



FACULTY CIRCUIT



THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

MAY 25-28/08

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 12

PAC Logo Contest

The Professional Affairs Committee (PAC) will soon launch their 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!

ACIFA's Presidents council recently voted in favour of making an application to the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).

From May 1-4 ACIFA President Dave Purkis and Liaison Officer Leila Daoud will be in Ottawa representing ACIFA at the CAUT Council application process.

We look forward to providing you with more details about CAUT, its' benefits and what you can expect from an ACIFA/CAUT partnership.

For more information visit :
www.caut.ca



Note From the President



by Dave Purkis

As I look out on one of the worst blizzards I can remember, it seems like a bit of a stretch to be thinking about the ACIFA Spring Conference, but spring is coming; I promise and so will the conference!

The conference will feature many interesting activities, not the least of which will be the ACIFA Annual General Meeting. As you may recall from last year's AGM, a decision was made to postpone ACIFA's application to join the Canadian Association of University Teachers until more information had been gathered. The application for membership in CAUT was discussed at the fall and winter meetings of ACIFA Presidents' Council and a decision was reached to submit an application in time for the CAUT Council meeting in early May.

If, as is anticipated, the ACIFA application is accepted, it will be up to our spring Presidents' Council and the AGM to make a decision on going ahead with joining CAUT. ACIFA has been presented by CAUT with a list of services included with our membership, including the potential for adding more services at an extra cost. The CAUT dues structure is based on the number of faculty members teaching in university programs and the ACIFA Executive has collected the number of eligible faculty from each of our member institutions. CAUT has provided a fee per member figure, but the formula for calculating the actual cost per association, which would be established by Presidents' Council, has yet to be determined. However, as a result of the upcoming CAUT Council meeting, by the time we convene at the end of May, ACIFA will have a much clearer picture of both the total cost of joining CAUT and the cost per association. The two things which can be stated for sure at this time are that any fee involved will be a special levy to each association, not paid out of the regular ACIFA dues, and that we are all in this together. If we vote to accept this proposal, the member institutions of ACIFA will move forward together, as we have always done. There is no provision for individual institutions to opt in or out of the CAUT membership.

It is my sincere hope that when we get together at our AGM on May 27th that the members of ACIFA will have familiarized themselves with the services offered by CAUT and decided whether the not inconsiderable costs involved are worth it to them. It should be an interesting meeting and already it has taken my mind off of that snow!

Constitutional Changes

Dear Members,

Please find the following summary of the proposed Constitutional amendments with a brief explanation to provide the necessary context. The following sections contain proposed revisions, each of which will be considered by the AGM separately:

Note: Changes to 5.1, 6.3.3, 6.4.7, 6.3.8 are subject to approval of CAUT membership at this AGM.

5.1 Presidents' Council Members

add: (h) the Vice-President External

6.3.3 Officers, Terms and Functions of Office: General

add: (i) the Vice-President External

6.4.7 Vice-President External

add: The Vice-President External shall:

- a. at the direction of the President, act as the official liaison between ACIFA and the federal association of which ACIFA is a member;
- b. communicate to and consult regularly with Presidents' Council and the Executive on the activities of the federal association of which ACIFA is a member and on issues relative to the federal government's jurisdictional authority on post-secondary education and related matters;
- c. at the direction of Presidents' Council or the Executive, represent the views of ACIFA on policy or business matters that may arise at official assemblies of the federal association of which ACIFA is a member;
- d. report annually on his or her activities to the Annual General Meeting;
- e. fulfill such other duties and responsibilities that may be assigned by the President.

Rationale for proposed amendments respecting **Sections 5.1, 6.3, and 6.4.7:** In January 2007, the ACIFA Presidents' Council proposed and approved a motion to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that the ACIFA Executive Council expand to include a new Vice-President portfolio. The individual serving in this portfolio would be the liaison between ACIFA and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).

6.3.8 Officers, Terms and Functions of Office: General

Amend clause: To provide continuity within the Executive Council, the two-year terms of the Executive should be staggered. The terms of President, ~~and~~ Vice-President Negotiations, [add] and Vice-President External [end revision] commence and expire in even-numbered years, and the terms of the Executive Vice-President, Vice-President Finance and Records and Vice-President Professional Affairs commence and expire in odd-numbered years.



THE ACIFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN:

Tuesday May 27, 2008

TIME:

2:00 – 4:00 pm

LOCATION:

**Skyline Room @
Lobstick Lodge
94 Geikie Street
P.O. Box 1200,
Jasper, Alberta Canada
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TAKE NOTE:

*Please refer to the constitutional amendment being proposed on page 2 of this newsletter.

