

## Message from the Co-Editors:

Hi everyone! After a brief break, we are back with our 14th issue. In it, we'll announce some important and upcoming events we hope you will attend. Hope you are all enjoying a beautiful summer!

~ Brittany, Denise, and Mary

[Meet our co-editors: Brittany Jakubiec is a first year PhD student in Educational Studies; Mary MacPhee is a fourth year PhD candidate in Educational Studies. Denise Happ is in her second year of her MSc in Biomedical Sciences]

**Kudos** to all grad students working hard to complete their thesis and coursework. Kudos to Valerie Campbell for passing her portfolio examination! Congratulations to Education PhD students for receiving over \$600,000 in funding!



Pictured here, from left to right: (top row) Brittany Jakubiec, Mary MacPhee, Gabriela Arias de Sanchez, Valerie Campbell, (bottom row) Bonnie Stewart, Alaina Roach O'Keefe, and Michele Moffatt.

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# UPEI MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REBECCA THOMAS



**Rebecca Thomas**  
**Indigenous Poet and Scholar**  
**August 12, 9–10:00 am, MCDH 242**

Do You See What I See? Can you?:  
Contemporary World-View and  
Perspective Through the Eyes of an  
Indigenous Poet and Scholar

**Rebecca Thomas** is a Mi'kmaw woman living in Dartmouth Nova Scotia. She is the daughter of a residential school survivor whose family is rooted in Lennox Island First Nation, Prince Edward Island. Rebecca is outspoken when it comes to confronting Aboriginal stereotypes, as well as educating her colleagues and the general public about cultural safety and integrity.

Through her work as coordinator for Aboriginal Student Services at the Nova Scotia Community College, and also as a Slam Poet, Rebecca encourages people to think before they speak. Having Captained the Nova Scotia Slam poetry team for the third year in a row she was able to bring her voice, along with three other Nova Scotians, to the national stage. Having been named HRM's most recent Poet Laureate, most of her work focuses on the relationships between Canada's First Peoples, their relationship with the federal government, and how First Nations' people are perceived publicly. Rebecca is on a life long journey to promote understanding and empathy for Indigenous people and marginalized communities.

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# UMGRC ANNOUNCES PLENARY SPEAKER: JULIE BULL

**Julie Bull**

**Indigenous Professor, Scholar, & Activist**

**August 12, 4–5:00 pm, MCDH 242**

**Research is Relational: From  
Principles to Practice in  
Reconciliation**

**Julie Bull** is an award winning researcher of mixed Inuit descent and is a member of NunatuKavut, Labrador. She teaches in the Aboriginal Studies Program at the University of Toronto, the School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria, and is an invited lecturer and speaker at many events throughout Canada and around the world. Julie is active in both academic and grassroots Indigenous initiatives and sits on national committees working in the area of Indigenous health research and research ethics, such as the Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research. She remains connected to her home community in Labrador by sitting on the NunatuKavut Community Council Research Advisory Committee and continuing to facilitate relationships between that community and academic researchers. She is also a mentor in the Indigenous Women in Community Leadership through the Coady International Institute at St. FX University.



In her presentation, *Research is relational: From principles to practice in reconciliation*, Julie draws on nearly two decades of working, studying, and volunteering in Indigenous communities in Canada by illustrating practical ways to build (research) relationships with Indigenous people. Her genuine approach to relationship building has become the cornerstone to her personal and professional life and it is this relational component that has garnered international attention. Based on the underlying principles of respect, relevance, reciprocity, and responsibility, Julie shares stories from her work and offers tangible ideas for how others can build and maintain relationships with Indigenous people. This dynamic presentation will include visuals, poetry, stories about resiliency and perseverance, and will highlight wise practices in research methods and ethics for research involving Indigenous people.

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## UPCOMING UMGRC WORKSHOPS

Like all presentations (keynote, plenary, poster, etc.), the UMGRC workshops are open to students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, and staff. We have a very exciting line-up this year, yet again, and hope to see just as many in attendance as last year (which was over 300 people at the workshops alone!). There will be two concurrent sessions running, with 8 total workshops to choose from. Locations of workshops to be announced.

### August 11, 2016, Stream 1:

9:00 am – 10:20 am	Adam Fenec (how to: science communications)
10:30 am – 11:50 am	Sean Landsman (how to: teach first course)
1:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Tim Goddard & Leslie Cudmore (how to: create CV)
2:30 pm – 3:50 pm	Christina Murray (Narrative Inquiry)

### August 11, 2016, Stream 2:

8:30 am – 10:20 am in the Chaplaincy Centre	David Varis (Indigenous knowledge, research & engagement)
10:30 am – 11:50 am	Alaina Roach O'Keefe & Mary MacPhee (mental health & wellbeing)
1:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Gail Baikie (decolonize the mind)
2:30 pm – 3:50 pm	Chasity Delorme (Aboriginal research methods, cultural sensitivity, and awareness)

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## MISCELLANEOUS



Do you like gardening? Do you want to get involved with a new student initiative at UPEI to grow vegetables? If so, email [rqueirozdasi@upei.ca](mailto:rqueirozdasi@upei.ca) for more information or to get involved! The [UPEI garden will help feed Soup for the Soul](#).

(Picture taken by Rosana Queiroz)

We are looking for a graduate student to sit on the Senate Committee on the Enhancement of Teaching. If you are interested email [gsa@upei.ca](mailto:gsa@upei.ca)



Upcoming summer institute at Holland College: Promoting Child and Youth Mental Health: Engaging all Generations. For more information, visit their [website](#).



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