

Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates

Creating Community  
through Connection,  
Collaboration &  
Celebration Conference



## Message from the Conference Chair

Fifteen months ago, when the idea of holding a reunion was first being discussed, it seemed that there would be an opportunity lost if people came primarily to party. I have the unique vantage point of knowing most of the graduates of this program and of the amazing work that they do. It became my dream to hold a very special conference, where graduates, all with the same degree, would come together and share how each has used that knowledge to make a difference in the world. I wanted to hear diverse views on important societal topics and have us once again engage in spirited discussion and debate as we all did during our cherished days in the classrooms and hallways of our beloved Acadia. That dream resided within me long before I put it on the table for others to consider. With no financial support to offer, and people so busy with their lives and careers, how could this ever come to be? Well, if you can dream it you can see it; and if you can see it, it can be! Three days, 9 sessions, and 45 speakers have come from as close as on campus to as far away as Abu Dhabi. A number of speakers could only find time to travel here (from considerable distances) to participate in their session, only to return immediately due to pressing personal or professional matters. I contacted 45 people to extend the invitation to take time away from work, families and lives to travel at their own expense to Wolfville, and prepare and deliver a presentation to their peers, and come prepared to engage in discussion and debate. With the ask, I had nothing to offer in return... yet 45 people accepted my invitation. I feel humbled, and proud, and so privileged to spend three days in the presence of such individuals and no words can express the depth of my gratification to each one of you. You inspired me in the classroom over the past 40 years either as my peers or as my students and you continue to do so. Thank You! For the rest of us, we get to sit back and enjoy the show. Hold on, for I think we are in for quite a ride!

Brenda Robertson '75  
Conference Chair

2012 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Acadia Recreation Management program. Never during our 4 decades of history, have we all had the opportunity to assemble together back at our alma mater, the place where so many fond memories were made...until now!

Acadia Recreation graduates have been making their mark through a myriad of diverse careers in all parts of the world. Some have chosen to work within the field responsible for the provision of recreation programs and services to a wide variety of clientele. Others have utilized the knowledge and skill set acquired through the program in a broad range of related fields such as education, justice, business, and law to name but a few. Yet we all track our roots back to old Acadia.

Classes were held in the gymnasium complex taught by names such as Bissix, Colton, DeGuerre, Hennigar, Hirsch, Joos, Mannell, Markham-Starr, Robertson, Warner, Watts, White, and Wright. Although our special moments, favourite memories, and life changing experiences associated with Acadia may differ yet being part of the Recreation family, now a worldwide community, unites us in a bond that transcends time.

So have a look for that box of Acadia memorabilia you have been storing in the attic, and dust off the photo albums and yearbooks because reunion time is here!





## The Theme: Creating Community through Connection, Collaboration & Celebration

In many ways the Acadia Recreation family is a community, but one made up of many cohorts, reflective primarily of years spent in the program.

There are connections that do exist between employers/employees, colleagues, parents/children who have both been in the program, and teachers/students for example but on a limited basis.

Over the years, collaborations have existed involving small groups of graduates or between graduates and students. Through getting to know other Acadia graduates, many more collaborative initiatives are possible.

Between us, we have such a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with, and harvest from, one another. When we gather, there will be much to celebrate including many personal and professional accomplishments, as well as the lives of those whose journeys have ended far too soon.

Fun need not be mentioned in the theme, for that is a given when 'reckies' gather, that is too obvious to even state.



## Opening Plenary

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00-5:00pm

**Location: KCIC Auditorium**

### **Is Leisure a Relevant Concept in 2012?**

*During this opening session, distinguished speakers will present their views on whether this notion of leisure has relevance in the world today. This session will explore whether with our current lifestyles and the myriad of social, economic, environmental, and political issues we face, we are even capable of experiencing happiness or a state of holistic wellness.*

Moderator: Adam Barnett (2004). Community Outreach Facilitator (for Imagine Bloomfield).

Panelists:

- Dr. Ron McCarville (1977) Leisure Studies Professor, Associate Dean, Applied Health Studies, University of Waterloo.
- Robin Norrie (1986) Manager of Recreation-Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation, Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness
- George Karlis (1987) Professor, School of Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa.
- Meg Cuming (1999) Active Living Coordinator, Municipality of the County of Kings



Session 1 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm

**Your choice between sessions: A or B**

**Location: KCIC Classroom**

## Choice A

**The role and meaning of Higher Education  
in community today**

*In this session, the role and meaning of the formal education system will be examined. Does a system conceived of more than a century ago have relevance in 2012 and to what extent are students acquiring knowledge and tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?*

Moderator: James Sanford (1987). Senior Director, Student Affairs, Acadia University.

Panelists:

- Keith Publicover (1985) Motivator, Innovator, Change Agent
- Jackie Oncescu, Program Coordinator (2003, '06). Faculty member and Coordinator, Global Studies Program, Algonquin College.
- Kelton Thomson (2007) Student Services, Manager Residence Services, UPEI
- Alex Atkinson Graduate of Class of 2012-Acadia University



Session 1 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm

**Your choice between sessions: A or B**

**Location: KCIC Auditorium**

## Choice B

**How to build community wellness**

*Although 'sense of community' remains critical to the individual health and wellbeing, many factors exist that threaten to and actually diminish the quality of community wellness. Ways and means of building key aspects of the social fabric of communities will be addressed.*

Moderator: Dawn Stegen (1987)) Director of Regional Services-Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation, Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness

Panelists:

- Marilyn Johnson (1975). Director of Recreation & Parks, Municipality of the District of Shelburne.
- Rev. Wilma Janzen, (1987, 2008) Facilitator, St. Luke's Renewal Centre, Springhill Institution.
- Gabrielle (Riley) Gallagher (2003) Active Living Coordinator, Halifax Regional Municipality
- Oonagh Proudfoot (1993, 2006 ) Manager, Student Support-Student Affairs, Acadia University





Session 2 Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 9:30-11:30

Location: KCIC Auditorium

## Choice A

### Youth in community: asset or liability?

*This session will explore the meaning of adolescence in society today and what role youth can and should play within communities. Speakers will explore why youth are often perceived as liabilities rather than assets, what assets youth bring to communities, what unique challenges youth face today that other generations did not, and how to create youth friendly communities.*

Moderator: Linda Atkinson (1978) Director, Nova Scotia Child and Youth Strategy

Panelists:

- Vicki Corley Weaver (2000), Recreation & Physical Activities Coordinator, Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia
- Leah Levac (2001) Program Innovator, Centre for Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship, Renaissance College, UNB
- Hannah Feldberg (2004) Director-Leadership, Me to We, New York.
- Amanda Penrice (2010) Coordinator: Middle Childhood Matters Coalition, Toronto.



