



ACIFA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE IN JASPER

The ACIFA annual conference is being held in Jasper! This year our host is Lakeland College Faculty Association.

Our theme is "Bridging the Divide." Conference dates are May 25th to May 28th. Take a look at the ACIFA website for more information and for upcoming details on how to register.

This is a great opportunity to learn from your colleagues and network with other PSE professionals. Don't forget about the stress relieving benefits of 3 glorious days in Jasper. Feed your mind and body. Register for the ACIFA Spring Conference!

SEEKING SUBMISSIONS:

We invite you to complete a session proposal form for the 2008 ACIFA Spring Conference. Forms are available from ACIFA's website: www.acifa.ca/

Your session proposal must address one of the following theme strands:

- * Teaching and Learning
- * The Past and the Future
- * The Demographic Gap

Please return session proposal forms to:
Lynn Devlin-Executive Officer
#412, 10357 – 109 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1N3
devlinl@acifa.ca

The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2008.

ACIFA Award for Innovation in Teaching

On an annual basis, ACIFA recognizes creative and effective teaching practices by awarding an instructor, or a team of instructors, with the ACIFA Award for Innovation in Teaching. The award was established to recognize and encourage the use of innovative and creative teaching methods that lead to improved and engaged student learning.

The award, which is accompanied by a cheque for \$1,500, is presented at the annual ACIFA Spring Conference. The recipient's faculty association also receives a \$500 cheque.

Please visit the ACIFA website, www.acifa.ca/, for more information on eligibility criteria and submission processes. Local associations submit their own nominee to ACIFA by April 1, 2008

What are we doing to represent you?

- ACIFA was part of the Imagine Alberta launch on February 12. Well attended press conferences were held in both Edmonton and Calgary. ACIFA wishes to thank Ms. Dale McCarthy of Bow Valley College who represented faculty concerns at the Calgary launch
- ACIFA spearheaded our first ever "Post Secondary Education Learn at Lunch" event on February 14th. The event, which sought to communicate the concerns of faculty to provincial election candidates, was attended by representatives of the Liberal, NDP, PC and Wildrose Alliance party.
- ACIFA President Dave Purkis, Labour Relations Officer Terry Sway and Liaison Officer Leila Daoud were present at the February 15th CAFA council meeting.



FACULTY CIRCUIT ELECTION SPECIAL!

The Details:

Election Day: March 3rd, 2008
Polls open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Not sure where to vote?

www.elections.ab.ca/elect2008/wtWhereDoIVote.cfm

Not already a registered voter? Just moved?

<https://www.voterlink.ab.ca>

If you cannot vote on March 3rd you may vote at an advanced poll

ADVANCED POLLS

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Thursday, February 28	9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday, February 29	9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Saturday, March 1	9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

For more information about candidates and party platforms please visit the following websites:

In alphabetical order

GREEN PARTY OF ALBERTA

www.albertagreens.ca/

ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY

www.albertaliberal.com/

ALBERTA NDP PARTY

www.albertandp.ca/

ALBERTA PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

www.albertapc.ab.ca/

ALBERTA SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY

www.socialcredit.com/

WILDROSE ALLIANCE PARTY

<http://wildrosealliance.ca>

ACIFA has partnered with several groups and organizations including CAFA, ACTISEC, and CAUS in order to design our PSE election message. Throughout the election campaign you will see and hear TV and radio ads, billboards and brochures. On the website, you will also find party responses to our PSE questions.

For more information on the IMAGINE ALBERTA campaign visit

www.imaginealberta.ca

to view our television message go to <http://www.imaginealberta.ca/issues>



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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
2008 Annual Spring Conference
* Mountain Park Lodges Jasper*
May 25-28, 2008**

Name: _____ **Institution:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

[Please note that ACIFA welcomes non-members to its Annual Conference.]

Registration Deadline : May 12, 2008

Cancellations must be received in writing by May 15. Refunds, minus a \$50.00 processing fee, will be processed after the conference. Conference fee cannot be returned for cancellation after May 15, but can be applied toward a future conference. You are responsible for payment if you do not cancel and do not attend. Participant substitutes can be made at any time.

