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SASKATCHEWAN INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH UNIT

The Saskatchewan Instructional Development and Research Unit (SIDRU) is a provincial educational research unit located in the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina. Established in 1985, SIDRU's original mandate was to conduct research and promote instructional development associated with the curriculum reform launched by the Department of Education at that time (the *Directions* report and the establishment of CORE Curriculum). In this role, SIDRU served as a focal point in the province for improving the quality of instruction through the development and publication of several important monograph series (some with SPDU) such as the *Instructional Strategies Series* and the *Diversity Series*.

Over time, the mandate has broadened. In 2002 SIDRU launched the 'New SIDRU' in recognition of the broadened mandate that had evolved, especially by virtue of the Unit's involvement with the Task Force and Public Dialogue on the Role of the School (1999-2000). Currently, the broad array of SIDRU projects includes program evaluation; program development; Information Communication Technology (ICT) and education; northern and Aboriginal education; and interagency collaboration. Not surprisingly, this range of projects has entailed a wide variety of educational and noneducational partners, both within and beyond the province's boundaries.



SIDRU PROVINCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

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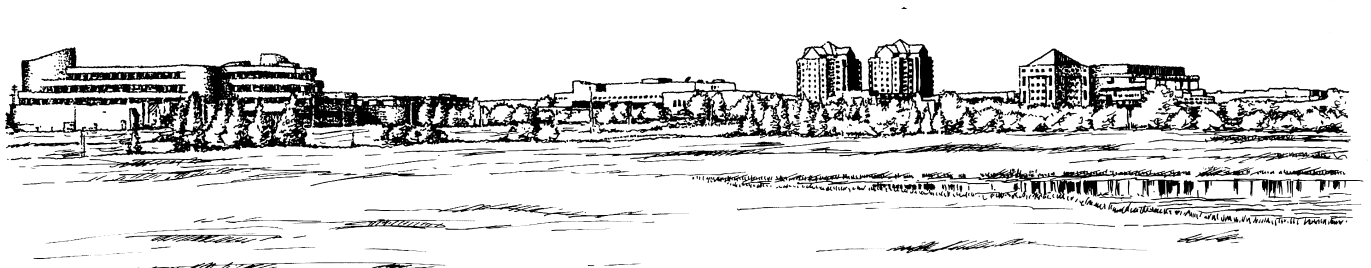
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Saskatchewan Ministry of Education

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Saskatchewan Educational Leadership Unit (SELU)
University of Saskatchewan

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College of Education, University of Saskatchewan



SIDRU STAFF

Michael Tymchak, Director
Carol Schick, Assistant Director
Larry Steeves, Assistant Director
Shuana Niessen, Project Facilitator
Carla Johnson, Financial Administrator
Elaine McNeil, Research Assistant
Juanita Modeland, Research Assistant
Leila Pritchard, Research Assistant

PROJECT PERSONNEL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Academic Journal Support (*in education*)

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Editor-in-Chief - P. Lewis
Editorial Board - A. Couros
- A. Kipling Brown
- J. McNinch
- V. Mulholland
- K. Nolan

Copy Editor/ Online
Content Manager - S. Niessen

Best Practices in Early Childhood Education Workshops

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Workshop Presenters - W. Willis
- T. Mensch

CeNRGe (NORTEP)

Principal Researcher - M. Tymchak
Newsletter Consultant - M. Tymchak
Newsletter Designer - S. Niessen

Circle Rubrics Project – Phase 2

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Researcher/Writer - B. Stonechild
Research Associate - S. McGowan

Collaborative Competencies of Human Service Providers (ACCESS)

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Researcher/Writer - T. Salm

Community-Based MEd Program (NORTEP La Ronge & North West Regional College Cohorts)

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Site Coordinators - D. Friesen
- S. Kemp

Education Graduate Survey - Year 2009

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Project Associate - R. Lee

Educational Research and Professional Development Funds

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Principal Researchers - A. Arshad-Ayaz
- L. Carlson Berg
- P. Clarke
- C. Fulton
- X. Ji
- A. Kipling Brown
- P. Lewis
- B. McNeil
- F. Pirbhai-Illich
- C. Schick
- M. Spooner
- L. Steeves
- A. Sterzuk
- S. Thompson
- N. Yakel

Faculty Newsletter

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Managing Editor - S. Niessen
Editorial Board - C. Fulton
- J. McNinch
- V. Mulholland

French Education Research

Project Advisors - P. Clarke (to June 30, 2010)
- L. Brogden (July 1, 2010)
- M. Tymchak
Principal Researchers/Writers - L. Brogden
- L. Carlson Berg