Session 2 Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 9:30-11:30

Location: KCIC Classroom

## Choice B

### Finding our place in the global village

*Technology has created the concept of global village which can be resided in physically or virtually. This session will investigate the outer boundaries of the global village and what our participation in it means both to other communities and to those who venture into them. The knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to be a global explorer and contributor will be discussed.*

Moderator: Mary Sweatman (2003). Part time Faculty member, Department of Applied Human Science, Concordia University, Montreal.

Panelists:

- Helen Green (1985) Managing partner/Vice President, Marketing- International, Study Abroad Canada, Charlottetown, PEI.
- Simone Jucker (2001) International Trade and Development Consultant Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Rachel Bedingfield (2002) Physical Activity Consultant - Central Region Coordinator of Active Halifax Communities, Nova Scotia.
- Eric MacKenzie (2006) Community Recreation Coordinator, 14 Wing Greenwood, NS.





Session 3 Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 2:00-4:00

Location: KCIC classroom

## Choice A

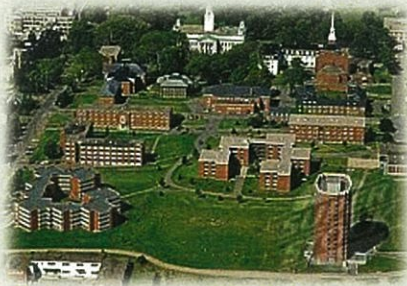
### Environmentally sound living

*It's human nature to want to explore our environment but as we wander around we are leaving large footprints upon mother earth. It is critical that we discover ways of pursuing more sustainable practices as individuals, organizations, and communities. This session will provide insight into how to live a more environmentally aware lifestyle, personally and professionally.*

Moderator: Debra Ryan (1980) Recreation Manager, Annapolis County Recreation Services

#### Panelists:

- Jane Murphy, (1996) National Director, Trail Trans Canada Trail
- Dave Wright (1998) Environmental Legislative Auditor, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development / Office of the Auditor General of Canada
- Sandra Fraser (2005) Program Assistant for the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
- Rachel Eisener (2013) Acadia's First Farmer in Residence.



Session 3 Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 2:00-4:00

Location: KCIC Auditorium

## Choice B

### Sport matters: Or does it really?

*There has existed a long held belief that sport is good for individuals, their communities, and for society yet the media is full of examples where this is not the case. If there is inherent value in sport, how can the positive outcomes be strengthened and the negative effects diminished?*

Moderator: Amy Duncan (2004) Executive Director, PEI Curling Association

#### Panelists:

- Margaret Tibbo (Muggs) (1977) Recreation Specialist/Clinical Leader, The Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre, St John's, Newfoundland
- Andrew Trites (1998) Specialty Representative-Immunology, Division of Gastroenterology, Abbott Laboratories Canada, New Brunswick
- Nicole Phipps (2008) Coordinator, Events & Hospitality, Acadia University. NCCP level 3 certified coach and a Nova Scotia Basketball Officials level 3 certified referee
- Nicole Larade (2010) Community Sport Development Coordinator: South Shore NS.

Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 7:30-9:30

Five Minutes of Fame Clark Commons

This conference has brought together a truly unique group of individuals who share a background and belief in the value of recreation yet who represent tremendous diversity in terms of how they apply that common understanding to a myriad of professional settings. This session provides an opportunity for participants who so choose, to have five minutes in the spotlight to address the group in order to provide an opinion on a particular topic, to promote an agenda, to share an interesting initiative, to promote a resource or product, to describe a best practice, comment on a hot topic, or verbalize an ingenious idea or concept. In the warmth and grandeur of this beautiful room, we can relax, have a few drinks, and hear and chat about the topics and issues that are near and dear to us.



Session 4 Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 8:30-10:30

Location: KCIC Auditorium

## Choice A

### Is technology building or destroying our sense of community

*Technology has provided us with tools that can instantly connect us to others in every part of the world and to one another every minute of the day whether we want to be or not. This session will explore how time spent in virtual communities is impacting life in the communities in which we reside.*

Moderator: Carol Davis-Jamieson (1974) Central Regional Representative-Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation-NS Department of Health and Wellness

Panelists:

- Carroll Randall (1976) former Director of Recreation Services, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (retired).
- Dr. Charlene Shannon (1996) Associate Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology-University of New Brunswick
- Marie-Claude Du Cap (2002). Student life counselor, cultural and international projects. Cégep de Saint-Jérôme, Quebec.
- Heather MacDonald (2009) Program Manager, NS Junior Achievement.



Session 4 Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 8:30-10:30

Location: KCIC Boardroom (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

## Choice B

### Putting fun into the workplace

*As people spend more time working and the mental health of the nation declines, do we need ways to recreate ourselves after work as was the case during industrial times, or can the workplaces become 'fun friendly'? This session will look at means of making the workplace better for our mental health.*

Moderator: Lara Abramson (2009) Development Coordinator, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Panelists:

- Donna (Kean) Hendy (1988), Organizational Change Management, Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
- Tyler Hayden (1996) Professional Speaker, Team Designer and Author
- Cindy James (1986) Manager: Marketing and Business Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship Education & Development
- Erin Sarsfield (2002) Change and Human Performance Business Consultant

## Conference Wrap Up

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10:45-12:00

KCIC Auditorium

Facilitator: Dr Jude Hirsch, Chair, Department of Outdoor Education, Georgia College

This wrap up session will feature a brief summary of key points from each of the sessions in addition to a closing plenary delivered by Dr Hirsch. Jude will weave together the threads of the diverse sessions into a tapestry of understanding of the global societal impact of graduates of the Acadia recreation program over the past four decades.



