

Inter-University Research Network Spring Symposium

Acadia University, KC Irving Centre, Wolfville, Nova Scotia
May 26–27, 2023

AGENDA

Friday, May 26, 2023

12:30–1:30	Check-in and Registration (Foyer)
1:30–1:45	Welcome / Wela'lin / Bienvenue / Land and People Acknowledgements (Auditorium) Dr. Corrine Haigh, Dean of Professional Studies, Acadia University (Acadia) Program Overview: Promising Practices: Voices of Equity Paula Evans, Director of Leadership in Achievement and Well-Being, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)
1:45–2:15	Keynote: “Promising Practices: Voices of Equity” (Auditorium) Melina Kennedy, Director, African Canadian Services, EECD
2:15–2:45	Nutrition Break / Networking (Foyer)
3:00–3:50	Concurrent Sessions Session #1: (Auditorium) Ubuntu: The Educational Role of Elders of African Heritage in Schools Presenters: Dr. Susan Brigham, Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU), Randy Headley, MSVU; Dr. George Frempong, Delmore Buddy Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI); Hanseung Kim, MSVU Session #2: (Meeting Room) Reading and Writing Informational Texts: Engaging in Responsive Literacy Practices within a Rural School Context Presenters: Dr. Deborah Toope, Dr. Marie Edwards, Darlene Barr, Nisha Langford, Acadia Session #3: (Acadia Room) Exploring the Influence of a Strength-Based Approach on Mi'kmaq Learners and Learners Experiencing Poverty and their Teachers Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Mitton, St. Francis Xavier University (StFX) Session #4: (Classroom) Amplifying the Voices of Black Families and Educators in Nova Scotia: Challenging Anti-Black Racism in Early Childhood Environments Presenters: Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac, MSVU; Dr. Barbara Hamilton-Hinch, Dalhousie University (Dal), Crystal Watson, Dal; Milena Pimentel, MSVU
4:00–4:30	Networking – all participants

4:30–6:00	<p>Panel Discussion (Auditorium) – Panel to discuss the importance of the IURN foci and how a focus on this will positively impact changes to student achievement and well-being in our province.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Antony Card, Dean, School of Education, MSVU</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Becky Druhan, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Dean of Education, StFX Paul Ash, Executive Director, African Canadian Services, EECD Karen Hudson, School Administrator/Teacher, Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) Susan Kelley, Regional Executive Director, Cape Breton-Victoria Regional Centre for Education (CBVRCE) <p>Breakout Discussions – chaired by University Deans of Education</p> <p>Group 1: Dr. Janet Dymont, Acadia (Seminar Room) Group 2: Dr. Antony Card, MSVU (Library) Group 3: Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, StFX (Meeting Room)</p> <p>Panel Discussion Reconvene – Questions from breakout groups (Auditorium)</p>
6:00–6:30	Networking (Garden Room)
6:30–8:00	Dinner – all participants (Garden Room)

Saturday, May 27, 2023

7:30–8:50	Breakfast – all participants (Garden Room)
9:00–9:10	<p>Welcome / Wela’lin / Bienvenue / Land and People Acknowledgements (Auditorium) Cindy Giffen, Consultant for Leadership, Student Achievement and Well-Being, EECD</p>
9:10–9:55	<p>Keynote: “Equity and The Work on Inclusive Education” (Auditorium) Dr. Jess Whitley, Vice-Dean, Research and Professional Development, University of Ottawa</p>
10:00–10:30	Nutrition Break / Networking
10:40–11:30	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>Session #1: (Meeting Room) Using Language to Deconstruct Barriers to Science Literacy Presenters: Dr. Erin Robertson, CBU; Jillian Polegato, Cape Breton University</p> <p>Session #2: (Auditorium) African Nova Scotian Dream-keepers: Culturally Responsive Teaching and Best Practices Presenter: Martin Morrison, PhD (c), MSVU</p> <p>Session #3: (Acadia Room) Addressing the Achievement Gap: Which Language Skills Help Children in Their Reading Across Early Elementary School and How Do They Do So? Presenters: Mariam Elgendi, Savannah Heintzman, Estelle Ardanouy, Shada Hamed, Sofia Giazitzidou, Dal</p> <p>Session #4: (Classroom) Towards a Spirited Pedagogy: Centering African Nova Scotian Learners as Expert Voices Presenters: Dr. Késa Munroe-Anderson, Acadia; Dr. Susie Brigham, MSVU</p>

	<p>Session #5: (Seminar Room) How are the students doing? A Baseline Research Question in Effort to Support Social-and Emotional-Aspects of Learning and Provincial Student Well-Being Goals Presenters: Denise Palmer, PhD (c), MSVU</p>
11:45–12:45	<p>Lunch (Garden Room)</p>
1:00–1:50	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>Session #1: (Auditorium) The Power of an Africentric High School Cohort: Limitless! Presenters: Dr. Mary Jane Harkins, MSVU; Karen Hudson, PhD (c), HRCE; Dr. Barb Hamilton-Hinch, Dal; Dr. Zhanna Barchuk, MSVU</p> <p>Session #2: (Classroom) An Ethics of Care Approach to Cultivating Relationships: The Story of an Elementary School Art Club Supported by a Health Promoting Schools Grant Presenter: Denise Palmer, PhD (c), MSVU</p> <p>Session #3: (Acadia Room) Vocabulary and Knowledge: An examination of Word Learning from Integrated ELA and Science Units in First and Second Grade Classrooms Presenters: Dr. Jamie Metsala, MSVU; Dr. Margaret David, Learning Disabilities Consultant, EECD</p> <p>Session #4: (Meeting Room) Piloting a Literacy Development Program for Refugee Youth to Survive and Thrive in Nova Scotia Schools Presenter: Dr. Christine Doe, MSVU</p> <p>Session #5: (Seminar Room) Being Intentional: Using Number Talks to Promote Equity Presenters: Dr. Marc Husband, Dr. Evan Throop Robinson, Matthew Little, StFX</p>
