



# Researched.

The College of Education Monthly Research Newsletter

## College of Education Research Team

The College of Education Research Team consists of three key members; Ranjan Datta, Laurie Hellsten, and Stephanie Kehrig.

Together we work to enhance the research programs and activities of the Education faculty, the College, and the University through a wide range of research support, including :

- 1) providing research grant application support services
- 2) engaging in profile building
- 3) helping create dynamic research partnerships
- 4) supporting unit-specific goals and integrated planning initiatives

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## Dr. Dawn Wallin and Dr. Paul Newton

Successful in SSHRC's Insight Grant

Amount Awarded: \$213, 732

Ranked: 5/101 proposals

Adjudication Committee: Education and Social Work 1

### “The role and leadership practices of teaching principals in rural, remote and Northern contexts in the Canadian Prairie provinces (2015-2019)”

In this study, Dr. Wallin and Dr. Newton will study the unique leadership role of the teaching principalship in rural, remote and Northern communities in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. Teaching principals are school principals who have a teaching role in addition to their principal duties. The study will examine how leadership practices may be facilitated or constrained by the dual roles of teaching and administration in these community contexts, and will explore implications for student outcomes, instructional leadership, school effectiveness, rural school governance, community engagement, administrative workload policies and leadership preparation.



#### Advice from the Researcher: *Dr. Dawn Wallin*

- Have others review your work. Do NOT do this alone.
- Have a successful track record of acquiring grant facilitates.
- Demonstrate you are an “expert” in a field of study applicable to the grant.
- If at first... or second... or third, you don't succeed, don't get down.
- Use the College or U of S opportunities that exist to apply for seed money.
- Consider creating a grant writing “plan” that doesn't immediately jump on the grants available.

#### Advice from the Researcher: *Dr. Paul Newton*

- Start early - 1 year in advance is NOT too soon.
- Resubmit! Most success comes from revision and resubmission.
- Partner well. Find someone you can work with well for 3-5 years.
- Follow your passion. It is tempting to pursue opportunities, but you have to live with the research project for 3-5 years. Make sure you care deeply about it.



## Shaun Murphy

SSHRC Program: Insight Grant Application submitted October 2015

Amount Requested: \$152, 562

### Rural school communities and teacher education: How does placed-based learning shape teachers and teaching?

How can we ensure rural teachers—and their schools—thrive? An obvious, yet relatively unexplored way is to study the experiences of rural teachers pre- and post-degree. More specifically, how can the experiences of teachers in rural schools inform teacher education?

This research inquires into the experiences of teachers, both preservice (during their teacher education program) and inservice (while teaching in the schools). Situated in a rural school this research will uncover ways teacher education can support place-based contexts and how this impacts the education of teachers for work in rural communities. Experience, and namely the continuity and interactions among people and places, will be a lens through which to understand the lives of rural teachers. This attention will provide insight into their preparation in teacher education programs and their continued learning as working teachers. Our research will benefit rural communities by supporting the lives of children and families in these locations through attention to the particularities of education in rural communities.

#### Advice from the Researcher: *Shaun Murphy*

- Use the internal process
- Have people read it [the grant]
- Start early
- Be straight forward



## **College of Education Writing Circles**

Writing circles are a collegial approach to academic writing that facilitate the pooling of expertise and the exchange of recommended writing practices. Writing circles provide dedicated time for academic writing and peer support. Participation in writing groups has been shown to increase scholarly productivity (Brandon et al., 2015). Our Term 1 of College Writing Circles is ongoing and you are welcome to join. For more information contact Ranjan ([ranjan.datta@usask.ca](mailto:ranjan.datta@usask.ca)) or Laurie ([laurie.hellsten@usask.ca](mailto:laurie.hellsten@usask.ca)).

## **Manuscript Publication (Academic) Writing Circle:**

To facilitate academic writing, several writing circle opportunities are envisioned including a faculty writing circle, a joint faculty-graduate student writing circle, and writing pairs (“buddy system”). Upcoming dates: October 22nd, November 10th, November 24th, December 8th. All sessions are scheduled from 1:30pm-3:30pm in ED 3058.

