



150 years from *Normal*

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- The **150th Anniversary celebration** that took place on Saturday, October 20th was a tremendous success!

The day was set in motion with an open-house exhibition, *Education: Past, Present and Future*, welcoming over 200 guests. With artefacts and photographs, visitors were transported through 150 years of teacher education at McGill. Both professors and students intrigued guests with displays and demonstrations of the Faculty's diverse research and pedagogy. The Faculty's own history buff, Chris Milligan, and student, Amanda Walbert (donned in 19th century period costumes) were even featured in Sunday's edition of the Montreal Gazette.



Chris Milligan and Amanda Walbert

The same evening, 350 guests gathered in the Ballroom of McGill's New Residence Hall for the 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner. Converging from Canada, the United States, Caribbean and Europe, the atmosphere was charged with excitement as friends reunited and students and faculty members met with alumni and special guests. McGill's Chancellor, Richard Pound, inspired our guests with his vision of the future of education and the documentary film "150 Years from Normal" had its

debut screening. The evening closed to the swinging sound of McGill's own Faculty of Music Jazz Band.



The DISE gang and guests



Somebody is having a good time!



The Staff and guests



Packed house!

The Faculty of Education wishes to thank all who contributed to the milestone and made the celebration such a wonderful success, particularly Jennifer Coutlee and Ling Yuen.

See all the 150th photos at: <http://www.education150.ca/>

- Congratulations to **Professor Victoria Talwar** who has been awarded a major grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation Leaders Opportunity Fund to create a state-of-the-art facility for her research on "The Truth Project: Promoting children's truth-telling in legal and applied settings." Professor Talwar investigates children's development of deceptive behavior with a focus on both honesty and lying in everyday life and in legal situations such as courtroom testimony. This is interdisciplinary work that addresses a crucial trajectory in the social and ethical development of children--one which will be of interest not only to educators, but also to psychologists, social workers, and legal professionals. The facility will include observation rooms and a mock court room where video and audio records of children's behavior can be acquired. Professor Talwar's research has been recognized nationally and internationally via collaborations with researchers from a number of universities including University of Montreal, University of Toronto, University of Southern California, and the John Jay Criminal College.



The Faculty of Education has been highly successful with Leaders Opportunity Fund proposals, each of which has provided infrastructure funding that has ranged from \$250K to \$500K. Currently, Professors Cornish (ECP), Côté (KPE), Drapeau (ECP), Guastavino (SIS), Kincheloe (DISE), Rassier (KPE), and Taivassalo (KPE) all have been awarded CFI/LOF infrastructure grants.

- The **Committee on Diversity in Education** created by Faculty Council and whose mandate is to promote diversity in our student body, faculty, staff and academic programs will be holding its first of three lectures of the Diversity and Equity Committee Series on Wednesday, November 7th at 12:15 pm in the Thomson House Ballroom (2nd floor).

The speaker, Dr. Rinaldo Walcott, Guest Speaker & Visiting Scholar (Canada Research Chair, Social Justice and Cultural Studies, OISE) will be introduced by Dr. Michael Hoechsmann, Dana Salter (PhD student) and Jon Langdon (PhD candidate). The title of Dr. Walcott's talk is "*Are We 150 Years from Normal?*" and "*The Costs of Equity*".

The second lecture of the series will be held on Wednesday, November 14th at 12:15 pm in Room 233 with Dr. Gale Seiler (DISE), Fiona Benson (Director of Student Teaching), Sandra Chang-Kredl and Christina Rudd (both PhD candidates). This presentation and discussion will share the initial findings of the survey conducted by the Committee on Diversity in Education and is titled “*What does the in-faculty research say?*”

The third and final lecture of the series will be held on Wednesday, November 21st at 12:15 pm in Room 233 with Dr. Bronwen Low (DISE) and Dr. Jen Gilbert (Visiting Scholar, York University). This response to the initial data presentation and discussion is titled “*Thoughts while on the road.*”

- Goodbye to **Susan Maocheia**, who has taken a mat leave, and welcome **Aida Nazaretyan**.
- A reminder: **Fall convocation** will be held on Friday, November 9, 2007 in Place Des Arts. The convocation for Education is at 10:00 A.M. Forty students in our B.Ed. and BSC-Kinesiology undergraduate programs and thirty-two students in our Continuing Education programs will be graduating. Faculty members are encouraged to attend.
- The Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education is delighted to announce that the **2007 David L. Montgomery Run**, held on October 21st, wrapped up with great success the activities of the 150th Anniversary of the Faculty of Education. The event gathered 100 participants providing the opportunity for students, professors, alumni and their families to meet, renew friendships and remember a great teacher, researcher and athlete. The proceeds and donations from the annual run made possible the establishment of the David L. Montgomery Memorial Award which will be presented for the first time in January 2008 to a qualified graduate student in Sport and Exercise Physiology.

Mark your calendars and join us for the 2008 David L. Montgomery run scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, 2008.

- Our next **Faculty Council** is on Wednesday, November 21, 9:30 a.m. in Jack Cram Auditorium.

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