French Education Research (continued)

Principal Researchers/Writers - J. Dufresne
- B. Laplante
- J. Zimmer

Handbook for Leadership Development

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Editor - L. Steeves
Research Associates - N. Buisson
- R. Fowler
- H. Lambert
- D. Lizee
- D. McKeown

HRSDC – Community Planning (Homelessness)

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Researcher/Writer - M. Spooner

Literature Review Student Achievement Panel

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Principal Researcher/Editor - L. Steeves
Research Associates - J. Chell
- R. Dolmage
- C. Fulton
- W. Lyons
- R. Martin
- B. McNeil
- L. Sackney

Luther College Student Survey

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Principal Researcher/Writer - D. Bale

Malawi TEVET Reform Project

Project Director - A. Bockarie
Project Manager - E. McNeil
Project Admin Coordinator - C. Johnson

Other Educational Research and Professional Development Funds

Advisor - M. Tymchak
Principal Researchers - L. Brogden
- C. Fulton

Program Chair Funds

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Program Chairs - L. Brogden (Bac)
- P. Clarke (Bac)
- C. Fulton (Elementary)
- J. Tupper (Secondary)
- N. Yakel (Arts Education)
Professional Development - T. Salm

School^{PLUS} Conference With Nova Scotia Partners

Director - M. Tymchak
Project Associate - T. Salm
Project Assistant - S. Niessen

SIAST Certificate for Instructors (2009-10)

Project Advisors - M. Tymchak
- B. Bremner
Project Coordinators - R. Goertzen (SIAST)
- S. Niessen (SIDRU)

SIDRU Seminars

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Coordinator/Moderator - S. Niessen

Student Development Centre Project

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Principal Researcher/Writer - D. Bale

SUNTEP Projects

Project Advisors - M. Tymchak
- J. Pelletier
- C. Schick
- J. Tupper
Principal Researchers - H. Weston
Associate Researcher - R. Fayant

Transition Committee Student Survey

Project Advisor - M. Tymchak
Project Director - C. Schick
Principal Researcher - H. Ritenburg
Consultant - P. Schmidt

REPORT OF THE DEAN OF EDUCATION



Dr. James McNinch
Dean, Faculty of Education

The Saskatchewan Instructional Development and Research Unit (SIDRU) is a provincial educational unit located in the Faculty of Education. Established in 1985, SIDRU's original mandate was to conduct research and promote instructional development associated with K-12 curricular reform and the establishment of CORE curriculum. In the intervening quarter century, SIDRU's mandate has expanded to include broader research frames, program evaluation, program development, northern and Aboriginal education, and interagency collaboration.

The title of the University of Regina's Strategic Plan (2009) is *mâmahokamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities*. The Cree word *mâmahokamâtowin* means "co-operation; working together towards common goals." The Faculty of Education, through such units as SIDRU, has always cooperated with its educational partners to build a better future for all students. We understand that all aspects of education involve partnerships, whether they are collaborations for

educational research, program evaluation, or program development. New Projects outlined in this year's annual

report include work for Luther College which examined the support services provided to their students; an assessment of the needs of mature students for the University's Student Development Centre; an evaluation of Aboriginal perspectives in the curriculum for the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) and the development of a companion website to Math Central to support such perspectives [<http://AboriginalPerspectives.uregina.ca>], and a survey of rural, urban, and Aboriginal students transitioning from high school to university, being conducted for the joint Transition Committee of the U of R and three local school divisions.

In 2010, Dr. Carol Schick and Dr. Larry Steeves joined SIDRU as Assistant Directors working with Dr. Michael Tymchak, the Director, to develop further research opportunities with our partners in education, both here at the University and across the province. Shuana Niessen continues to support a number of important initiatives, including the Faculty's on-line journal, *in education*, and our Faculty Newsletter. Carla Johnson is SIDRU's Financial Administrator and has worked hard this past year in support of our CIDA Malawi Project. Veteran Juanita Modeland has been joined by Leila Pritchard as a new research assistant.

SIDRU plays a vital role in ensuring that the Faculty of Education has the flexibility to respond to research and service needs as they emerge and helps the University to achieve the goals of our strategic plan. As this year's annual report shows, SIDRU plays a critical role in achieving our strategic plan to be "greater in community."

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR



Dr. Michael Tymchak
Director, SIDRU

This past year SIDRU has continued to evolve, adapt and respond to its changing environment. While much of what we have always done continues apace, new and emerging opportunities seem to become ever more significant (and ever more demanding of our attention!). There is steady, on-going demand for research services and a growing demand and opportunity for community-based programs (graduate and undergraduate) and our partnership with Nunavut Arctic College, which is now in its 4th year, both divisions of what we now call NetworkED.

