who had cerebral palsy. She reached up and affectionately patted a man on the bum. He turned around and thought it was me!" recounts Shannahn McInnis, MEd'04. The PhD student in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology is passionate about society's need to accept individuals with Down syndrome, Autism and other intellectual disabilities. It's her lifelong work.

"My younger brother has Down syndrome and I've always questioned whether it is the disability itself that causes his difficulties in achieving success, or the policies, laws and attitudes of those around him that create barriers."

McInnis regards intellectual disability as a human rights issue and is researching ways to end discrimination. These include strategies to help adolescents make the transition from school to employment with a focus on community inclusion.

"We're so fixated on perfection that we assume we must fix people to fit some ideal," she says. "Instead, we should extend our focus and work to integrate individuals, celebrating their differences."

McInnis feels lucky to be carrying out her research at McGill. "Not many places are looking at these specific issues," she says. "McGill has provided me with a very exciting opportunity to combine my interests in developmental psychopathology and social policy."

"In my life, many of my funniest, richest and most unique experiences have occurred alongside people with special needs."

Jennifer Brunet

"Eat well, exercise and never lose hope"

Jennifer Brunet, BEd'05, MA'08, a PhD student in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, is exploring new ways to convey this deceptively simple message to breast cancer survivors.

"Many of these women are physically inactive and don't eat properly, which raises the risk of cancer recurrence or other illnesses," she says. "My research investigates how health professionals can motivate cancer patients to adopt a healthy lifestyle. We're looking at the personal and social barriers to change, and questioning whether the majority of patients are inactive for physical reasons or because of underlying psychological causes."

Brunet wants to show breast cancer survivors that it is not necessary to drive to a gym and buy expensive memberships to be physically active. "Beneficial activities are possible at home and can be as simple as just walking around," she says. "The trick is to provide people with the necessary strategies, social support and skills to profit from the positive effects of exercise."

With two of her relatives battling cancer, and one coping better than the other, Brunet admits that her mission to inspire her patients is personal as well as professional.

"Many breast cancer survivors have undergone surgery and some have been through breast reconstruction," says Brunet. "We're finding that physical activity and other interventions help reduce stress and anxiety while increasing self esteem."



"Physical activity and other interventions help reduce stress and anxiety."

And what does an overworked teacher and PhD student do herself to reduce stress? "I play soccer or simply go for a long walk," she says. "That's what does it for me."

Janine Metallic

Filling a Hole in the Heart

Mi'gmaq student Janine Metallic, BSc(NutrSc)'96, BSc'99, MSc'05, shares UNESCO's concern that 600 languages disappeared in the last century and up to 90 per cent of the world's languages could be lost in the next 100 years.

The PhD student in the Department of Integrated Studies in Education is helping her First Nations community of Listuguj in Quebec's Gaspésie region reclaim its language.

"My own niece and nephew remind me how important it is to learn our language. They can now communicate with their grandparents," she says. "Another young man being taught Mi'gmaq described it as 'filling a hole' in his heart."

The community-based language revitalization project is primarily an oral teaching approach with instructors using photographs as a means to explore the language. "By using images, people learn to recognize objects or items and identify them by the sounds that they hear," she says.

A background in psychology and nutritional sciences gives Metallic's language research significance beyond her community. "Health, language, identity and culture are inseparable," she says. "So when an indigenous language is lost, the whole world loses invaluable knowledge of medicinal plants, food sources and ways to maintain the planet's biological diversity."



Photo: Karen Martin

"We're not just saving a language but also indigenous knowledge and a way of looking at the world."

Metallic has unearthed some of that knowledge in the McGill archives, which she describes as a treasure trove of language manuscripts, translations, records and journals left by linguists and missionaries. "Through my research, I am going back in time to speak with my people."



Location: Rare Books & Special Collections Division, McGill University Library

Charles-Antoine Julien

Discovering King Darius's Mistress

PhD student Charles-Antoine Julien believes libraries should be set up like a Canadian Tire store, with all products on display where you can look for what you need without necessarily knowing its name or category.