## **Graduate Student Project, Capstone, Thesis and Dissertation Writing Circle:**

Every Tuesday 12:00pm-1:30pm in room ED2001

Feeling overwhelmed? Confused about your project/thesis/dissertation and the next steps? Wondering how to find the “right” question, identify a research gap, or how to conduct your analysis? Want advice and support from peers and faculty on how to get started or complete your thesis? Consider attending the Graduate Student Project, Capstone, Thesis and Dissertation Writing Circle. Anyone who has survived his/her own thesis or dissertation knows that one of the “most daunting parts of the task is not the mechanics of the writing, but simply getting started — and then keeping at it” (Delyser, 2003, p. 170). For more information please contact Stephanie at [stephanie.kehrig@usask.ca](mailto:stephanie.kehrig@usask.ca).



## **Faculty Research Grant Funding Application Working Group:**

This group focuses on the grant writing process and provides peer and mentor support to faculty applying for research funding. A particular emphasis is on the upcoming SSHRC Insight Development Grant opportunity due in February 2016. However, faculty interested in applying for research funding from any source are welcome to attend. Upcoming date is November 3rd, 2015 in room ED 3122.

# Workshops/Seminars

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## Upcoming Monthly Workshops and Seminars

### Tri-Agency CV Development Workshop:

TBA

### Graduate Students Professional Writing Workshops Series

Hosted by Heather McWinney, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. Includes:

- October 27th: 10 a.m - 12 p.m: Doing Effective Research
- November 3rd: 10 a.m - 12 p.m: Punctuation
- November 25th: 2- 4 p.m: Verb tenses
- December 1st: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Writing Your Proposal
- December 8th: 2-4 p.m: Flow and Coherence

Library Researcher Series - Learn Literature Search and Review Skills

Check out the [full list of great workshops](#). Register today!

### International Students

Short courses, including: Graduate Level Writing, Spoken English, Writing and Applied Grammar, Pronunciation, Reading, Listening and Note-taking Skills, etc. [Bursaries are available for International students](#). Deadline, Nov. 15 for Winter term.



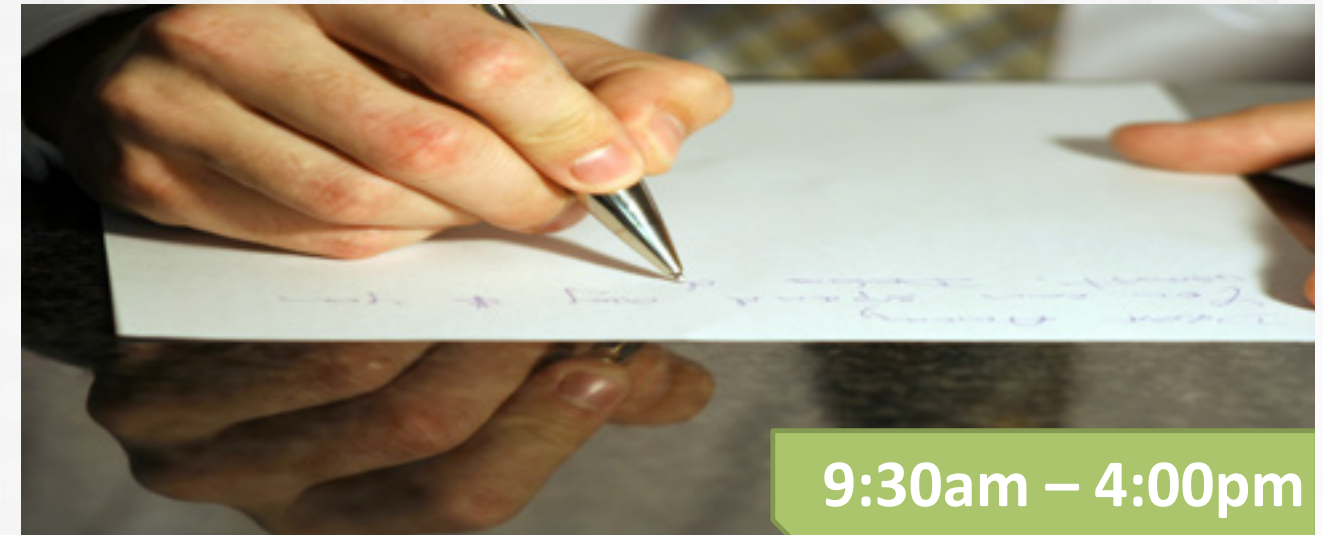
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## Writing it “Write” Workshops