## Conference Moderator and Speaker Biographies

### **Adam Barnett (2004). Community Outreach Facilitator (for Imagine Bloomfield).**

Adam is maybe not your typical Recreation Management graduate. Since graduating from Acadia University in 2004, he has been following many passions. Although most of them might not be recreation specific jobs, they have all been inspired in one way or another by the philosophy of recreation, leisure, community, and play and its value in our lives. Upon graduation he started up a community newspaper in Wolfville, the town that stole his heart. He also started a business selling juggling toys and introducing a new form of physical activity to the youth of Nova Scotia. And like the crazy fool he is, he also decided to open up a restaurant and music venue (no longer around). These days he is living in Halifax working as a community outreach facilitator for a community group concerned with urban development and planning. He loves the city and the people that he meets, but is quietly scheming for ways to carve out a living that will enable him to return to the country - probably working with maps and hopefully with some connection to the recreation world.

### **Alex Atkinson Graduate of Class of 2012-Acadia University**

I am a 2012 graduate from the Recreation Management and Community Development Program. In 2009 I transferred from The University of Memphis into the Political Science program here at Acadia with the hopes of pursuing a career in international relations. I had big pie in the sky dreams of advocating for peoples basic human rights on the international stage but soon found that Political Science was not the way in which that was going to happen. After taking the advice of a friend and transferring into RMCD I haven't looked back. Through this program I have found my stride as a young professional and am currently in pursuit of a community outreach job in the GTA. I am a passionate and driven young professional who aspires to enhance the quality of life in both individuals and communities. Note: Alex was chosen by her peers as class valedictorian, and is the 2012 James Bayer Award winner.

### **Amanda Penrice (2010) Coordinator: Middle Childhood Matters Coalition, Toronto.**

Following graduation, Amanda went to work with Me to We and Free The Children team as a "motivational speaker and leadership facilitator". While living in Toronto, it is impossible not to be inspired by the talents, missions and adventures of the people in the community. When Amanda heard about a start up organization that creates and shares videos to enhance community capacity she had to get involved. At My City Lives, engagements and social good consulting was the name of the game, which involved consulting with small business, video creation and developing/building a brand. Now Amanda has the privilege of coordinating a 3-year public education grant on behalf of the Middle Childhood Matters Coalition of Toronto. It is her responsibility to ensure families in the City, Province and Country understand the importance of children 6-12 and how important it is that they have a safe place to go in the out-of-school hours. Now Amanda's schedule is built around an array of advisory tables such as Community Use of Schools (TDSB), City of Toronto Children's Services strategy team, Child & Family Advisory Network to influence decision-making.

### **Amy Duncan (2004) Executive Director, PEI Curling Association**

Amy Duncan graduated from Acadia in 2004. Since graduating Amy has spent a lot of time learning about and working in the sport field on PEI. She started off as a small community Recreation Director in Western PEI where she was involved in sport and recreation activities from pre-school to seniors. Amy left there to join the 2009 Canada Games Host Society where she had her first real experience working with sport. She is now enjoying the curling world as the Executive Director of the PEI Curling Association. Amy has settled down in Charlottetown with her husband, Mark; daughter, Sophie; and cat, Reckie.



**Andrew Trites (1998) Specialty Representative-  
Immunology, Division of Gastroenterology, Abbott  
Laboratories Canada, New Brunswick**

Andrew graduated from the BRM program in 1998. Since graduation, Andrew has worked in a variety of sales roles primarily representing large multi-national companies in the medical field. Sport had been a constant in Andrews life and while attending Acadia he was a member of the Axemen Football Team from 1994-2001 as both a player and coach. Since returning to the Moncton area in 2001, Andrew has been involved as a fundraiser and supporter of local sport and non-profit organizations. Andrew currently resides in Irishtown, NB with his wife Jeanie and two young boys, Luke and Dawson.

**Carol Davis-Jamieson (1974) Central Regional  
Representative-Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation-NS  
Department of Health and Wellness**

My first job was with the City of Halifax in 1974 as an assistant community centre coordinator. However, a few months later, I was hired as one of the first two programmers with the Dartmouth Parks and Recreation Department. But being young and naïve, after five months I bought a van and travelled to Mexico. For the next three years, I worked with the Burnaby Family YMCA. Returning to NS, between 1980 and 1988, I served as the first Recreation Coordinator for the Municipality of Queens and from 1988 to 1993, as the first Recreation Director for the Township of West Carleton, near Ottawa. Returning to NS again in 1993, I worked as a consultant but the life of a consultant is a lonely existence, so when the opportunity to join the provincial government presented itself in 1998, I leapt at the chance. So for the past 13 years, I have happily served as the central regional representative with the Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation responsibility centre of the Department of Health and Wellness.

**Carroll Randall (1976) former Director of Recreation  
Services, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg  
(retired).**

Carroll grew up in Lunenburg County and then moved on to Acadia from 73-76. After graduation he joined the Municipality of Lunenburg as their first Recreation Coordinator and stayed there for 32.5 years. Over that time Carroll helped the Municipality's Recreation Department grow into a leader in the Province in Recreation Programming and Open Space. Carroll also spent 12 years on the board of Recreation Association of Nova Scotia, five years on the Recreation Society Atlantic Canada Board and five years as the chairperson of the National Rails to Greenways Committee. He retired in 2010 and has since spent his time fishing, Curling, traveling and playing with his Grandson. Carroll is the inaugural President of the Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates.

**Charlene Shannon (1996) Associate Professor, Faculty of  
Kinesiology-University of New Brunswick**

I graduated from the Acadia Recreation Management program in 1996 after which I pursued both my Masters and PhD at the University of Waterloo. I've been at UNB as a faculty member teaching in the Recreation and Sports Studies degree program since 2002 and have had the chance to work with a couple of Acadia BRM graduates as my own graduate students. My recent research has focused in the area on youth development (e.g., bullying in recreation and sport settings; competitive dance as an avenue for positive development in girls) and aspects of leisure behaviour (e.g., leisure education with families who have a child who is obese). Outside my professional life, I enjoy being an aunt to two nieces and visiting favorite spots in the Annapolis Valley and South Shore of Nova Scotia. I share life in Fredericton with my partner, Stephen McCallum and my dog, Chuckie.