The former high-tech engineer is pioneering research on human-computer interactions and working to improve our access to knowledge and discovery.

"Search engines like Google place the onus on the user to come up with the right key words," he says. "But this may not be what we need. I'm trying to turn that around so that libraries show us what they have and what we can do with it."

The School of Information Studies student finds current library cataloguing systems outdated. "It's monks' work done by hand in the 21st century. We divide the world's knowledge into science, arts, history, etc. But it's not visually clear. I want to give people a map that will guide them to places they've never imagined."

That map would enable users to fly around a visual landscape, look at different subject areas and choose from options in a variety of media.

"Let's say you're interested in Iraq," says Julien. "After flying past Saddam Hussein you might see Babylonian astronomy or Mesopotamian art and then move on to the Persian Empire. As you're cruising around history you might look at King Darius and encounter his second mistress. Who knows what you might find!"

"I want to give people a map that will guide them to places they've never imagined."

Our Faculty at the Forefront

Claudia Mitchell Putting Passion into Policy

The photograph shows children pretending to hang a young boy. The caption reads: "I'm HIV-positive. I might as well be dead."

"Local messages are the most powerful," says Department of Integrated Studies in Education professor Claudia Mitchell, who campaigns against AIDS, violence against women and child abuse in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"When 14-year-olds create posters in their own language saying 'this is a problem,' it has a wider impact on the community than a poster from a large international aid organization."

A prolific writer and documentary-maker, Mitchell has been using media for social change for well over a decade.

"It amazed me that the whole village was willing to come out and talk about issues," she says, recalling one of her earlier projects in Zambia. "I realized they just needed a voice to start influencing policy-making at a higher level."

Mitchell's work helps provide that voice, not with petitions and pens but with cameras and crayons. Her participants' photographs, drawings and videos make a passionate plea to governments and aid agencies for urgent action and tangible change.



"Local messages are the most powerful."

Together with her colleagues and students, Mitchell is now exploring new ways to more effectively present these grassroots appeals to decision-makers.

"McGill itself has won international respect in this field, and with a few extra resources we could do much more to make a significant difference in Africa."



Jeffrey Derevensky The Dice are Always Loaded

"Our governments are addicted to gambling because the revenues are so enormous," says Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology professor Jeffrey Derevensky, MA'73, PhD'76. "It's no longer a sinister, underground activity, so how do we protect vulnerable people?"

Co-director and co-founder of the Youth Gambling Centre at McGill, Derevensky is on a mission to prevent gambling addiction. His team is busy promoting responsible gambling, identifying people at risk and treating problematic behaviour.

"The stereotyped gambler is the middle-aged male who's lost his home, job and family," says Derevensky, "but in reality, youth gambling worldwide is higher than gambling in adults."

The award-winning professor and his team have designed multimedia prevention programs used by field researchers, clinicians and treatment providers throughout Canada and beyond. They visit schools, conduct workshops and educate parents and professionals to be sensitive to gambling problems.

"We're really committed to responsible social policies," says Derevensky, whose research helped to shape Quebec's Bill 84, prohibiting minors from purchasing lottery tickets.

"We also work directly with youth, many of whom have already started gambling at the age of nine or ten. We give them real odds and try to teach them the warning signs," he says. "I remember telling one boy that he had a greater chance of getting struck by lightning than winning the lottery. He looked out the window and said: 'It looks pretty cloudy out there.'"

"In reality, youth gambling worldwide is higher than in adults."

David Pearsall Skate Science for Blade Runners

David Pearsall, associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, is using 3-D motion tracking technology to create virtual action models of athletes. He hopes these high-tech developments might advance Canada's chances in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

"The animated figures, in conjunction with numerical measures, enable athletes to understand intuitively what's going on," says Pearsall. "This same information also influences the design and product development that can profoundly change athletic performance."

Working with Nike Bauer Hockey, the biomechanics researcher and his team have spent several years measuring human movement and developing better designs for hockey and other winter sports equipment.

