

Education Insider

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- The Faculty is pleased to announce that **Professor Lynn Butler-Kisber**, Department of Integrated Studies in Education, was promoted to the rank of Full Professor, effective February 1st. Congratulations to Professor Butler-Kisber on such a fine achievement and wishes for continued success in her career
 - The School of Information Studies is very pleased to announce the appointment of **Elaine Ménard** as Assistant Professor. Professor Ménard recently completed her Ph.D. at the École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information, Université de Montréal and holds a Masters in Information Studies, a Masters in Translation as well as a Bachelor in Translation from the same University. Her doctoral thesis examined the role of language in indexing and retrieving images in a multilingual context. Professor Ménard will be teaching courses in the areas of organization of information, classification and cataloguing, and indexing and abstracting. She has published in a number of scholarly journals, including the Journal of Information Ethics, Knowledge Organization, Library Resources & Technical Services, and Documentation et bibliothèques. In addition to her publications, Professor Ménard has presented papers at conferences such as ISKO, NASKO, Libraries in the Digital Age, ASIST, and CAIS-ACSI. She was awarded doctoral fellowships from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada) and the Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture, along with several awards of excellence from the Université de Montréal.
 - On December 31st, 2008, **Professor John Leide** retired. For 27 years, John furthered the School of Information Studies' strong tradition of imbuing students with the importance of cataloguing and classification, and his courses enhanced McGill's reputation for producing excellent cataloguers. His many research grants and publications in related topics such as thesaurus construction, are further manifestations of his commitment to the area. Multiculturalism and internationalism are central themes in Professor Leide's life; Chinese and Islamic cultures fascinate him and inspired many of his publications and his work on Chinese
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language and classification is notable. He forged strong links with French-speaking librarians in Montreal and through these connections developed important joint research projects. Professor Leide's great concern for students manifested itself well beyond the classroom and for many years served as a faculty advisor to the McGill Student Group of the Special Libraries Association. His quiet but imposing presence will be truly missed.

- The Faculty is pleased to welcome **Ms. Franca Mancuso**, who joined our faculty on January 19th as an Accounting Clerk/Secretary. Franca's role is to support Heather Holowathy, our Faculty Research Accounts Administrator, with the delivery of services to our research fund holders. Franca, who holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree, is the front-line contact and has several years experience working in an accounting environment including two years at McGill.
- **Edward Bilodeau**, BSc'92, MLIS'06, has joined the School of Information Studies as a Professional Associate, managing the IT lab and teaching courses in Web Design and Knowledge Management. Edward comes to the Faculty from the Community Foundations of Canada where he worked as Director of Knowledge Management and has also been a faculty lecturer in Career and Management Studies and a User Interface/CSS Analyst at McGill.
- **Brandon Royal** recently joined the Faculty of Education on a temporary contractual basis as a Communications Analyst. Over the next three months, Mr. Royal will be working on multiple projects aimed at improving communication within the faculty and developing strategies to increase productivity, efficiency and satisfaction among academic staff, faculty administration and support staff. Mr. Royal obtained his Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia in 1999, and received a specialized MBA degree in 2003 at Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne in Switzerland. Over the last five years he has worked in private practice in the areas of finance and marketing, and recently as a strategic consultant to Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. Mr. Royal brings to the position a unique set of skills that will enable him to make distinctive contributions to the Faculty of Education.

"I am very much looking forward to this opportunity at the Faculty of Education, and eager to embark on a set of very exciting and challenging projects. While the next few months promise to be busy, I hope to meet as many of you as

possible, and best of luck with your endeavors in 2009!"

Brandon Royal, February 2009

- The Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology is proud to announce that **Dr. Victoria Talwar** is to be awarded an Early Career Research Contributions to Child Development Award from the Society for Research in Child Development. The award, established in 2002, is given to a person or persons who distinguish themselves as researchers and scholars, as evidenced through their research, publications, and scholarly activity. Congratulations to Dr. Talwar who joins a list of distinguished and scholarly Society for Research in Child Development award recipients.
- **Professor Lise Winer** recently gave a two hour lecture on her dictionary, *Dictionary of the English/Creole, of Trinidad and Tobago (2009)*, at the National Library of Trinidad and Tobago. Over 20 years in the making, Lise's dictionary has been hailed as a major contribution to the lexicography of the islands of Trinidad and Tobago. As the reporter of the *Trinidad and Tobago Express* who attended Professor Winer's lecture put it, "it was a contentedly-smiling audience that filed out of the NALIS audio-visual room two hours later, having seen a virtuoso performer, as we put it, ramajay with our words." Well done Lise!
- *Christotainment: Selling Jesus Through Popular Culture (2009)*, **Professors Shirley Steinberg and Joe Kincheloe**'s latest book was recently launched at Paragraphe Bookstore.
- The **Education Café** will be open during Reading Week (February 23rd to February 27th) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Regular service will return on March 2nd.