### Sessions are offered

Friday, Oct. 30, 2015  
(Room EDUC 1005)

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015  
(Room EDUC 2060)

Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015  
(Room EDUC 2060)

#### Sessions Include:

Greetings from the College of Education  
Welcome back to academic writing  
Writing and maintaining a good argument  
Rap and Roll (Light lunch provided)  
Preparing your ideas/papers for publication  
Balancing life and academics

**Wine and Cheese  
Event on  
November 28, 2015  
@ 4:00pm**

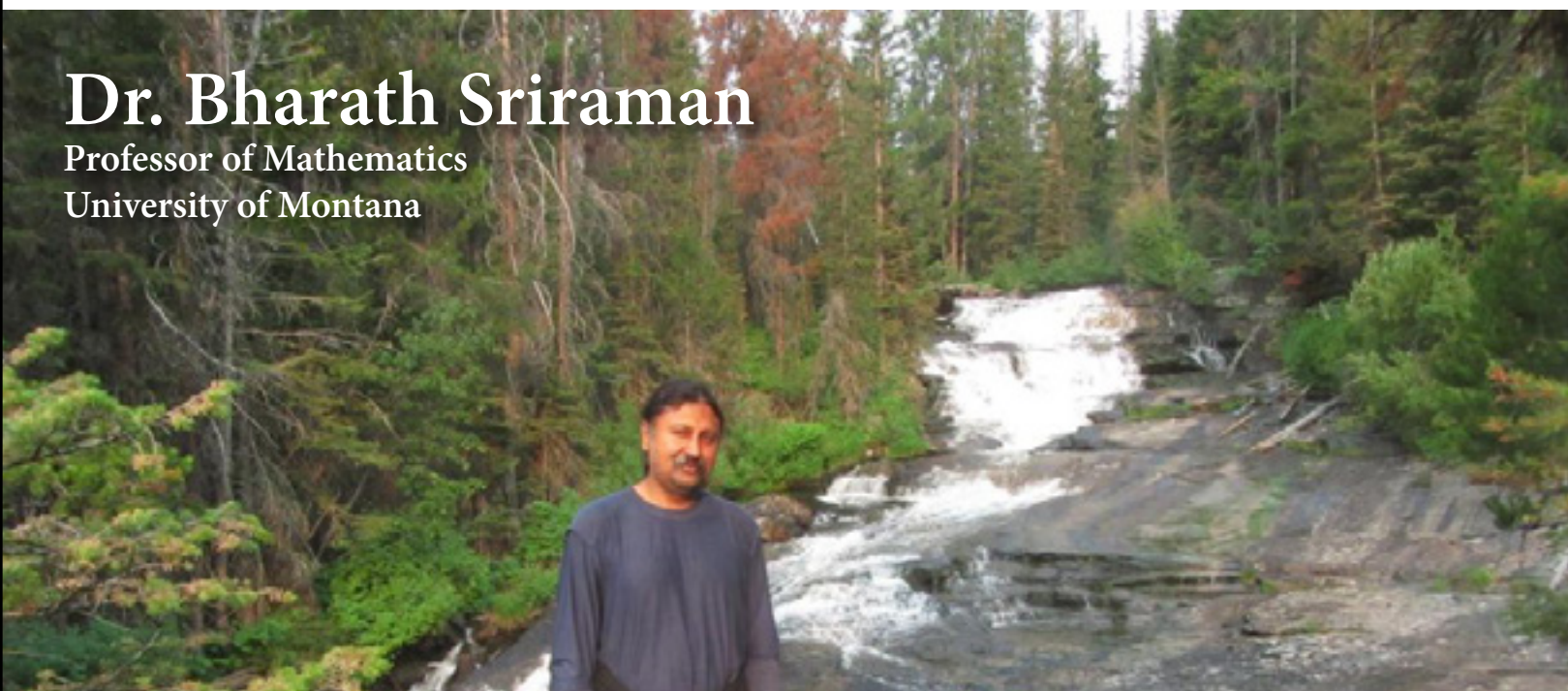
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[www.usask.ca/education](http://www.usask.ca/education)