Pearsall's high-tech biomechanics lab at McGill is equipped with a simulated rink, high-speed cameras and motion sensors to measure and analyze specific aspects of athletic performance.

"How to anchor a solid blade to a pliable, deformable foot is a big challenge," says Pearsall. "Profound performance changes can be made—for example, 1980's speed skating used rigid blade runners locked to the boot. Biomechanic



"McGill is probably the world's number one in ice hockey mechanics."

study led to an articulated attachment (the "klap" skate) and the new product broke world records. We are now trying to do the same for ice hockey skates."

Catherine Guastavino Beyond Fantasy, Discover Virtual Reality

Imagine a surgeon feeling every bump and curve of a patient's tumour on an operating table in another city. Picture a student remotely studying an endangered species and exploring its natural habitat in 3-D. Catherine Guastavino's virtual reality research on sight, sound and touch is bringing such experiences closer to reality.

An assistant professor in the School of Information Studies, Guastavino, BSc'97, is examining how we process information from our senses and is applying this knowledge to the design of new technology for some very innovative purposes. Visit her lab and you'll find hand-held sensors that enable the user to physically feel the shapes and textures of objects displayed on the screen.

"I'm trying to see what information can be best conveyed using not only three-dimensional sight, but also sound and touch, as opposed to simply relying on two-dimensional graphics and text," she says.

After receiving a BSc at McGill, Guastavino took her studies to France, where she received an MSc in Computer Science and Music Technology, followed by a PhD in Psychoacoustics. "I missed Montreal and McGill," she says, explaining her decision to return, "and McGill University is at the cutting edge of the work that I'm doing. You never know what you'll discover next."

"We are developing new ways to explore interactivity combining vision, audition and touch. The implications are limitless."

Exceptional Alumni



Reema Singh, BEd'03 The Chocolate Warrior of Avenue du Parc

True to her Sikh warrior tradition, Reema Singh has conquered Montreal. Not with the sword, but with chocolate chai cupcakes, cayenne spiced brownies and other deadly delights that meet little resistance.

Singh moved to Montreal for McGill's BEd program, but couldn't find her favourite desserts in the city. She started baking her own exotic recipes, which became so popular that after graduation she opened Cocoa Locale, a tiny cake boutique.

"It has just taken off," she says. "And I can always return to teaching."

Singh credits her Education courses for the skills and confidence needed to deal with people in a business setting. She also believes teaching and cupcakes have other similarities: "In the classroom you make people happy by sharing knowledge. In my case, I make them happy by sharing sugar."

Mike Sforza, BA'89, MLIS'93 A Spine-tingling Career

You won't find Mike Sforza in your local library wheeling a trolley of adventure thrillers. He's too busy living them.

"There's a misconception that Library Information Science involves hiding behind stacks of books," says Sforza. "It's really all about information management and analysis – the skills needed in intelligence work."

As a reserve intelligence officer, Sforza used those skills in East Timor as a member of a United Nations peacekeeping mission in 1999.



Photo submitted by Mike Sforza

"Following a referendum, anti-independence militias had gone on a killing rampage. I compiled data for the prosecution of suspects and worked with police investigating crimes against humanity."

Sforza continues to use his MLIS skills to fight crime as a technical crime forensic analyst for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"We go to murder sites, drug labs and other crime scenes to extract and analyze evidence from information storage devices such as computers and cell phones. It's a great job – and a long way from book trolleys."

Maria De Cicco, BA'82, DipEd'83, MEd'85 Forget the Gold Watch

Tired of your work? Stuck in a dead-end job?

Call Maria De Cicco. She'll set you up for one of the estimated seven or more career changes employees will face in the next generation.

"The only constant is change," says De Cicco, an adult education counsellor at Montreal's Centre Paul Gratton.

"The days are gone when you retired with a gold watch from the one job," she says.



"I once assessed a secretary who was unhappy with her position and found she had many transferable skills that could be enhanced with some courses. She's now an executive director."