* An election will take place this year. Positions open for nomination are:

- ⇒ President
- ⇒ Vice President Negotiations
- ⇒ Vice President External (subject to approval of constitutional amendment for position.)

Nomination Form: ACIFA Executive Council Elections **Annual General Meeting** 2008

Positions open: President
Vice - President Negotiations
Vice - President External (subject to approval of constitutional amendment for position)

We, _____ of _____
(name of nominator) (college/institute)

_____ of _____
(name of nominator) (college/institute)

Nominate _____ of _____
(college/institute)

For the position of _____

(signature of nominator)

(signature of nominator)

(signature of nominee)

Send nomination form to: the ACIFA office
#412, 10357 - 109 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 1N3
fax: 780-423-4515



ACCOMODATION

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements:



Jasper Mountain Park Lodges
 BOOK via phone: 1-888-8JASPER
 -----or-----
 via email: resmail@mpljasper.com

Ask for ACIFA Conference Rate:
 quote Group Code "ACIFA"

**BOOK EARLY! The Mountain Park Lodges booking deadline is
 April 25th**



Standard \$102.00
 deluxe \$112.00
 kitchen \$122.00



standard \$92.00
 deluxe \$122.00
 kitchen \$119.00 kitchen \$122.00

Delegates must book at Lobstick or Marmot ONLY.

*add GST and Provincial Room Tax[rates are based on single or double occupancy]

SO MUCH TO DO!

Features include:

- Over 30 professional development sessions
- 2 dynamic keynote presentations
- Opening reception
- Entertainment
- Banquet dinner
- Barbeque night
- Silent auction fundraiser for the Alberta Public Post-secondary Education Trust Fund
- Evening hospitality suites
- Outdoor sessions such as canoeing, Nordic walking, and horseback riding
- A wonderful opportunity to network with PSE colleagues from across the province



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



ANDREW NIKIFORUK

For the last two decades Andrew Nikiforuk has written about energy, economics and the west for a variety of Canadian publications including Walrus, Maclean's, Canadian Business, Report on Business, Chatelaine, Georgia Straight, Equinox and Harrowsmith..



BRIAN THWAITS - Brainspeaker Inc.

He's knowledgeable, engaging, provocative. And he's very funny.

Brian Thwaits is a dynamic and immensely entertaining 'brain trainer', a learning and communication whiz with a wealth of experience in both the public and private sectors. He first demonstrated his flair for performance as an award-winning educator and is now an acclaimed professional speaker who engages both the hearts and minds of his audiences -- so they leave his presentations with sides splitting from laughter and heads bursting with ideas.

Digital Photography Workshop - Pre-Conference Session:

High quality digital photos are powerful teaching tools and can be used to create visual and experiential links in any classroom. If you are a digital camera enthusiast that would like to improve your technique in the beautiful mountain environment surrounding Jasper, join Ray Rasmussen and Chris Olsen for a combined classroom and field techniques session during the Sunday pre-conference period. Our session will begin right after lunch with a one-hour review of digital photography basics, and then we'll take to the field for a photographic hike of the world-famous Maligne Canyon and surrounds. After the hike, we'll download our photos and participants can select the two best shots of the day for digital enhancement.

Sunday Times:

- 1300-1400: Digital Photography Basics
- 1400-1900: Maligne Canyon photography hike
- 2200-2230: Image review and discussion

Equipment:

Participants will need transport (car pooling for about 10 km), sturdy hiking boots, mountain clothing, a daypack, water bottle, digital camera (SLR or Point-and-Shoot), and a tripod



“Pedagogies of Engagement: a 90-Minute Conversation About Good Teaching”

Jim Parsons, Professor
Faculty of Education
University of Alberta

Profile

Jim Parsons received both a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky. His Ph.D. was from The University of Texas, 1976, with a major in All Level - General Curriculum and areas of specialty in Social Studies, Literature, and Reading. His public school teaching experience includes three years teaching in a 7th grade, block-time, social studies-language arts-reading program in Louisville, Kentucky, where he was debate coach.

Jim has been a professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton since 1976, and has taught courses in curriculum and instruction in secondary social studies, reading, general curriculum, writing and publishing in education, and research design. Throughout his career Jim has written more than 70 books. Currently, he is the Director of the Masters of Educational Studies alternative-delivery graduate program in the Faculty of Education. And has worked with the Government of Alberta as the Coordinator of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement. Jim has taught at other Canadian and U.S. universities, including The University of New Brunswick, St. Bonaventure University, The University of Lethbridge, Royal Roads University, North American Baptist College and Seminary, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, among others.