**Cindy James (1986) Manager: Marketing and Business Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship Education & Development**

I am an entrepreneur who lives within the philosophy that whatever I do it has to make a difference. I seek workplaces that blur the lines between work and play. I am happiest when I am either planning an experience or being part of an experience. My leadership style is focused on developing the people around me and encouraging risk within the workplace. I have learned the most from the influencers in my life – my parents (my dad is 100), daughter (an Acadia student), mentors and friends. Presently I am living in the funky and fun North End of Halifax and working in the non profit sector as the Manager of Marketing & Business Development for the Centre of Entrepreneurship Education & Development. I run three businesses on the side - Gifted, AirBNB, and Consulting and presently researching a fourth venture.

**Dave Wright (1998) Environmental Legislative Auditor, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development / Office of the Auditor General of Canada**

Dave graduated with the class of '98, and later completed a law degree specializing in environmental law and a Master of Arts degree in international development, focusing on fairness in the international climate change regime. He is currently a legislative auditor in the office of the federal Commissioner of Environment and Sustainable Development in Ottawa, undertaking assessments of government performance related to environmental law, policy and programming. Prior to this, he was a climate change policy specialist with the United Nations in the Maldives, a senior energy policy advisor for the Government of Victoria in Australia, the Director of the Government of Nunavut's Energy Secretariat, legal counsel for the Government of Nunavut, and a research associate with the Marine and Environmental Law Institute at Dalhousie. He also spent time with a private law firm in Halifax. Dave lives in Ottawa with his wife, Kate, and infant son, Rudy. They all miss Nova Scotia and its abundance of leisure pursuits.

**Dawn Stegen (1987) Director of Regional Services-Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation, Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness**

Dawn Stegen is currently Director of Regional Services for Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness, Physical Activity Sport and Recreation Branch. Prior to joining DHW in 2009, Dawn was the Executive Director of Recreation Nova Scotia for 11 years, and a Manager with the Canadian Red Cross from 1987 to 1998. Over the past 25 years her work and volunteer involvement in community has provided her with the opportunity to serve and support several national and provincial committees related to recreation, including the National Boating Safety Council, National C

**Debra Ryan (1980) Recreation Manager, Annapolis County Recreation Services**

Currently Manager of Recreation for the Municipality of Annapolis County, NS. With over 30 years of municipal experience, Debra gets to influence the future of parks and open space in the county including strategic land acquisition for future parks; protection of various landscapes; planning access to coastal regions and the many inland lakes and waterways; responsible for the creation of programs that lead folks to the outdoor environment and the unique ecosystems and many other fun recreation projects and programs. Debra is currently the President of Hike Nova Scotia, Treasurer of the Tobetic Wilderness Committee, Past President of Recreation Nova Scotia and an avid paddler, cyclist and hiker.



**Donna (Kean) Hendy (1988), Organizational Change Management, Nova Scotia Public Service Commission**

I graduated from Acadia Recreation in 1988 with an RPS - outdoor recreation focus and went on to earn a Masters in Public Admin at Dal in '96. Since graduating Acadia, I have worked with the Nova Scotia government. For over 20 years, my work has had a Human Resources focus - in roles ranging from an HR Development consultant, to manager, to HR Director, Lead on Governance and Accountability, and now manager of Organizational Change Management. My main area of interest throughout all the work that I do is to work with people - to 'positively impact performance'. In my own leisure time, I still have a strong desire to be outside! - sea kayaking and camping mostly - with my husband.

**Eric MacKenzie (2006) Community Recreation Coordinator, 14 Wing Greenwood, NS**

After graduating from the Recreation program ('06), Eric started his career as the Recreation Director for a small Municipality in Nova Scotia, located on the south shore. After being in this position for roughly a year, he was contacted by 14 Wing Greenwood to be their Community Rec Coordinator. He has now been in this position for almost five years and has enjoyed every moment. During the past five years, he has had the opportunity to travel to Israel three times; as a chaperon with the Mission for Canadian Forces Youth, a JNF Ambassador for Atlantic Canada, and as part of the International Seminar for English Educators, at the International School for Holocaust Studies. Since 2009, he has been voluntarily giving presentations within the community, about his experiences, and his reflections on the difference between communities and the vital importance of recreation.

**Erin Sarsfield (2002) Change and Human Performance Business Consultant**

I am a Change & Human Performance Consultant in Ottawa Ontario focusing on design, deliver and execution of corporate training and communication strategies, with internal and external clients (the Canadian Government, and the Canada Post group of companies). I co-lead a team of employees who administer, direct and organize our employee corporate involvement in community development and charitable activities: Facilitating opportunities of teambuilding for our employees to run, walk, cycle, and paddle in many community fundraisers (example: Ottawa Dragonboat Festival, Habitat for Humanity, MS Bike Tour), and volunteer their time to worthy community causes. Raising over \$2M in 10 years has positioned our company as a leader in community involvement in Ottawa through employee engagement. I'm inspired when I see my employees engaged in make a difference, caring about issues and causes in our local communities. I am an avid runner, and cyclist, and horse enthusiast.

**Gabrielle (Riley) Gallagher (2003) Active Living Coordinator, Halifax Regional Municipality**

Gabrielle Gallagher commenced her Recreation degree in 1998 at Dalhousie University (we all make mistakes). The next year she sought a different classroom, volunteering in different communities across Canada with the National Katimavik program. In 2000, the stars aligned and Gabrielle (Gabby, Gabs) found herself continuing her Recreation Degree at Acadia University where she was introduced to lifetime friends, the charm of Blomidon and the Valley, and she finally realized that she could learn inside a classroom (major credit to some amazing, inspiring Professors and fellow students). She then moved back to Halifax to work for the Municipality in Civic Events for a short time before jumping the country for a year to travel, volunteer, work, hike, camp and surf in Switzerland, East Africa, and New Zealand. In 2005 Gabrielle returned to Nova Scotia, where she has been working even since in the field of Active Living Health Promotion. Gabrielle enjoys spending her time trail running with her husband, and running after her little daughter, Romey.



**George Karlis (1987) Professor, School of Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa.**

Dr. George Karlis is a Full Professor in the School of Human Kinetics, specializing in leisure studies, at the University of Ottawa. His postsecondary education - PhD at Michigan State University, Masters at Acadia University, and Bachelors (Honours) at the University of Ottawa – is in the area of leisure studies. His primary research interests are leisure and society, multiculturalism, volunteerism, and community development. His textbook entitled Leisure and Recreation in Canadian Society: An Introduction, is extensively used in Canadian universities and community colleges. A native of Ottawa, he is happily married and is the proud father of a little girl. His favorite leisure activities are spending time with family and friends, travelling, exercising, playing Scrabble, and watching sports. He considers his two years at Acadia (1985-1987) as amongst the most special in his life. Indeed, he makes it a point to return to Acadia and Nova Scotia at least once a year since graduating in 1987.

