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Air Up Here

The Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies

A Visit: Elizabeth May! Comprehensive Investigation of Servant Leadership

She rushed into our class 8 minutes late (who can find the right room in the MacLaurin building anyway?), gulped some water out of a green glass (not by chance), and kicked off her Birkenstock sandals before she finally looked around the room and smiled at the 10 of us. We had all been a little nervous at the idea of Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament and the leader of the Green Party (among many other titles including environmentalist, lawyer, social activist – to name a few) coming to speak to us but the second she entered the class our nervousness disappeared. She just seemed like one of us. In her visit she shared with us where her drive for social activism has come from, the time her family fell in love with Cape Breton Island and decided to move there (she was born American), being the founding Executive Director of the Sierra Club of Canada, and her view on the current state of our Canadian Political system. Voted Parliamentarian of the Year (2012) by other Members of Parliament (or “friends” as she calls them), Elizabeth May came across as genuine, authentic, caring, brave, and down-to-earth - all important qualities of a leader, and (as we’re learning this term) also coincidentally (or perhaps not so coincidentally) some important qualities of a Servant-Leader. Just as quickly as she kicked off her Birkenstock sandals, and as fast as she spoke, Elizabeth May was on her way out the

door, off to speak at another engagement on campus. I’m sure I speak for everyone in my class when I say that we were all truly honoured Elizabeth May was able to make time in her extremely busy schedule to pay our class a visit and that we were able to witness, first-hand, a true Servant-Leader.

~ Submitted by Natalie Vincent, MEd Leadership Student



Save the Date!

Reading Break

November 11th- 13th

A well deserved break!

Or a chance to catch up!

Convocation

November 13th
2:30pm

See our EPLS graduates cross the stage.

Apply to Graduate

December 1st

Finishing your program in December or April? Then you need to do this.



INTRODUCING THE NEW FACTS OF LIFE APP

The Facts Of Life is a new application designed to help children ask difficult questions they may have about Sexual Health. Sexual Education can be very confusing and a hard topic to breach. This app will help parents and children discuss sexual education in a fun, wholesome, and appropriate way!

Dr. Roberts is not only an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Victoria, but also a devoted mother of three children! As most parents, she wants her children's knowledge to come from her- not from classmates, TV, or the Internet. And this is why Dr. Roberts decided to invent this one-of-its-kind Sexual Education App for children; the app is age appropriate with "just enough" information for your kids to understand Sexual Health while having fun!

Facts Of Life is fun, educational, interactive, and appropriate! Why not make one of the most memorable conversations of your kid's life a wholesome and comfortable one?

NOW AVAILABLE ON THE APP STORE and GOOGLE PLAY!

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-facts-of-life/id674663292?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mediateam.factsoflife&hl=en>

Lets keep in touch!



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Like us! Facts Of Life App

We would sincerely appreciate your help to pass the message along to your family and friends!

Thank you,

Jillian Roberts

DID YOU KNOW?

A few tips and some information for graduate students

I. Support for graduate students professional development and TA's

The Learning and Teaching Centre recognizes the importance of providing graduate students with the necessary skills needed, not only as a TA but as professional development for future careers, whether as an academic or in other fields of work. TAs provide an important role on campus through their support of undergraduate student learning.

Therefore, the TA and Graduate Student Professional Development Program offers a range of training and professional development options for all graduate students on campus to help them prepare for their role as future faculty, or to provide valuable transferable skills. New TAs will most likely want to attend the TA Conferences that take place in September and January, and workshops that take place each month. Experienced TAs and senior PhD graduate students may want to take part in the Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LATHE) program, which leads to a certificate, and prepares graduate students to teach effectively in higher education in order to compete in the academic job market.

For more information about the workshops and programs offered, please see the links below or visit the monthly calendar of workshops on our website (link provided below). To further assist you with your academic professional development, we have provided links to other resources available to you, such as TA Tip Sheets, TA Manuals and a website on Academic Integrity.

All workshops and programs are available at no cost, but we appreciate prior registration so that we have enough supplies and refreshments for those attending.

Although some events are specifically aimed at the interests of TAs, they are not intended to exclude others from joining or to suggest that other events run by the Learning and Teaching Centre (LTC) would not be suitable for TAs. Everyone is welcome.

<https://ltc.uvic.ca/servicesprograms/taproduct/index.php>

II. Monitor your own graduate program

Ever wondered if you have satisfied your degree requirements? You can now check for yourself via your MY PAGE. Go to **Grades & Records**, then **Degree Evaluation**.

III. Are you familiar with the Graduate Studies website?

You should have this website bookmarked! Why? This site contains basically everything you need to know about your graduate program at UVic. Want money for a conference you are attending? Are there thesis workshops? Can you take a semester off? When are my fees due? How do I register for a course outside my program? Where can I find a form? Which resources should I be familiar with? Who should I be asking for help? What is a co-op program? How do I use MY PAGE?

<http://www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) Conference

This year's annual CCPA Conference will be held in our own beautiful Victoria, BC from May 7- 9, 2014! Call for presentation proposals are now open. For more information visit: www.ccpa-accp.ca/conference/index.php

New this year, CCPA will be partnering with the International Association for Counselling (IAC) to host the IAC Conference 2014, taking place May 3-7, 2014 also in Victoria.

Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson's Centre Conference

When: November 22nd, 2013 from 11:00am-4:00pm

Where: Comfort Hotel and Conference Centre, 3020 Blanshard Street

How: Registration now open! 250-475-6677 | help@vepc.bc.ca

Meet the newest EPLS member

We welcome a new addition to the Counselling Psychology team, Meg Kapil. Meg has just taken on the position of practicum coordinator for the Counselling Psychology Program. She will be working with faculty, support staff, students and community partners to facilitate positive student experiences and professional development.

Meg brings multiple perspectives to the practicum coordinator position, which will help balance the needs of these diverse interests. Meg graduated from UVic's

Counselling Psychology program in 2009. Thus, she comes with a thorough understanding of student perspectives. Meg has also spent her time since graduation as a professional counsellor which has supported her understanding of a range of clinical approaches and issues. As a sessional instructor for EPLS, Meg has found a great forum for not just teaching but learning and connecting with students as well. Meg will also be able to put her experience supervising novice counsellors to good use and is excited about supporting the development of the counselling students here at UVic.