De Cicco is a regular guest speaker for the Faculty and a mentor to graduates. "I love going back to help inspire students to pursue their dreams. McGill opened the doors to my own journey."



Photo submitted by Alistair Ramsay

Alistair Ramsay, BSc(PE)'52 Globetrotting Legend

Australia's first basketball legend shovelled coal in ocean steamers to work his passage from Sydney to Montreal. "I was pretty fit when I arrived," says Ramsay. Reflecting on his decision to embark on the crossing, he explains that, "McGill offered a Physical Education degree not available elsewhere in 1949."

Ramsay returned home with a love of basketball, which he popularized from Australia to Tahiti as both a coach and a sports administrator. The first director of recreation for the state of New South Wales (NSW), he introduced major changes to sports education which were adopted nationally.

Ramsay also served as a senior inspector of secondary schools in NSW, where he demonstrated his passion for basketball by installing two regulation-sized courts at every school.

In 2003, the International Basketball Federation awarded Ramsay its highest honour, the Order of Merit, for his service to the game.

With 55 years of high-level sports administration under his belt, including involvement on 11 Olympic Games committees, Ramsay reflects, "I've had a good life, visiting many countries." Now retired, the 84-year-old founder of Oceania Basketball adds, "But if it hadn't been for McGill, it wouldn't have happened."

Neysa Sigler, BA'51, CertIncEd'52, MEd'71

Giving Hope to Montreal's Children

Neysa Sigler triumphed over personal hardship and post-war anti-Semitism in the education sector to become a source of hope for children with learning difficulties. "There were limits in those days, but you dealt with it," she says.

Sigler started out as a junior school teacher and developed a commitment to special education when she discovered her son had reading difficulties. "I returned to McGill for a Master's in the field and am grateful for the guidance of a wonderful supervisor."

After graduating, Sigler worked as a counsellor for 15 years with the outpatient psychiatric team at the Montreal Children's Hospital. "Knowing that you were making a difference for so many children made it the most fantastic job," she says.

"I remember helping one little girl deal with learning difficulties and the problems that arose when her father abandoned the family. She finished her education, got a job and now sends me Christmas cards and pictures of her own kids."

"If you love to work with children, there's always a place for you," says Sigler, who recently retired to devote her time to her own children's children—all 12 of them.

Kathleen Wootton, BEd'85, MA'02

Mistissini Cree Leads the Way

Kathleen Wootton is the Deputy Chief of Mistissini, a Cree nation in northern Quebec. Making waves as the nation's first female deputy chief, Wootton has been proactive in



empowering her people and encouraging them to take an active role in policy-making.

"Your gender should not be an issue," she says. "What really count are your principles and values and putting your people first. I've also learned from raising kids that you don't make promises you can't live up to."

Wootton completed her BEd at McGill and taught aboriginal students in British Columbia. She returned to join Quebec's Cree School Board and began an MA in Educational Leadership at McGill. Just after graduation, Wootton was invited to run for Deputy Chief.

"People were looking for change and I heard them say it was time we had women leaders in our community."

Re-elected to a second four-year term, Wootton is often asked whether she'll run for Chief. "I haven't planned that far ahead, she says. "Anyway, I've always been chief in my house."



Photo: Ling Yuen



Photo submitted by Barbara Mumford

Barbara Mumford, BLS'57

A Perilous Path to Publishing

Shortly after graduation, a fortune-teller saw "grass huts" in Barbara Mumford's tea leaves. Just months later, she married a handsome engineer adventurer and accompanied him to Africa, where he worked on aid programs for international development agencies. For 20 years they lived in various countries, where Mumford worked as a librarian and teacher.

"We travelled through deserts and jungles together," she says. "My first son was born in a remote Nigerian mission just before the 1967 Biafran War. We escaped the country amidst gunfire. In the rush, I nearly packed a snake curled up in our suitcase."