**Hannah Feldberg (2004) Director-Leadership, Me to We, New York.**

While at Acadia, Hannah served on the executive council team as Student Affairs Vice President. Hannah won Acadia 2003 Student of the Year, 2004 Student Community Development Award, was the graduating class Valedictorian and James Bayer Award winner. In 2005, Hannah moved to New York City, and worked for an educational travel company and started a consulting company called Han Ban Can Consulting, where her passion for helping others and her skills in facilitation, youth programming, community involvement and training support groups and organizations seeking to create meaningful programs for young people. She pursued her Masters at U Waterloo focusing on positive youth development and camp programs. In 2009, Hannah started working as Director of Leadership at Me to We, a social enterprise that provides experiences for young people committed to making the world better, and that supports the Free the Children foundation. Hannah is currently living in New York City with her husband of one week Scott, where she will be expanding the good work of Me to We, is looking to take on exciting new projects with Han Ban Can Consulting.

**Heather MacDonald (2009) Program Manager, NS Junior Achievement.**

Heather is the Program Manager for the Halifax Region at Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Nova Scotia Sea School, Co-Chair for the 2012 Blue Nose Marathon Youth Run and a Mentor with FUSION Halifax. Heather has experience in organizing events, working with youth of all ages and in the non-profit sector. Her passions include helping others and youth development.

**Helen Green (1985) Managing partner/Vice President, Marketing- International, Study Abroad Canada, Charlottetown, PEI.**

I graduated from Acadia in 1985 – and tried my hand at a few interesting jobs including group leader for Katimavik, youth worker in Parrsboro NS, street counselor for Covenant House in Toronto and Recreation Director in Cornwall PE. In 1991, a career altering year, my sister and I embarked on a trip to Japan to teach English as a second language. Upon my return to PEI in 94' I started my own ESL school – with a focus on learning English through play. 18 years later, Study Abroad Canada Language Institute is thriving with a population of over 200 international students and thirty employees. In 2010 I completed my Master's Degree at Athabasca University with a focus on Distance Learning! On a personal note – I married my fellow Rec classmate – Neal Viger and we have two young girls. I still have a passion for sailing and anything water related!



**Jackie Oncescu, Program Coordinator (2003, '06). Faculty member and Coordinator, Global Studies Program, Algonquin College.**

Jackie is the coordinator/instructor for the Global Studies program (Gap Year), and part-time instructor in the Recreation and Leisure Services program at Algonquin College. She is a Phd candidate at the University of Ottawa in the Human Kinetics department (Leisure Studies domain), and has a master's degree in Recreation Management at Acadia University. Jackie's experience in recreation and community development is diverse and has included a mix of practice and scholarly research. As for her masters and doctoral research, Jackie has focused on the challenges facing rural communities and the implications to leisure and healthy community development. As a recreation professional she has worked with a wide range of cohorts including individuals with special needs, children & youth, and youth at-risk. She has worked for provincial health departments, non-profit organizations, and rural municipalities and townships. Her international work experience involves developing student-based programs for the World Leisure Organization.

**Jane Murphy (1996) National Director, Trail Trans Canada Trail**

Jane has worked for the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) since November 2008 and most recently was appointed the National Director of Trail in March, 2011. In this role she is responsible for the facilitation and development of remaining 7,000 km of this national legacy project. She has assisted organizations in leadership development initiatives, member and volunteer relations, and planning and program development. Prior to working for the Trans Canada Trail, Jane has done work with the New Brunswick Trails Council Inc. Along with her role at the Trans Canada Trail, she is also President of the Atlantic Canada Trails Association, a pan-Atlantic initiative that brings together all four Atlantic Provinces to develop and promote destination trails. In her spare time she enjoys cycling, gardening, yoga and reading. She sits on the Board of Directors for Recreation New Brunswick and the Board of Trustees for the Nature Trust of New Brunswick. She currently resides in Fredericton, with her partner Christopher.

**Jude Hirsch '77, Chair, Department of Outdoor Education, Georgia College**

Jude Hirsch (<http://hercules.gcsu.edu/~jhirsch/>), previously Associate Professor of Recreation Management at Acadia University, is Professor of Outdoor Education and chair of the Department of Outdoor Education at Georgia College & State University. Jude's professional interests are experiential education programming and curriculum development, assessment and evaluation, and facilitation and leadership in adventure and experiential education.

**Keith Publicover (1985) Motivator, Innovator, Change Agent**

After graduating from Acadia in 1985, Keith has taken on a number of senior management and leadership positions in national and international organizations. Starting out with the YMCA he developed and directed three residential camps, intercity youth programs, and served on various national and international boards. Keith later became the first Executive Director of the Tim Horton Children's Foundation in 1996 charged with its expansion projects and operations for one of Canada's most respected companies and brands. He left the foundation to pursue his own entrepreneurial passion and opened his own marketing and communication agency in 2002. After six years of private enterprise he returned to the non profit/ education sector becoming the Vice President of Recruitment and Student Experience at StFX University until May 2012. He serves on the board of Brigadoon Children's Village and is called on to speak at various conferences. Today Keith is laying out new plans for the next ambitious opportunity and enterprise.



**Kelton Thomson (2007) Student Services, Manager Residence Services, UPEI.**

Kelton Thomason returned to university to earn his undergraduate degree in Recreation Management after spending 15 years in the workforce. Upon completion of his degree he was offered a term position as the First Year Advisor at Acadia and with this he opened the door to the world of Student Affairs. During his time at Acadia he worked closely with members of the Residence Life team during an unexpected time of leadership transition. This opportunity provided further insight into the complex world of Student Affairs – he was hooked! With that, he returned to the classroom to complete post-graduate studies in Education. He is currently working at the University of Prince Edward Island as Manager, Residence Services. Throughout his working career he has committed to using collaboration to aid in program and service delivery and enjoys carefully challenging the status-quo as often as he can. Recent work includes interest in Learning Communities in support of student success.