## Upcoming Monthly Workshops and Seminars

### Dr. Bharath Sriraman

Professor of Mathematics  
University of Montana



### Invited Scholar Event:

**Dr. Bharath Sriraman, Professor of Mathematics**  
University of Montana

• Date: TBA

Public Lecture: The Hobbesian Wake in the Internationalization of Mathematics Education

Abstract of Lecture

In this lecture, the growing importance of international comparison tests such as PISA in many countries is critically examined in relation to their socio-economic conditions. The homogenization of mathematics through internationally administered tests and performance of countries have misappropriately been linked to economic progress indicators for a particular country. The apathy of the U.S to international test results is contrasted with the success stories of many Asian countries. We will examine the socio-economic, cultural and ideological constraints to development in education as well as issues that fall through the cracks and segments of society that get left behind (both in the U.S and some Asian countries). Finally, the Darwinian nature and constraints of educational opportunities are examined within the macro-context of cultural or economic ideology that creates a Hobbesian trap, leaving large segments of these societies behind. We will examine whether internationalization of mathematics education has been a good thing or not?

## Conceptions of Power and Hegemony in Critical Environmental Education Research on Policy Dr. Stefan Bengtsson



Dr. Stefan Bengtsson  
Uppsala University

The presentation examines central conceptions of power, hegemony and their relation to policy in critical environmental education research. It will highlight certain impasses these conceptions can be seen to provoke and denotes potential reconfigurations that might help to overcome them. Thereby the presentation will aim to outline a reconception of the conditions of possibility for resistance to hegemonic discourses in environmental education.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 930AM CST**

**College of Education, Room 1235 (SERI)**

To join online visit: <http://www.webex.com/>, Meeting number: 198 470 224

RSVP for connection instructions: [andrew.bieler@usask.ca](mailto:andrew.bieler@usask.ca), For support call: 306-966-4263



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## College of Education Research Clusters

College of Education faculty are engaged in a range of research that will improve the education for Canadians and people around the world. Research clusters are evolving in six areas:

- Indigenous Scholarship and Engagement
- Leadership
- Pedagogy and Curriculum
- Resilience, Health, and Wellness
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Social Justice, Sustainability, and Environment

### College-Wide Research Cluster Meeting

- Indigenous Scholarship and Engagement: TBA
- Leadership: TBA
- Pedagogy and Curriculum: TBA
- Resilience, Health, and Wellness: TBA
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: TBA
- Social Justice, Sustainability, and Environment: **November 5th, 2015 at 10:30am-12:00pm in room ED3041**

## Research Funding Opportunities, Events, and Notices

### IDRC New Research Funding Opportunities

Do you have new research idea? Submit your idea:  
<http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Funding/HowToApply/Pages/ResearchGrantIdea.aspx>

### Mitacs Funding - International Research Opportunities

Globalink offers two-way mobility for senior undergrads and grad students. Fund your students' research abroad and work with talented international students.