Following a break in Canada, the family returned to Kenya and lived near a game park outside Nairobi. "Giraffes

Exceptional Alumni (Cont'd)

Barbara Mumford, BLS'57 (Cont'd)

would wander through the garden, leaving potholes and eating my hibiscus bushes."

Books are still Mumford's first love. Now settled in more sedate British Columbia, she works closely with writers' groups and in 2004 founded her own publishing house. She is kept busy publishing memoirs, travel tales, collected short stories and historical manuscripts, including her husband's non-fiction books on Africa.

Her advice to other graduates also seeking an interesting life: "Follow the path that you want."

Mike Babcock, BEd'87

From the Redmen to the Red Wings

You may have seen him rallying his team as head coach of the Detroit Red Wings, but not many of us would have seen Mike Babcock when he dominated Montreal's ice hockey rinks as the former captain of the McGill Redmen.

In fact, Babcock raised eyebrows several times during the playoffs by wearing his "lucky" McGill tie behind the bench. Commenting on sporting superstitions he says,

"Anything that enables you to win, no problem."

It has taken more than luck to build a triumphant career as a hockey player and international coach. A McGill degree in Physical Education opened the way to teaching in Montreal, where Babcock coached local hockey teams and demonstrated his leadership in the sport.

Leading the Red Wings to victory in the 2008 Stanley Cup finals, Babcock's talents have also been recognized in his nomination for the NHL's Jack Adams

Award for coach of the year, 2007-2008.

And of his affinity to McGill? "I had a great time studying and playing at McGill," he says. "I'm still in contact with my roommates and friends. In fact we're starting to organize our 25-year reunion."



Photos: McGill Athletics & Recreation

The Faculty Remembers Bob Berry (1927-2007)



"Thank you, McGill, for making all this possible – and for the memories."



Photos submitted by the Berry Family

Amateur golfers face odds of up to 45,000 to one against scoring a hole-in-one just once in their lives. Bob Berry, BSc(PE)'49, did it twice while helping others beat the odds as well.

A natural athlete who excelled at many sports, Berry graduated in Physical Education to become a high school teacher and county supervisor for Quebec's Argenteuil School Board. He then entered business and reached senior executive levels at Cadbury Schweppes.

Berry was also a political activist. As president of a United Way agency in Toronto, he led the fight to restore its government funding and helped unemployed people find jobs.

"Thank you, McGill, for making all this possible – and for the memories," Berry wrote before he passed away last December, aged 80. In an alumni article, he fondly recalled "eccentric classmates" who flicked fellow athletes with towels in the locker rooms and an "uncherished" professor who set the young Mr. Berry up in a boxing match with a fearsome opponent.

"Bob spoke a lot about what McGill meant to him," says his widow, Jean. "In return, he has left McGill the legacy of the Bob Berry Physical Education Scholarship, to be presented for the first time in 2009. As a great believer in fitness, he wanted this scholarship to help the University restore the declining importance of physical education."

In 2002, Berry scored the equivalent of another hole-in-one. He was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in recognition of his expertise and 40-year involvement in the not-for-profit sector.

IN MEMORIAM

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Sandra Barbadoro
Dorothy Beaudoin
Lise Billy
Henry A Bowen
Ernest Butler
W. Huntley Cameron

Emala Campbell (Pike)
Mary Cousins
Elizabeth G. Covernton (Bingay)
Lana De Liamchin
Anita Dodd
Virginia Ferguson
D. Ross Firth
Lea A. Hodiener
Stephen R. M. Jellett
Ivy C. Jennings

Bohdan Kazymyra
Patrick Kelahear
George R. Koski
Irene V. Lackner
Edmond Y. Lipsitz
Margaret A. Maclelland
Ian B. MacWhirter
Grace B. Mayo
Margaret Millar (Burton)
Roslyn Miller

Harry D. Morrison (former faculty)
Ivor Newsham
Ottillie Redling Poronovich
Carole Riback
Wayne Edward Robinson
Edward H. Ropeleski
Robert D. Russell
Elaine Sanft-Yarosky
Leonard B. Shaw
Carol A. Shetler