**Lara Abramson (2009) Development Coordinator, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

Lara Abramson has been involved in recreation from the age of eight where she attended Camps Lion Maxwell and Morton in Nova Scotia, camps for kids with type 1 diabetes. She moved through the line of camper to staff and eventually moved into the Camp Director role from 2007-2011 for the Canadian Diabetes Association, Nova Scotia Division. Her love of camp has taken her to the international stage, working as a program specialist for Camp ASCCA in Alabama, Director of The Barton Center in Massachusetts and Chair of DTreat, a retreat for young adults with type 1 diabetes, throughout the US. Her main professional focus is in development and engineering incredible experiences. She feels lucky to give back to her diabetes roots in her current role as Senior Development Coordinator for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, where she gets to create fun & memories for hundreds of families living and affected by type 1.

**Leah Levac (2001) Program Innovator, Centre for Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship, Renaissance College, UNB**

After graduation from Acadia, Leah convinced 2 other universities (Queen's and the University of New Brunswick) to give her 3 more degrees. For her PhD, she implemented a policy-focused, participatory research project with a group of young mothers, and a case study of the design and implementation of a provincial citizen engagement initiative that resulted in the development of a poverty-reduction plan. The Trudeau Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research graciously supported Leah's research. She currently teaches at UNB in a unique interdisciplinary leadership faculty, and is the program developer for new initiatives at UNB that are focused on building the capacity for social innovation in New Brunswick. Leah's research focuses on the engagement of diverse populations – especially youth, women, and young women – in leadership and public decisions. Her major non-work commitment for 2012 is to compete in her first Ironman. So, basically, her free time is spent breathing too heavily to talk, her limited additional finances are keeping Asics in business, and at the end of this panel, she's going for another bike ride and a swim across the Minas Basin.

**Linda Atkinson (1978) Director, Nova Scotia Child and Youth Strategy**

As Director of the Child and Youth Strategy her duties are split three ways: providing corporate direction to the Strategy, promoting the principles and practices of collaboration, and serving as a focal point within government from which to advance the value and benefits of youth engagement. In the course of this work, Linda has caused the creation of the *Leaders of Today Youth Network* and the *Table of Youth Champions*, a space for provincial civil servants who have youth programs to share and gain knowledge and energy from each other. Prior to joining the Child and Youth Strategy, Linda spent over 25 years working and volunteering directly with the provincial departments of Education and Health Promotion and Protection in various roles including Director of the Youth Secretariat. She served as the Director of Leisure Services with the Municipality of East Hants for 19 years. In recent years, her volunteer activity has been focused on promoting the benefits of residential camping as a way to connect children and youth to peers, to community, to nature and the Spirit. She claims there are five seasons in her calendar year: ski season, fishing season, beach season, Fall and Christmas.



**Margaret (Muggs) Tibbo (1977) Recreation Specialist/Clinical Leader, The Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre, St John's, Newfoundland** In 1980, she secured a job as Recreation Director at the Children's Rehabilitation Centre in St. John's, NL. Coming from Corner Brook she thought a couple of years in St. John's would be enough time to pick up some Education Courses and then planned to move back to the Corner Brook area. However, 32 years later she is still in St. John's and has yet to take any Education Courses, although she has done numerous presentations to students at MUN. Over the years Muggs has played a number of roles in Parasports, including instructor, coach, official and from 1983-1998 Manager of the Canadian National Para Nordic Team. She has been instrumental in the ongoing development of physical activities and Parasports for young people with physical disabilities. Her current job title reads Recreation Specialist/Clinical Leader, Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre and she is also active with the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Easter Seals and Parasport NL.

**Marie-Claude Du Cap (2002). Student life counselor, cultural and international projects. Cégep de Saint-Jérôme, Quebec.**

Marie-Claude Du Cap, BA Leisure studies from Concordia University '00, MA Recreation Management from Acadia University '02. After spending magnificent years studying and then working at Acadia, MC moved back to Quebec to work as a Student life counselor at the Cégep de Saint-Jérôme and as a part-time faculty member for Concordia University. Over the last few years, her career shifted slowly from mainly developing arts and culture opportunities for students to managing the International Bureau of her college. As a result, she is supervising programs that send yearly over 250 students abroad and of integrating to the local culture and educational system students from all over the world. She travels yearly with 15 to 20 students to Cameroon in Africa to facilitate a forestry project and an HIV-AIDS campaign. She is also in the midst of a personal journalistic project entitled "Ce voyage dont vous êtes les héros", inspired from the books *Chose your own adventure* ([www.soyezlesheros.com](http://www.soyezlesheros.com)). She is also working on a film about her travels in Cameroon that will be presented throughout the province of Quebec.

**Marilyn Johnson (1975). Director of Recreation & Parks, Municipality of the District of Shelburne.**

Marilyn holds a BSc in Physical Education and Recreation and a BED from Acadia University graduating in 1975. Marilyn started her career in Municipal Recreation in Beaverlodge, Alberta. After moving back home to Nova Scotia she was hired by the Municipality of the District of Shelburne in 1986 to be their first Recreation Coordinator. Marilyn has a keen interest in community development through Recreation and has worked with the community organizations in the Municipality over the last 26 years to help them achieve their goals. Supporting the volunteer efforts of the residents of the Municipality, youth leadership development, ensuring that all kids get to play (Kids Fair Play FUNd) and community wellness continue to be four of the main goals of the Recreation and Parks Department. Marilyn resides in Lower, Ohio Shelburne County with her husband Doug and has two grown children. Her flowers gardens, volunteer work, and the new found hobby of photography are her personal recreation passions.

**Mary Sweatman (2003). Part time Faculty member, Department of Applied Human Science, Concordia University, Montreal.**

Professionally, I am a part-time instructor at Concordia University in the Applied Human Sciences Department. I received my MA ('06) in Leisure Studies from Dalhousie and my BEd ('07) from Trent, and of course, my BRMH ('03) from Acadia. Other than being a professional student, I have taught and volunteered in 6 different communities all over the world. However, these days I stay close to home, lovingly consumed with motherhood (I have a 3 year old and a 7 month old). The boys, including Phil Dennis (Acadia '02), and I live in Saint-Lazare, Quebec, where we enjoy exploring the world around us, especially the bugs in the backyard.