On the research side, we were able to finish the Circle Rubrics Project for the Ministry of Education and took on a number of student survey projects that included the Student Development Office, Luther College, and the Transitions Committee (a consortium that includes the Regina Public and the Regina Catholic school divisions, the Prairie Valley school division, and the University of Regina). We were also involved in a number of other important research projects, several funded by the Ministry of Education and one funded by the Federal Government (HRSD). We continue to serve our

Faculty of Education in vital ways by offering an annual research fund competition that is open to all faculty, by producing and publishing the Faculty's *Newsletter*, and by editing our new on-line journal, *in education*, as well as creating important research opportunities for faculty.

With regard to our innovative community-based programs, the past year has witnessed both successful completions and some new beginnings. We are increasingly amazed at the level of interest there is around the province for this model of program delivery. Two MEd (Curriculum & Instruction) programs have concluded, one partnered with North West Regional College (NWRC) and the other with NORTEP. Two new programs have already emerged to take their place; one came on stream this past summer (2010) - a Masters (C & I) partnered with NWRC, and the other, a Masters (Educational Administration & Leadership) partnered with Southeast Cornerstone Regional College, scheduled to commence in the summer of 2011. Meanwhile, at the undergraduate level, we have been invited by NWRC to deliver a Bachelor's program (Elementary BEd; 4 year) in Meadow Lake, beginning fall 2011.

To address the growing demands, and to prepare for future transitions, Dean McNinch approved the appointment of two Assistant Directors for 2010-11: Dr. Carol Schick and Dr. Larry Steeves. Both bring a wealth of experience and expertise that has (already) been greatly appreciated. We have also continued to benefit from the wonderful support and contribution of our other staff: Shuana Niessen, who serves as Project Facilitator, manages both the Faculty journal and newsletter (writing, editing and desktop publishing), as well as processing contracts; Carla Johnson, the Financial Administrator, keeps our financial house in order as well as managing the CIDA Malawi Project (under the direction of Dr. Bockarie); and Juanita Modeland, our Research Assistant, who has supported our research projects in a variety of ways for over 20 years, not least as the 'care-ful' editor of our documents, payroll manager and, of course, our corporate memory; and Leila Pritchard joined us this fall as a Research Assistant (part-time).

GENERAL BACKGROUND

General operating expenses and staff salaries were supported by SIDRU revenues.

The University of Regina provides a portion of the Director's salary, office space, and other university services, including the Business Office, Computing Services, library, audiovisual, and administrative support.

A summary of project funds is found in [Appendix A](#).

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

SIDRU operates on the basis of a constitution which provides a mission statement and an organizational structure. The organization is governed by the Charter of the University of Regina. The Director, appointed annually by the President upon recommendation of the Dean of Education, reports to the Dean of Education; to the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; and to the Provincial Advisory Board which consists of representatives from each of the provincial educational agencies.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

SIDRU's mandate intends that this unit serve an important role - the improvement of instruction in the provincial educational system. The original mandate suggests that instructional improvement activities of the unit be directed toward research related to teaching and its impact on learning. Functions described within the SIDRU constitution intend that the unit fulfill this mandate through the following activities: conducting research and development activities relevant to instruction within

the Saskatchewan context; consulting with school systems in areas such as project design and evaluation; disseminating research findings, methodological approaches, and critical analyses of research through publications and other means; facilitating cooperative problem solving and identifying needs and resources; and providing research and development training opportunities for graduate students and others in the field of education.

Our partnerships, Faculty services, and the following projects of 2009 – 2010 - New, In Progress, and Completed - illustrate our commitment to fulfilling these intended purposes and functions. Complete information on each project is available from SIDRU.

NEW PROJECTS

Handbook for Leadership Development (completed)

Funding Agency - SIDRU

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Editor – L. Steeves

Research Associates – N. Buisson, R. Fowler, H. Lambert, D. Lizee, D. McKeown

Duration – Apr/09-Mar/10

The purpose of this study was to review the literature related to educational leadership and leadership development. Based upon this research, a synthesis of best practices for leadership development was presented.

Publication:

Steeves, L. (Ed.). Buisson, N., Fowler, R., Lambert, H., Lizee, D., & McKeown, D. (2010). *Navigating educational change in Saskatchewan: A review of leadership development research*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, Faculty of Education, SIDRU.