Suzette South
Ruth Stilman (Ordowner)
John Szuber
Suzanne Ujvari
H. Arthur Vespry
Adoree Waygood (Wolf Lebrooy)
Irma Cameron Williston
Winona E. Wood
John E. Yale
Anne M. Yandle (Carson)

Academic Highlights

► The Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology (ECP)

Doctors **Susanne Lajoie**, BA'78, MA'80, **Mark Aulls**, **Bruce Shore**, BSc'65, DipEd'06, MA'67, **Ron Stringer**, **Kim Cornish**, **Marilyn Fitzpatrick**, MEd'86, PhD'97, **Martin Drapeau**, **Alenoush Saroyan**, PhD'89 and **Victoria Talwar** received Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grants.

The 2008 recipient of the Faculty's Distinguished Teaching Award, **Dr. Victoria Talwar**, received a major grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation's Leaders Opportunity Fund.

Also receiving awards were **Dr. Robert Savage** (William Dawson Scholar), **Dr. Martin Drapeau** (Canadian Psychological Association's President's New Researcher Award), and **Dr. Ingrid Sladeczek** (Canadian Institute of Health Research seed grant).

Jessica Toste, BEd'05, MA'08, has been awarded a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Award, the G. M. Dunlop Distinguished Contribution Award (for Best Master's Thesis), the Governor General's Gold Medal, the McGill Alumni Association's Graduate Award and the Herschel and Christine Victor Fellowship in Education.

Also receiving doctoral awards were ECP students **Kim Daniel**, BSc'03, MSc(A)'06, **Julie Hanck**, **Kaori Wada**, MA'06, **Kristin Schaub**, MA'07, and **Elizabeth Roberts** (*Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture*) and **Debora D'Iuso**, BSc'05, MA'07, and **Emily Blake**, MA'06 (*Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec*). **Jessica McBride**, BA'92, MA'07, was the recipient of the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award from the National Council on Problem Gambling in Washington, D.C.

Sonja Maksymiw-Duszara, **Anika Maloni**, BEd'04, and **Falen Kawennaha:wi Jacobs** were all winners of the Dr. John A. Bryant Memorial Award. **Falen Kawennaha:wi Jacobs** also won the Judy Fish Graduate Award in Inclusive Education.

Dr. Panayiota Kendeou, **Dr. Krista Muis** and **Dr. Tara Flanagan**, MA'02, PhD'08, joined the Department as assistant professors.

The Department launched a seven-week McGill Mini-EdPsych Lecture Series entitled "Learning: A Lifetime Journey."

► The Department of Integrated Studies in Education (DISE)

James McGill Professor **Dr. Claudia Mitchell** received a major Canadian International Development Agency grant to study post-harvest management in Ethiopia.

Research funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) includes: **Dr. Shaheen Shariff's** investigation on the impact of cyber-bullying on children and adolescents; **Dr. Mela Sarkar**, BA'82, **Dr. Steven Jordan**, PhD'96, **Dr. Teresa Strong-Wilson**, BA'87, DipColTeach'90, and **Dr. Anthony Paré's**, BEd'79, MA'84, PhD'91, study of an eastern Quebec Mi'gmaq community's language revitalization; and **Dr. Doreen Starke-Meyerring** and **Dr. Anthony Paré's** examination of the state of writing in Canadian doctoral education.

Also receiving grants were **Dr. Annie Savard**, BEd'92, MEd'94, for her research on teaching mathematics to at risk youth, from the *Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (FQRSC) and **Dr. Caroline Riches**, PhD'01, and **Fiona Benson** for their work on new teacher education initiatives in our BEd programs, from the McGill Teaching and Learning Initiative Fund.

DISE students attracting grants from external government agencies included **Lisa Trimble**, MA'04, and **Jonathan Langdon** (SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships) and **Lisa Trimble**, **Frances Helyar**, **Anjali Abraham**, MA'05, **Beverly Baker**, BEd'99, **Rodney Handelsman**, MEd'07, and **Hajra Waheed**, MA'08, (FQRSC Bourses Doctorales).