**Meg Cuming (1999) Active Living Coordinator,  
Municipality of the County of Kings**

Meg received her Bachelor of Recreation Management (Honours) from Acadia University in 1999, with a specialization in Outdoor and Environmental Education, and her LLB from Dalhousie Law School in 2005, with a Marine and Environmental Law Program Certificate. After articling in Halifax, she moved to the Annapolis Valley where she practiced corporate and commercial law with Muttart, Tufts, Dewolfe and Coyle until 2010. Meg re-entered the recreation field as the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board's Sport Animator. Currently, Meg is the Active Living Coordinator for the Municipality of the County of Kings, where she is developing and implementing a comprehensive physical activity strategy. Meg sits on the Board of L'Arche Homefires, is Life Secretary for her Law School Class, and is a past member of the Board of the Associated Alumni of Acadia (2002-2006). Meg lives outside of Wolfville with her husband Jon and their son Holden.

**Nicole Larade (2010) Community Sport Development  
Coordinator: South Shore NS.**

Nicole graduated from Acadia in 2010. Nicole has always had a love and passion for sports, playing basketball & soccer as well as competing at two Canada games in discus and shot put. Her experience from the sport fields has translated into strengths for the workforce. Nicole was the MPAL for the Town of Springhill, working on the physical activity strategy and always making sure to keep sports in the forefront. Currently Nicole is working as the Community Sport Development Coordinator with Sport Nova Scotia in partnership with Health and Wellness on the South Shore. In this position Nicole is active on working with schools, community groups, recreation directors and others to help sports take root and grow. Nicole helps sport groups find resources, facilitate clinics and skill development, or connect with the Provincial Sport Organizations to tap into their knowledge. Nicole is currently working towards her coaching levels in athletics allowing her to give back to the sport that taught her so much!

**Nicole Phipps (2008) Coordinator, Events & Hospitality,  
Acadia University.**

After high school I attended Mount Saint Vincent University where I played varsity basketball for two years and earned a Business degree. I then worked in the Information Technology industry for five years as a consultant for a fisheries software company. During that time period I was active with basketball as both an official and coach and travelled all over North America for work. In 2006 I moved to Wolfville to attend Acadia and graduated with my Recreation degree in 2008. I coached with the Acadia Women's Varsity basketball team during those two years and have since committed myself full time to officiating. I currently live just outside Wolfville and work at Acadia as the Event Coordinator. I officiate all levels of basketball, from mini (ages 10 & 11) to University and have been selected to attend the U15 Women's National championship in New Brunswick in August.

**Oonagh Proudfoot (1993, 2006) Manager, Student  
Support-Student Affairs, Acadia University**

Oonagh Proudfoot was born and raised in Newfoundland. She came across the pond at the ripe old age of 17 to begin her studies at Acadia University. She graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Recreation Management. Oonagh spent five years working with the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth in a variety of capacities (Health, Fitness and Recreation; day and residential camps; young offender early release program; and work place preparation program) before returning to Acadia University as the Community Program Coordinator. Since returning to Acadia in 1998 to work, Oonagh has held a number of positions and is currently the Manager, Student Support. She completed her Masters in 2006 studying leisure behavior patterns, health/wellness and academic performance. Oonagh has sat on several local, national and international boards revolving around student wellness. Oonagh is a part time lecturer in the School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology at Acadia. She spends her leisure time with her two sons (ages 13 and 11) who keep her on her toes. She enjoys running, dancing and eating!



**Rachel Bedingfield (2002) Physical Activity Consultant - Central Region Coordinator of Active Halifax Communities, Nova Scotia.**

Rachel's work is focused on working with underserved populations, providing them with ways to use active recreation not just as a tool for the improvement of physical health, but as a catalyst for community capacity building. She is a provincial liaison for the Active Living Alliance for Canadian's with a Disability (ALA) and the co-chair of the Multicultural Health and Wellness Network. Rachel has coordinated the Everybody Gets to Play™ initiative within the province, is a Moving to Inclusion trainer, has partnered on a number of occasions with the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport (CAAWS) in support of training and advocacy and is the coordinator of Girls Soar, a project focused on increasing the activity levels of girls in the Halifax region. Rachel also serves as a member at large for Commonwealth Games Canada and is heavily linked with their International Development through Sport (IDS) program being a former international intern herself. She sits on the provincial Disparity Reduction committee for the Department of Health and Wellness: Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation division and is presently writing a Master's thesis focused on the experience of Muslim women in structured active recreation programs.

**Rachel Eisener (2013) Acadia's First Farmer in Residence**

Rachel Eisener, fourth year Recreation Management and Environment and Sustainability Studies student, is Acadia's first Farmer in Residence! Rachel has served in a variety of leadership roles on campus including most recently as co-coordinator for the ESST society and coordinator of Eco-House. An active campus and community volunteer, Rachel was involved in the Acadia Farm throughout last season and is excited to help the farm grow. The Farmer in Residence program, created in partnership with Student Affairs and the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment, is an exciting new opportunity for a student to serve in a leadership role on campus by helping to manage the Acadia Community Farm. Living on campus in the newly designated "Farm-House" on University Avenue, the Farmer in Residence also plays an important outreach role with students in residence and the entire Acadia community. The Acadia Community Farm began in the Spring of 2008 with the vision of providing local, organic produce to the dining hall at Acadia University, while also serving as a community garden.

**Robin Norrie (1986) Manager of Recreation-Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation, Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness**

Robin is the Manager of Recreation with the Department of Health & Wellness, Physical Activity, Sport & Recreation section; a position she accepted in January of this year. Robin has a Bachelor of Arts, Recreation Management from Acadia University (1986). Robin has held a number of positions including most recently as the Fundy Active Community Coordinator (2010-2012). Prior to that Robin spent eight years with the National Liberal Caucus in Ottawa, within the Policy & Research section. Robin is also a former Director of Recreation & Parks in Wolfville from 1988 to 2001 and the Director of Aquatics & Fitness with the Town of Wabush, Labrador for nearly two years after her graduation. Robin was a competitive swimmer for much of her youth and competed for Acadia including at the CIAU nationals in 1983. When not attending Billy Joel concerts, Robin enjoys her recreation time swimming, playing squash, gardening and spending time at her cottage.