➤ **Early Bird Registration Draw:**

All paid registrations received by April 15, 2008, will be eligible for an early bird prize draw of \$250.00.

FEES

Full Registration includes \$395.00 \$ _____
reception on Sunday, keynote and session registration, [non-members] \$435.00
Monday breakfast, lunch & banquet, and Tuesday
breakfast, lunch & BBQ, and Wednesday breakfast.

Monday only registration \$195.00 \$ _____
includes keynote, sessions, breakfast, lunch and banquet


Extra tickets for your guest(s)

- complete meal package(s) for your guest _____ X \$195.00 = \$ _____
(includes banquet ticket and BBQ ticket)
- Monday banquet ticket(s) only , for your guest(s) _____ X \$ 45.00 = \$ _____
- Tuesday BBQ ticket(s) only , for your guest(s) _____ X \$ 45.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Special dietary requirements: _____

Return completed form with payment [cheque payable to ACIFA] to:
ACIFA #412, 10357-109 St., Edmonton, AB T5J 1N3. Phone: 780-423-4440 FAX: 780-423-4515

 **Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements:
@ The Mountain Park Lodges Jasper. Find reservation info at www.acifa.ca**



Please indicate your t-shirt size: small _____ medium _____ large _____ extra large _____

please note: only registrations in by May 1st will be guaranteed to receive a t-shirt



PAC Logo Contest

The Professional Affairs Committee (PAC) will soon launch its' new and improved website. Packed with useful information! you'll be able to:

- * View teaching tools organized by subject area.
- * Locate PSE conferences.
- * Find Professional Development programs.

In preparation for this exciting launch we're asking Faculty members to come up with a brand new logo for the PAC.

Contest will be open until May 25th,2008

The winner will gain Faculty Circuit fame, and make their colleagues green with envy while he/she walks around with a new iPod!

Web Resources Contest

Win a lovely \$ 25 Chapters gift certificate.

Send ACIFA any websites which are used by you as a teaching resource.

In order to have your name included in the draw you must submit a website which:

- 1.) Is useful to you and other teaching staff.
- 2.) Contains Lesson Plans or Lesson Planning aids.
- 3.) Has a teaching level which is consistent with Post Secondary Education.

Example: Lesson plans or website information must be geared at PSE level student learning.

10 times a year ACIFA will draw 1 winner for a \$25 Chapters gift certificate. Qualified websites may be added to the resource section of the PAC website. To enter please send websites to: daoudl@acifa.ca or Web Resource Contest C/O Leila Daoud #412-10357 109 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1N3. Please include your name and contact information.

The views in the Faculty Circuit are those of individuals and do not necessarily reflect ACIFA's policies and positions. Please address all inquiries or comments to:

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Submissions now being accepted for “Something Clever!”

Something Clever! the new Faculty Circuit feature will showcase you! Faculty Circuit is looking for a voice from our readers.

The Details: We ask that you submit an article, letter, cartoon, poem, commentary or an impassioned rant. Written material must be between 150-300 words in length and visual images must measure a maximum of 4x6. One caution, this is Something Clever! not something libellous nor is it a venue to air work-related grievances. All submissions must be received by the 28th of every month, and must contain your name and contact information.

Subject: Any topic which is currently being discussed in your institution, or on the local, provincial or nation scene. It could be an issue related to post secondary education or even a great teaching resource you've discovered.

Why would you want to say Something Clever?
For the glory of course! Oh - and the fabulous gift certificate you'll get. All those who submit something clever for consideration to our esteemed panel of judges will be placed into our monthly draw. The draw is for one (1) thirty dollar Chapters gift certificate. Those who are very clever and are published in one of the 10 editions annually of Faculty Circuit will be entered to win a fabulous iPod!

So say Something Clever!

A very clever way to submit:
daoudl@acifa.ca

A less clever, but still witty way to submit:

Something Clever
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