Charlotte Boltodano received the Dr. Gauri Shankar Guha Award in International Development Education, **Amy Lee Cole** won the Greta Chambers Fellowship in Education and **Kevin O'Connor**, BEd'96, MA'07, won the Ellen Edit Grub Stansfield Award.

Dr. Aziz Choudry joins the Department to teach International Education. **Catherine Hughes**, the coordinator of DISE graduate programs, retired in April 2008. We wish her a well-deserved, restful and rewarding retirement.

The Paulo and Nita Freire International Project for Critical Pedagogy was launched by Canada Research Chair **Dr. Joe Kincheloe** and **Dr. Shirley Steinberg** during the 2008 Education Graduate Students' Society conference in March.

► The Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (DKPE)

Dr. Catherine Sabiston and **Dr. William Harvey**, BEd'89, MA'95, PhD'06, received new operating grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

Dr. Dilson Rassier and **Dr. Tanja Taivassalo**, BSc'93, PhD'01, were awarded new operating grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Also receiving operating grants were **Dr. Enrique Garcia** and **Dr. Catherine Sabiston** from the *Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (FQRSC).

Dr. David Pearsall and **Dr. René Turcotte** had their operating grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) renewed.

Our graduate students achieved impressive results in recent competition for national scholarships, including: **Kerri Staples**, MA'07, and **Jennifer Brunet**, BEd'05, MA'08, (SSHRC Doctoral Award); **Cindy Pressé**, BEd'08, (SSHRC Master's Award); **Julie Robillard** (NSERC Doctoral Award); and **Martin Picard**, BSc'07, (NSERC Master's Award). **Karen Lomond**, MSc'06, received the David Steward Memorial Fellowship.

Dr. Ross Andersen, BEd'85, MA'88, joined the Department as a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair. In 2008 we welcomed **Dr. Theodore Milner** as the new Department Chair.

In November 2007, the Department hosted the fourth annual conference of the Association of Physical Educators of Quebec.

Academic Highlights (Cont'd)

► The School of Information Studies (SIS)

Formerly the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (GSLIS)

Dr. Kimiz Dalkir, BSc'83, MBA'85, received funding from the Centre francophone d'informatisation des organisations for her assessment of collective learning processes at Oxfam-Québec.

Receiving grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) were Dr. Andrew Large and Dr. Jamshid Beheshti, for their research on Children's Web Portals, and Dr. Eun Park, for her project: "Giving Life (to data) to Save Life (in the age of AIDS)."

Dr. Catherine Guastavino, BSc'97, has received funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation. Dr. Guastavino and colleagues also won the 2008 European Acoustics Association award. Dr. France Bouthillier has been named president of the Canadian Council for Information Studies (2008-2010).

Doctoral student Vincent Larivière received a three-year SSHRC fellowship, while Leanne Bowler, BA'80, MLS'82, MEd'00, PhD'08, and Lorie Kloda, BA'98, MLIS'01, received fellowships from the Fonds québécois de la recherche sur

la société et la culture. Lorie Kloda also received the Thomson Scientific/Medical Library Association Doctoral Fellowship.

The School welcomes Dr. Emma Murphy, its first post-doctoral research fellow working under the supervision of Dr. Guastavino. Dr. Diane Mittermeyer retired in January 2008 and we wish her all the best.

In 2007, SIS professors and students hosted the third four-week Summer Institute on School Librarianship for Indonesian educators and librarians. Also in 2007, doctoral candidate Charles-Antoine Julien organized the first Montreal Library and Information Studies PhD Symposium, hosted at the School.

Through the generosity of retired McGill English professor Lars Troide, the Teresa Troide Prize for Excellence in Information Studies has been established in memory of Teresa Troide, MLIS'90, an information specialist at the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways from 1995 to 2005.

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