ACIFA SPRING CONFERENCE: 31 sessions for 2008

- [1] **“Pedagogies of Engagement: a Conversation About Good Teaching”**
Jim Parsons; University of Alberta. Lecture (90 min.) - Monday:
- [2] **“Pedagogies of Engagement: a Conversation About Good Teaching”**
Jim Parsons; University of Alberta. Lecture (90 min.) – Tuesday (encore presentation):
- [3] **“Photoshop Basics for Digital Photography”**
Ray Rasmussen, Chris Olsen; LC. Workshop (180 min.):
- [4] **“Who Teaches the Teachers?”**
Trudy Kwong; GMC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [5] **“Nordic Pole Walking Experience – 3 or 5 kilometre walk”**
Robert Kansky, Paul Laville; NAIT. Activity (120 min.):
- [6] **“Thirteen Moon on a Turtle’s Back – Appliqué & Edge Beadwork”**
Margaret Louise Cardinal; NLC. Activity (120 min.):
- [7] **“Essential Skills + Course Content = Successful Work Ready Learners: Integrating Essential Skills into the Classroom”**
Laurel Madro, Erin Haines; BVC. Workshop (60 min.):
- [8] **“TBA”**
John Van Leeuwen; SAIT. Lecture (TBA min.):
- [9] **“The Impact on Instructors of Changing to a Trimester System”**
Jan Grier, Jean Edmonson; BVC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [10] **“Scribblecasting as a Teaching Tool”**
Brian Lloyd; MHC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [11] **“The Universal Aspects of Learning: A Context for Zoetic Skills”**
Stefan Sikora; MRC. Lecture (with ongoing discussion) (120 min.):
- [12] **“Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Curriculum”**
Pam Lammiman, Becky Kelly; BVC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [13] **“Discuss Bridging the Divide – With Judy and George on a Bike Tour of Jasper”**
Judy Grattan, George Haeckel; SAIT. Activity (120 min.):
- [14] **“Teaching as the Practice of Wisdom”**
Peter Vogels; GMC. Lecture/Activity - Discussion (90 min.):
- [15] **“Information Literacy & the 21st Century Student”**
Marion Fowler; KC. Workshop (90 min.):
- [17] **“Asia Past and Present – Third World and First World Experiences”**
Robin Tizzard, Gwen Wheeler; PC. Workshop (90 min.):
- [18] **“Is the Medium Still the Message?”**
Marv Machura; NC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [19] **“The Teacher/Traveler in Retirement”**
Judith Dutton; NC. Lecture (90 min.):
- [20] **“Controversies in Science from the New General Education Program”**
Gerry Cross; MRC. Lecture (60min.):
- [21] **“Are Your Students Learning in Spite of Your Lecture? What Is the Ultimate Aim of Education?”**
Ken McKee; NAIT. Lecture (60 min.):
- [22] **“Horseback Riding Jasper Trails”**
Ranch Manager; Pyramid Riding Stables. Activity (120 min.):
- [23] **“Using the Smart Notebook in Classes”**
Jeff Hamilton; Lethbridge C. Workshop (120 min.):
- [24] **“Chapter Markers: An Enhancement for Video Podcasts”**
Brian Lloyd; MHC. Demonstration (90 min.):
- [25] **“Recent Directions Concerning Your Pension”**
Doug Short; NAIT. Lecture (60 min.):
- [26] **“Canoeing with Master Voyagers”**
Dave Purkis; NLC and Paul Hawthorn; PC. Activity (180 min.):
- [27] **“Bridging the Divide Between ESL and Academic Courses”**
Sandy Armstrong; BVC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [28] **“She Tells Good Stories, eh? A Call to Recognition of Native Literature’s Aesthetics”**
Brenda Campbell; NLC. Lecture (60 min.):
- [29] **“Samarpan Meditation: Merging the Past and the Future Into the Present”**
Kumud Acharya, Kirti Acharya; NLC. Activity (60 min.) - Monday:
- [30] **“Samarpan Meditation: Merging the Past and the Future Into the Present”**
Kumud Acharya, Kirti Acharya; NLC. Activity (60 min.) – Tuesday (encore presentation):
- [31] **“Educating Internationally Educated Nurses”**
Margo Sanders, Alexis Young; NC. Lecture (60 min.):



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

CONTESTS!

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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Alberta Colleges & Institutes Faculties
Association,
#412 10357 – 109th Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1N3
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**e-mail daoudl@acifa.ca
web: <http://www.acifa.ca>**



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
C/O **Leila Daoud**
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