Luther College Student Survey (completed)

Funding Agency – Luther College, U of R

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Principal Researcher/Writer – D. Bale

Duration – Apr/10-Nov/10

A survey was conducted on Luther students, including Luther residents, Luther registered, full- and part-time students, concerning students' impressions of, and satisfaction with, the support services of Luther College. The purpose of the study was to identify academic and support activities that enrich students' experiences and to identify *best practices* that improve student learning experiences.

Publication:

Bale, D. (2010). *Luther College student survey*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, Faculty of Education, SIDRU.

Student Development Centre (completed)

Funding Agency - Student Development Centre, U of R

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Principal Researcher/Writer – D. Bale

Duration – Feb/10-Sept/10

The purpose of this study was to access the Student Development Centre (SDC) support services available for mature/adult students and to identify gaps in the services. The aim was to identify *best practices* to improve student learning experiences and retention in university programs.

Publication:

Bale, D. (2010). *Mature learner needs assessment*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, Faculty of Education, SIDRU.

SUNTEP Project (completed)

Funding Agency – SUNTEP Regina, U of R

Project Advisors – M. Tymchak, J. Pelletier, J. Tupper

Principal Researcher – H. Weston

Duration – July/10-Aug/10

This project is to examine and evaluate the use of the material on Aboriginal Perspectives (especially mathematics and culture) in the classroom and use the information gathered to further develop the Aboriginal Perspectives website <<http://Aboriginal Perspectives.uregina.ca>>, a companion site to Math Central.

SUNTEP Project

Funding Agency – Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)

Project Advisors – M. Tymchak, C. Schick, J. Tupper

Principal Researcher – S. Farrell-Racette

Associate Researcher – R. Fayant

Duration – Dec/10-June/11

This research project is intended to inform the development of an important new course to be offered in the SUNTEP Program, entitled: "Métis Knowledge, Customs and Traditions." Once the background research is completed, it is proposed that the course would initially be offered on an experimental basis, and thereafter become a regular part of the program course offerings.

Transition Committee Student Survey

Funding Agencies – President's Office, U of R; SIDRU

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Project Director – C. Schick

Principal Researcher – H. Ritenburg

Duration – Apr/10-Jan/11

This project is to undertake an initial survey of selected students who have transitioned, or who could have transitioned, to the U of R from high school. Three student populations will be identified: rural students, urban students, and Aboriginal students.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

School^{PLUS} Conference with Nova Scotia Partners

Funding Agency – TBA

Director - M. Tymchak

Project Associate – T. Salm

Project Assistant – S. Niessen

Proposed date – Fall 2012

PROJECTS COMPLETED

Circle Rubrics Project – Phase 2

Funding Agencies – Ministry of Education,
First Nations and Métis Education Branch;
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Researcher/Writer – B. Stonechild

Research Associate – S. McGowan

Duration – April 09-Nov/09

Phase 2 was a continuation of Phase 1, with an analysis of the testing results from a First Nations school and a subsequent summary that was provided to the Minister.

Publication:

Stonechild, B., & McGowan, S. (2009). *More holistic assessment for improved education outcomes*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, Faculty of Education, SIDRU.

Collaborative Competencies of Human Service Providers (ACCESS)

Funding Agency – Ministry of Education, Children's Service Branch

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Researcher/Writer – T. Salm

Duration – Feb/09-June/10

The purpose of this project was to explore the process(es) that support professionals to increase their understanding of the scope of practice of various professional roles.

Publication:

Salm, T. (2010). *The joy of hearing the “f” word: Professional development for interprofessional collaboration in schools*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, Faculty of Education, SIDRU.

Handbook for Leadership Development

Funding Agency - SIDRU

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Editor – L. Steeves

Research Associates – N. Buisson, R. Fowler,
H. Lambert, D. Lizee, D. McKeown

Duration - Apr/09-Mar/10

For details, see New Projects, p. 7.

HRSDC – Community Planning (Homelessness)

Funding Agency – Human Resources and Skills
Development Canada

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Researcher/Writer – M. Spooner

Duration – Mar/09-Dec/09

In partnership with the Regina Homelessness Committee (RHC), this project evaluated the community-planning process undertaken in Regina and made recommendations re further improvement for collaboration and engagement of all stakeholders to address homelessness.

Publication:

Spooner, M. (2009). *Homelessness in Regina survival guide*.

Literature Review Student Achievement Panel

Funding Agency – Ministry of Education

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Principal Researcher/Editor – L. Steeves

Research Associates – J. Chell, R. Dolmage, C. Fulton,
W. Lyons, R. Martin, B. McNeil, L. Sackney

Duration – Nov/08-Sept/09

This literature review was to assist the Minister in professional advice and expertise, and to research and report development in the area of the Provincial Panel on Student Achievement.