Take your research abroad with Globalink. Globalink offers travel funding between Canada and several international partners. [Application deadline for travel to France, India and Tunisia is November 20.](#)

### Research Update

Funding Opportunities  
 Northern Scientific Training Program  
[December 1 submission deadline](#)

## Workshops:

### CFI John R. Evans Leader Fund Proposal Development

For information visit:  
<http://research.usask.ca/for-researchers/jelf.php>

## Important Deadlines: EXTERNAL

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES	Funding Agency	Type of Award	Due Date
<a href="#">Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's Program</a>	Tri-Agency	Student Award	December 1st 2015
<a href="#">Connections Grant</a>	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council	Faculty Funding	November 1st 2015
<a href="#">Discovery Grant</a>	Natural Sciences & Humanities Research Council	Faculty Funding	November 1st 2015
<a href="#">John R. Evans Leaders Fund</a>	Canada Foundation for Innovation	Faculty Funding	February 15th, June 15th, October 15th

# Event Notices

## Important Deadlines: INTERNAL

### Research Grant In-Lieu of Salary

A portion of the applicant's salary is designated as a research grant for an acceptable research project. No additional funds exchange between the University and the applicant. The successful applicant receives a larger net salary because less income tax is deducted

Deadline: November 1

[Apply here!](#)

Contact: Office of the Vice-Provost, 306-966-8485

### Sabbatical Leave Research Grant In-Lieu of Salary Application

The Collective Agreement between the University and the Faculty Association (Clause 20.12) permits faculty to receive a portion of her/his sabbatical salary in the form of a research grant

Deadlines: November 1

[Apply here!](#)

Contact: Office of the Vice-Provost, 306-966-8485

### Visiting Lecturers Fund Application

Application forms:

- Visiting Lecturer Fund [Guidelines](#)
- Visiting Lecturer Fund [Application](#)
- Canadian Revenue Agency Regulation 105 [Waiver Instructions and Application](#)

Deadlines: January 1. If this date lands on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be the next working day.

Contact: Brenda Meyer-Burt, Grants Specialist, Research Services, 306-966-2998, [brenda.meyer-burt@usask.ca](mailto:brenda.meyer-burt@usask.ca)

### Graduate Studies and Research Funding

The College of Graduate Studies and Research has several sources of funding available for graduate students. Please see the funding tab on the College of Graduate Studies and Research website for listing of awards. You may contact your graduate chair, the Research and Graduate Programs Assistant Stephanie Kehrig or Heather Lukey directly in the College of Graduate Studies in Research if you have questions about graduate awards or deadlines.

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# Event Notices

## Important Deadlines Continued: INTERNAL

### College of Education LEADER (Leveraging External Access to Dollars for Educational Research) Awards

College of Education LEADER (Leveraging External Access to Dollars for Educational Research) Awards: The purpose of LEADER awards is to encourage collaborative research amongst faculty members for the purpose of leveraging larger grant monies from Tri-Agency or other major external research funding agencies. The guidelines and form-fillable application form are located on our College of Education intranet. For more information regarding the guidelines, please go to the following websites:

<http://www.usask.ca/education/intranet/research/COE-Research-LEADER-Guidelines.pdf>

<http://www.usask.ca/education/intranet/research/COE-Research-LEADER-Application.pdf>

All application forms and associated CV's should be emailed to the following email address no later than November 1, 2015 at midnight: [edadr@usask.ca](mailto:edadr@usask.ca)

## Upcoming Conferences

**November 12-14, 2015** in Denver, Colorado, USA: The American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, <http://www.asha.org/events/convention/>

**November 22-25, 2015** in Niagra Falls, Ontario, Canada: [Canadian Bureau for International Education](#)

**January 20-23, 2016** in Washington, DC: AAC&U Annual Meeting, [How Higher Education Can Lead—For Equity, Inclusive Excellence, and the Renewal of Democracy](#)

**February 11-12, 2016** in Miami, FL IUNC North America 2016: [Building the Global HigherEd Community](#)

**February 21-24, 2016** in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2016 AIEA [Annual Conference: Building a Better World: The Academy as Leader](#)

**March 16-18, 2016**, [Think Indigenous Conference](#), College of Education

**March 18-19, 2016**, DiscoverEd: A Celebration of Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work in the College of Education

**March 20-22, 2016**, Rural Ed Congress

**May 28-June 1, 2016**, CSSE Conference 2016, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta

**August 22-26, 2016**, ECER 2016 “Leading Education: The Distinct Contributions of Educational Research and Researchers” University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland