TAKING STOCK OF INCLUSION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR:

WHERE HAVE WE COME FROM, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

June 14th-16th, 2012, Crowne Plaza Hotel Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
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Registration

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Ballroom)
**Introduction and Welcome**
*Dr. Barry Craig* — St. Thomas University Vice — President Academic  
*Hon. Jody Carr* — Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development  
*Susan Butterfield* — Chair, Atlantic Human Rights Centre

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Ballroom)
**Keynote Presentation**
*Hon. Graydon Nicholas, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick*

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. (Ballroom)
**Opening Reception**
This reception is sponsored by St. Thomas University & Tony’s Music Box

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**Friday, June 15th, 2012**

8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Ballroom Foyer)
**Coffee/Tea/Muffins**

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Ballroom Foyer)
**Registration**

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Concurrent Session 1

**A – Legal View on Inclusion in Education (Ballroom)**  
(Junior Ballroom) ASL interpretation only available in session “A.”

**Speakers:**
*Dr. Kristin Snoddon:* “Equity in Education: Signed Language and the Courts.”  
*Yude M. Henteleff:* “Inclusiveness: Meaningful Access to a Range of Most Enabling Learning Environments.”  
*Dianne Pothier:* “Legal Requirements: The Implications of Moore.”

**B – International Perspectives on Inclusion in Education (Ballroom)**  
French translation only available in session “B.”

**Speakers:**
*Aamir Jamal:* “Engaging Men in Gender Justice: Overcoming Barriers to Girls’ Education in the Pashtun Tribes of Afghanistan and Northern”
Pakistan.”

**Marina Nedashkivska:** “Spreading Canadian Best Practices for Educational Inclusion Abroad: What Did We Learn?”

**David Putnam and Dr. JoAnne Putnam:**
“Cross-Cultural Collaboration for Indigenous Worldview in Science and Education.”

Concurrent Session 1 is sponsored by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

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### 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (Ballroom Foyer)

**Nutrition Break**

### 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Ballroom)

**Keynote Presentation**

**Wayne MacKay:** “Inclusion, Bullying and School Violence: Links, Myths and Realities.”

This keynote presentation is sponsored by the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

### 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (Ballroom)

**Lunch**

**Dr. Shawn Jennings:** “Reflections after a Brainstem Stroke.”

This keynote presentation is sponsored by the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education and Labour.

### 1:40 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Concurrent Session 2

**A – Human Rights Obligations of Inclusion (Junior Ballroom)**

**Speakers:**

**Seamus Cox & Jessica Colpitts:** “Tracking the Inclusionary Journey: Are We Meeting Human Rights Obligations under International Law?”

**Angélique Wojick Simpson:** “Recruitment Responsibilities: Ethical, Social, and Human Rights Obligations which Arise in the Pursuit of an International Classroom.”

**David Lepofsky:** Achieving a Barrier-Free Education System through Strong and Effective Disability Accessibility Legislation - Learning from the Ontario Experience.

**B – Accommodation for Persons with Disabilities and Mental Illness (Ballroom)**

ASL interpretation and French translation only available in session “B.”
Speakers:

**James Roots:** “Quitting on Our Kids: The Realities of Inclusion.”

**Dr. Sally Lindsay, Meaghan Proulx, Dr. Helen Scott, and Nicole Thomson:** “Exploring Educators’ Challenges and Successes of Including Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Mainstream Classrooms.”

**Harold Doherty:** “Why Mainstream Classrooms are Unsafe Learning Environments for Some Autistic Students.”

**Shelly McLean:** “Maximizing Educational Experiences for Students with ASD: Implementing Evidence-based Practice within an Inclusive Education Paradigm”

Concurrent Session 2 is sponsored by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

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**3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Ballroom Foyer)**

**Nutrition Break**

**3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Ballroom)**

**Keynote Presentation**

**Dr. Vianne Timmons:** “Yesterday’s progress, tomorrow’s challenge: Fulfilling the promise of Inclusive Education.”

**6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Ballroom)**

**Social**

**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Ballroom)**

**Supper**

**Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes:** “From the Inside Looking Out and from the Outside Looking In.”

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**8:40 p.m. – 9:20 p.m. (Ballroom)**

**Candy Palmater – Comedian**

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**Saturday, June 16th, 2012**

**8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Ballroom Foyer)**

**Coffee/Tea/Muffins**

**9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - Concurrent Session 3**

**A – Inclusion for Indigenous Learners (Junior Ballroom)**
Speakers:
Dr. D’Arcy Vermette: “Is Inclusion Killing Us?”
Dr. Kirk Anderson: “Before the Apology and the Panel: The West Still Wants in Celebrating Success in Aboriginal Schools.”

B – Socio-economic and Multicultural Inclusion (Ballroom)
French translation only available in session “B.”
Speakers:
Christina Cail: “Socio-economic Inclusion in the Canadian Education Sector.”
Cher Saunders: “Balancing on the Precipice: A Snapshot of Student Experiences with Student Loans and University.”

Concurrent Session 3 is sponsored by the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (Ballroom Foyer)
Nutrition Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Ballroom)
Panel Presentation 1: Inclusion in Universities & Colleges
Panellists:
Jayne Glenn: “The Challenges of an Invisible Disability”

Panel Presentation 1 is sponsored by the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education and Labour.

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (Ballroom)
Lunch
Dr. Gordon Porter, Wendy McLeod MacKnight, and Dr. Angela AuCoin: “Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools – New Brunswick’s Action Plan to Support Teachers and Students Through Evidence Based Strategies.”
1:40 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (Ballroom)

**Panel Presentation 2: Inclusion in Public Education**

**Panellists:**
- **Dr. Joyce Clayton:** “Action on Inclusion: Alberta Education.”
- **Margaret Lyons:** “Learning Effective Self-Advocacy: Leading Up to Transitioning After Grade 12 — Often Missing or Weak Link on Path to Holistic Inclusion after Secondary Education.”

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3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Ballroom Foyer)

**Nutrition Break**

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Ballroom)

**Panel Presentation 3: Administration’s Role in Inclusion**

**Panellists:**
- **Gordon Porter:** “The Right Choice: Key Elements in Assuring Quality and Inclusion in Public Education.”
- **Dr. Sally Lindsay and Ashley Edwards:** “Exploring Effective Social Inclusion and Disability Awareness Interventions for Children in Mainstream Classrooms.”

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (Ballroom)

**Closing Comments and Future Plans**

*Susan Butterfield, AHRC Chair*
The Atlantic Human Rights Centre would like to express sincere thanks to our conference sponsors:

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