Publication:

Steeves, L., Sackney, L., Chell, J., Dolmage, R., Fulton, C., Lyons, W., Martin, R., & McNeil, B. (2009). *Improving student achievement: A literature review*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, Faculty of Education, SIDRU.

Luther College Student Survey

Funding Agency – Luther College

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Principal Researcher/Writer – D. Bale

Duration – Apr/10-Nov/10

For details, see New Projects, p. 8.

Student Development Centre

Funding Agency – Student Development Centre

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Principal Researcher/Writer – D. Bale

Duration – Feb/10-Sept/10

For details, see New Projects, p. 8.

Masters (Curriculum and Instruction) - MEd

Partnership – North West Regional College (NWRC)

Students – 28

Commence – Summer 2010

Completion – Spring 2012

NETWORKED

NetworkED is a consortium of “centers and institutes” within the Faculty of Education which have come together to create a shared support system and publish a promotional document designed to highlight their work, for example, a combined annual report.

For schematic chart, see [Appendix B](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED/COHORT PROGRAMS

New Programs

Masters (Educational Administration & Leadership) - MEd

Partnership – Southeast Regional College (SeRC)

Commence – Summer 2011

Completion – Spring 2013

Bachelor of Education (Elementary) - BEd

Partnership – North West Regional College (NWRC)

Students – anticipate 30

Commence – Fall 2011

Completion – Spring 2014

Programs in Progress

Faculty Certificate Program

Partnership - SIAST (2004-2013)

Current enrolment - 120

Programs Completed

Masters (Curriculum and Instruction) - MEd

Partnership – NWRC

Grads – 19

Ceremony – Spring 2009

Partnership – NORTEP

Grads – 24

Ceremony – Spring 2010

TEP PROGRAMS

- **NORTEP**

Centre for Northern Research and Graduate Studies Education (CeNRGe)

Funding Agency - NORTEP/NORPAC

Principal Researcher - M. Tymchak

Duration - Jan/06-ongoing

NORTEP/NORPAC Newsletter

- **NTEP** (Nunavut Teacher Education Program)
In partnership with Nunavut Arctic College (2006-present)

- **SUNTEP**

Project Advisors – M. Tymchak, J. Pelletier, J. Tupper

New course development – Métis Knowledge, Customs and Traditions (ESST) Dec/10-June/11

For more details, see New Projects, p. 8.

SUNTEP Project

Project Advisors – M. Tymchak, J. Pelletier, J. Tupper

Principal Researcher – H. Weston

For more details, see New Projects, p. 8.

MALAWI TEVET REFORM PROJECT

Funding Agency – CIDA (Tier I)

Auspices – CIET

Project Director – A. Bockarie

Project Manager – E. McNeil

Admin Coordinator - C. Johnson (SIDRU)

Duration – 2008-2014

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (CIET)

Director – D. Brown

GREYSTONE CENTRE FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION IN EDUCATION

Director – T. Salm

FACULTY SERVICES

ACADEMIC JOURNAL SUPPORT (in education)

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Editor-in-Chief – P. Lewis

*Editorial Board – A. Couros, A. Kipling Brown,
J. McNinch, V. Mulholland, K. Nolan*

Copy Editor/Online Content Manager – S. Niessen

Duration – Sept/95 – ongoing

BEST PRACTICES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Workshop Presenters – W. Willis, T. Mensch

Duration – Sept/07 – May 2010

EDUCATION GRADUATE SURVEY – YEAR 2009

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Project Associate – R. Lee

Duration – Apr/96-ongoing

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Funding Agency – SIDRU

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak

Duration – Apr/03-ongoing

New Ed Research & PD Projects (Dec-09)

Envelope A: Professional Development Fund

N/A

Envelope B: General Research Fund

*Teacher Change Through Anti-Oppressive
Education*

Principal Researcher – L. Carlson Berg

Coinvestigator – C. Brown

*A Study of Principals' Perceptions of Racism in Their
Schools*

Principal Researcher – C. Schick

Coinvestigator – S. McLean

Envelope C: Partnerships/Community-Based Educational Fund

*Teacher Recruitment and Retention in a First Nation
Tribal Council and a Provincial School Division: A
Comparative Study*

Principal Researcher – L. Steeves

Coinvestigators – S. Carr- Stewart &

J. Marshall

An Act of Arts Education: The Joining of Communities

Principal Researcher – N. Yakel

Coinvestigators – A. Kipling Brown,

J. Cloutier, C. Thorburn

Ongoing Ed Research & PD Projects

Envelope A: Professional Development Fund

An Investigation into Implementing Student Action Projects in Elementary School Classrooms During the Preinternship Year

Principal Researcher – C. Fulton

Coinvestigators – J. Huber, J. Machnaik

A Pilot Project to Test a Revised Internship Placement Profile in the Elementary Teacher Education Program at the University of Regina

Principal Researcher – P. Lewis

Coinvestigators – C. Fulton, J. Huber, X. Ji, J. Pelletier, A. Weenie

Learning Beyond the Walls. The Fine Arts, Community, Technology, School and University as Collaboration for Learning: Phase II

Principal Researcher – A. Kipling Brown

Coinvestigators – S. Maserek, N. Yakel

Sustainability and Higher Education: Teacher Educators and Preservice Teachers' Understanding of Sustainability and Its Relationship to Their Professional Practice

Principal Researcher – X. Ji

Coinvestigators – P. Kolenick, G. Pickard

Envelope B: General Research Fund

Supporting the Literacy Growth of Transient Elementary School Students: The Case of Extensive and Intensive Instruction

Principal Researcher – B. McNeil

Examining Learning-Enhanced Re-presentation of Classroom Interactions: Extending the Learning Community

Principal Researcher – M. Spooner

Envelope C: Partnerships/Community-Based Educational Fund

Developing Curriculum-Based Instructional and Assessment Instruments for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Communities: Multiliteracies in Teacher Education

Principal Researcher – F. Pirbhai-Illich

Completed Ed Research & PD Projects

Envelope A: Professional Development Fund

Enabling Inclusive Teacher Education Through Disabling Theory

Principal Researcher – S. Thompson

Coinvestigator – M. Cherland

Learning Beyond the Walls. The Fine Arts, Community, Technology, School and University as Collaboration for Learning: Phase I

Principal Researcher – A. Kipling Brown

Coinvestigators – S. Maserek, N. Yakel

Envelope B: General Research Fund

Engaging Adolescent Aboriginal Students in Critical Multiliteracies

Principal Researcher – F. Pirbhai-Illich

Academy Influences on Student Teacher Beliefs About Language Variation and Literacy Development

Principal Researcher – A. Sterzuk

Teachers' Use of Media and Technology: An Exploration of Socioeconomic and Cultural Factors That Influence Teachers' Attitudes Towards the Use of Media and Technology in Education CANCELLED

Principal Researcher – A. Arshad-Ayaz

Envelope C: Partnerships/Community-Based Educational Fund

The Quality of Outcomes of the Work of SCEP Centre

Principal Researcher – P. Lewis

Phase 2 Delivery of Second-Level Services: A Comparison of the Delivery of Second-Level Services Within the Yorkton Tribal Council and a Provincial School Division

Principal Researcher – L. Steeves

Coinvestigators – D. Pinay, S. Carr-Stewart, L. Whitemen

School Leadership for Literacy and Social Justice

Principal Researchers – P. Clarke, B. McNeil

FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Funding Agency – Faculty of Education, U of R
Project Advisor – M. Tymchak
Editorial Board – C. Fulton, J. McNinch, V. Mulholland
Managing Editor – S. Niessen
Duration – Feb/07-ongoing

Publication:

Niessen, S. (Ed.). *Faculty of Education newsletter*. Regina, SK: University of Regina, SIDRU.

FRENCH EDUCATION RESEARCH

Funding Agency – Bac Program, Faculty of Education, U of R
Project Advisors – P. Clarke (to June 30, 2010), L. Brogden (July 1, 2010), M. Tymchak
Duration - Apr/93-ongoing

New French Ed Research Projects

Vers une reciprocite culturelle (Towards Cultural Reciprocity)

Principal Researcher – L. Carlson Berg
Coinvestigator – J. Dufresne

A Core Without French: Mapping In/equities of Access to French Immersion Education

Principal Researcher – L. Brogden

Ongoing French Ed Research Projects

N/A

Completed French Ed Research Projects

Transitions Associated With the Laval Experience for Bac Students

Principal Researcher – J. Zimmer
Coinvestigator – S. Leitao Csada

Content-Area Teaching in French Immersion at the Secondary Level

Principal Researchers – B. Laplante, J. Dufresne

Growing our Own: Faculty Perspectives on the Achievement of Excellence in Graduate Study

Principal Researcher – L. Carlson Berg

OTHER EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Funding Agency – SIDRU
Advisor – M. Tymchak
Duration – July/07-ongoing

New Other Ed Research & PD Projects

N/A

Ongoing Other Ed Research & PD Projects

Investigation into Alternative Educational Delivery Options

Principal Researcher – C. Fulton

Completed Other Ed Research & PD Projects

Autoethnography and Linguistic Subjectivities (ALS)

Principal Researcher – L. Brogden

PROGRAM CHAIR FUNDS

Funding Agency – SIDRU
Project Advisor – M. Tymchak
Duration – July/08-Aug/10

New Program Chair Project

Art I/f/f/act ology – A Postmodern, Autoethnographic Approach to Theorizing Qualitative Inquiry

Program Chair – L. Brogden, Bac

Ongoing Program Chair Projects

Comparative Education Law: Understanding the Judicial Treatment of Constitutional Rights Claims From a Canadian and American Perspective

Program Chair – P. Clarke, Bac

Exploring Differentiated Learning and Assessment in Light of Outcomes-Based Curricula and Accountability Frameworks

Program Chair – C. Fulton, Elementary

Alcohol and Substance Abuse

Professional Development – T. Salm

Completed Program Chair Projects

Preinterns, Artists and Teachers – the PAT Project
Program Chair – N. Yakel, Arts Education

The Story of a School: Working to Create an Equitable Environment for All in a Rural Community School
Program Chair – V. Mulholland, Secondary

Research paper presentation in Sydney, Australia
(Former) Program Chair – L. Lang, Arts Education

SIDRU SEMINARS

Project Advisor – M. Tymchak
Coordinator/Moderator – S. Niessen

SIDRU Seminar Series¹

September - November 2009

Developing Curriculum-Based Instructional and Assessment Instruments for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Communities: Multiliteracies in Teacher Education

Fatima Pirbhai-Illich, University of Regina, and Theresa Austin, University of Massachusetts

Language Norms and Policies: Issues in Teacher Education

Language and Literacies Subject Area, University of Regina

A Queer Circle of Friends, Indeed! The School Social As Intervention or As Movement
Scott Thompson, University of Regina

Community Education and Intelligent Accountability
Ron Nowlan, Saskatchewan Ministry of Education

Inclusion in Saskatchewan's Francophone Schools: Experiences of New Immigrants
Laurie Carlson Berg, University of Regina

What's in a Name? Personal Harassment is Bullying
Ian MacAusland-Berg, Coordinator; Harassment, Discrimination Prevention, & Conflict Resolution Services

The Construction, Deconstruction, and Reconstruction of Science in Science Education – A Personal Reflection and Critique

Xia Ji, University of Regina

School Leadership for Literacy and Social Justice
Barbara McNeil and Paul Clarke, University of Regina, and Len Brhelle

(De)Constructing Citizenship: Curriculum, Social Class, and the Good Citizen

Jennifer Tupper and Mike Cappello, University of Regina

Growing a School – The Birth and Development of Prairie Sky School

Carol Fulton, Julie Machnaik, and Kim Weiss, University of Regina

Roles of Teachers and Educational Assistants in Community Schools

Val Mulholland, Wanda Lyons, and Barbara McNeil, University of Regina

January - March 2010

Visiting Scholars: Expanding Educational Opportunities From the Campus to the Community

Marilyn Miller and Dongyan Blachford, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Regina

Leadership in K-12 School Systems

Larry Steeves, University of Regina

Math Central and Aboriginal Perspectives

Harley Weston, Student Development Centre; Andrea Rogers, education student; and Jessica Wesaquate, SUNTEP; University of Regina

An Intra-National Experience: Building Bridges in Teacher Education Across a Nation

Stephenie Leitao Csada and June Zimmer, Bac Program, University of Regina

Coping With Difficult People

Ian MacAusland-Berg, Coordinator; Harassment, Discrimination Prevention, & Conflict Resolution Services

¹ A total of 313 people attended the Fall and Winter seminars.

SIDRU Seminar Series (continued)

January - March 2010

Whose Body? Whose Dance? Inquiring With Dance Education Students

Heather Ritenburg, Ann Kipling Brown, and students, Arts Education Program, University of Regina. Catrina Palamara, Balfour Collegiate, and Nicolle Montague, Regina Public Schools

Blue Doesn't Have to Be Purple – Collaborative Teaching Meets Reflective Practice

Paul Kolenick and Karen Lind, University of Regina

SCEP Centre: 40 Years and Still Helping

Patrick Lewis, University of Regina

Quagmires and Possibilities of Autoethnographic Research/Writing for Teacher Education

Lace Marie Brogden, Bac Program, University of Regina

(Re)Calling the Taino: Post-Colonial Flexing Through Dance and Literature (Special Location – Dance Studio)

Ann Kipling Brown and Barbara McNeil, University of Regina

PUBLICATIONS FOR PURCHASE

- *Navigating Educational Change in Saskatchewan: A Review of Leadership Development Research* (2010) \$10.00
 - *Improving Student Achievement: A Literature Review* (2009) \$10.00
 - *Story of School^{PLUS}* (2006) \$5.00
 - *School^{PLUS}: A Vision for Children and Youth* (2001) \$8.00
 - *A Toolkit for Teachers: Using Technology to Communicate and Share Learning* SPDRU/SIDRU (2003) \$18.19 (includes taxes)
 - *Gateways to Knowledge: Locating, Assessing and Using On-line Information* SIDRU/SPDRU (2002) \$18.19 (includes taxes)
 - *Learning Together in Multi-level Classrooms* SIDRU/SPDRU (1997) \$2.50
- Instructional Strategies Series^a**
- 1 *This is a YES: Concept Attainment.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1991)
 - 2 *What Would You Do? Inquiry in the Classroom.** SIDRU/SPDRU (1991)
 - 3 *Glad You Asked That! Questioning in the Classroom.** SIDRU/SPDRU (1991)
 - 4 *Planning Adventures: Synectics.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1991)
 - 5 *Opening the Door to Cooperative Learning.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1991)
 - 6 *Think About It. Critical and Creative Thinking in the Classroom.** SIDRU/SPDRU (1992)
 - 7 *Something for Everyone: Ideas for Individualizing in the Classroom.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1992)
 - 8 *Where Did You Find That? Resource-Based Learning.* SIDRU/SPDRU (1992)
 - 9 *Can We Talk? Effective Lecturing in the Classroom.** SIDRU/SPDRU (1992)
 - 10 *Picture Peer Partner Learning.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1993)
 - 11 *Reflective Teaching.** SIDRU/SPDRU (1993)
 - 12 *Focused Imaging.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1993)
 - 13 *Connecting: Getting It Together.* SIDRU/SPDRU (1993)
 - 14 *Centred on Students: Stations, Packages, Centres.** SPDRU/SIDRU (1993)
 - 15 *Tell Me a Story! Narrative in the Classroom.* SIDRU/SPDRU (1993)
 - 16 *A Slice of Reality Through Games, Role Play and Simulation.* SPDRU/SIDRU (1993)
 - 17 *Resolving Mysteries: A Guide to Creative Problem Solving.* SIDRU/SPDRU (1994)
 - 18 *Integrating the Pieces.* SPDRU/SIDRU (1994)

*Also available in French.

^aThese documents (\$5.00 each) are available through SIDRU ([306] 585-5142), Faculty of Education, University of Regina.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

**Summary of Project Funds
2009-2010**

SASKATCHEWAN INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH UNIT

Summary of Project Funds

September 2009 - October 2010

Projects	Duration		Funding Agency(ies)
	Start	End	
Completed			
Circle Rubrics Project – Phase 2	Apr/09	Nov/09	Ministry of Education, First Nations & Métis Education Branch; Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
Collaborative Competencies of Human Service Providers (ACCESS)	Feb/09	June/10	Ministry of Education, Children’s Service Branch
HRSDC – Community Planning (Homelessness)	Mar/09	Dec/09	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
Literature Review Student Achievement Panel	Nov/08	Sept/09	Ministry of Education
<u>Subtotal</u>			<u>\$112,882.00</u>

SASKATCHEWAN INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH UNIT

Summary of Project Funds (continued)

September 2009 - October 2010

Projects	Duration		Funding Agency(ies)
	Start	End	
New Projects			
Handbook for Leadership Development (completed)	Apr/09	Mar/10	SIDRU
Luther College Student Survey (completed)	Apr/10	Nov/10	Luther College, U of R
Student Development Centre (completed)	Feb/10	Sept/10	Student Development Centre, U of R
SUNTEP Projects	July/10	June/11	SUNTEP Regina, U of R
Transition Committee Student Survey	Apr/10	Jan/11	President's Office, U of R; SIDRU
<u>Subtotal</u>			\$ <u>14,000.00</u>
Partnerships²			
CeNRGe (NORTEP)	Jan/06	Ongoing	NORTEP/NORPAC
Community-Based MEd Program	2010	2012	North West Regional College
Malawi TEVET Reform Project	2008	2014	CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency)
Nunavut Teacher Ed Program (NTEP)	2007	2012	Nunavut Arctic College
SIAS, Fac Certificate Program (FCP)	2004	2013	SIAS
SUNTEP	2007	2012	SUNTEP, U of R
<u>Subtotal</u>			<u>\$1,564,917.00</u>
TOTAL CONTRACT MONIES			<u>\$1,691,799.00</u>

² Partnership funds are reported on an annual basis.

APPENDIX B

Schematic of NetworkED

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