**Ron McCarville (1977) Leisure Studies Professor, Associate Dean, Applied Health Studies, University of Waterloo.**

Ron McCarville attended Acadia from 1974-77 then worked as Recreation Coordinator in Chester until 1985. He then received a doctorate from Texas A&M University and since 1989 has been a faculty member at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. In 2003 Ron was named a Distinguished Teacher at that university and was nominated as one of Ontario's top lecturers. His research interests include the psychology of pricing, service quality, and consumer behaviour. He has written one book, edited another, and dozens of journal articles and book chapters on marketing and lifestyle issues. He recently appeared on Discovery channel and regularly shares his ideas in conference sessions across North America. Ron is currently Associate Dean in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.



### **Sandra Fraser is a Program Assistant for the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources.**

**Sandra Fraser** is a Program Assistant for the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and is passionate about outdoor and environmental education. Sandra graduated from Acadia in 2005 and has worked in a variety of settings including municipal recreation, universities and the private sector. Sandra has been a Recreation Nova Scotia board member since 2010. Her environmental ethics are informed by her experiences outside including Adventure Based Experiential Learning, the NS Envirothon, NS Outdoor Leadership Program, Mysterious Encounters Earth, and the Sierra Club of Canada's Environmental Education program. She is also a member of the NS Environmental Network's Environmental Education Caucus.

### **Simone Jucker (2001) International Trade and Development Consultant Abu Dhabi, UAE**

Simone Jucker, has resided in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) since 2004, and recently established herself as an International Trade Consultant to assist export ready companies to do business in the Gulf region. With over 10 years experience in promoting Canadian international trade, she has been focused on promoting the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada, across the Gulf region, in her previous role as Executive Director of EduNova Gulf Commercial Investments LLC. Prior to her employment with EduNova, she was the Trade Commissioner for Education and Training at the Canadian Embassy in Abu Dhabi from 2005 – 2007. Simone has a wealth of experience in developing matchmaking opportunities and promoting trade relationships across multiple sectors between organizations from Canada and the Middle East. Since has assisted close to 100 companies explore opportunities and build trade between the province and the countries which make up the Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC). Simone holds a Bachelor of Recreation Management with Honours from Acadia University. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Business Council of Abu Dhabi, and is very active in the business community in Abu Dhabi.

### **Tyler Hayden (1996) Professional Speaker, Team Designer and Author**

Tyler Hayden is a full time professional speaker, author and consultant. His clients range from the Young Presidents Organization and Project Management Institute to Bell Canada and Honeywell. Internationally, Tyler provides non traditional team building events and high energy keynotes to groups from 20 to 5 000. As an author, Tyler has written more than a dozen books, produced DVD's, and Team Games. In Tyler's consulting business he provides new solutions to building better strategic partnerships and team alignment with both private business and government. Tyler is all about experiencing new cultures (i.e. African, Middle Eastern and More) and high adrenaline activities (i.e. Canyoning, Driving NASCAR, swimming with Great White Sharks). Finally, a description of Tyler would not be complete without a word about his greatest source of affluence: family. Tyler is a loving husband to Laurie, an educator, and proud father of Tait and Breton, his beautiful little girls. Tyler invites you to join him on a magnificent journey of Livin' Life Large™! Learn more about Tyler at [www.tylerhayden.com](http://www.tylerhayden.com)

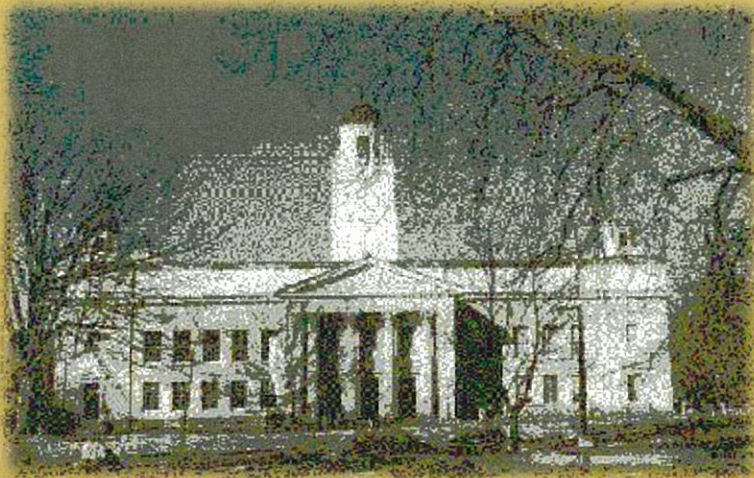
### **Vicki Corley Weaver (2000), Recreation & Physical Activities Coordinator, Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia**

After graduation Vicki moved to Jesup, Georgia working for a reality therapy camp for girls ages 11-17 who were sent there by the Juvenile Justice department. Having worked with youth for many years already at this point, it was shocking to see the different world she had entered into - substance abuse, sexual abuse, gang activity, weapons, and more. This was one of the most humbling and wonderful experiences of Vicki's career. Then, in keeping with the youth focus, she took a job in Grande Prairie, Alberta working at a group home for teenage boys. By 2003, she took a position in Miramichi as a Project Leader for Katimavik. Then finally, she was able to get her foot in the door at the brand new Greater Moncton YMCA where she worked for four years. Since 2008 Vicki has been the Recreation & Physical Activities Coordinator for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland. Vicki and her husband Brian had a little girl named Valerie (now 2 ½) and they are expecting again this fall.



**Wilma Janzen, (1987, 2008) Facilitator, St. Luke's  
Renewal Centre, Springhill Institution.**

Wilma has benefitted from diverse educational and vocational paths, including an Early Childhood Education Diploma (Mt. St. Vincent, 1982), BA (Recreation Management, Acadia, 1987), and a Master of Divinity (Acadia, 2008). She has found her calling in working within the justice system, first as chaplain at Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility and presently as facilitator at St. Luke's Renewal Centre within the fence of Springhill Institution. This one-of-a-kind facility in the federal corrections system allows men to renew themselves through a variety of programs led by volunteers from the community.



**The interim Board of Directors for the newly formed Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates has been selected. The interim Board will be in place until the first AGM to be held at the reunion Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Members of the Interim Board of Directors include the following:

Carroll Randall '76 (President), Laura Wanamaker '86 (President Elect), Ivy Warren '83 (Treasurer), Chad Haughn '00 (Secretary), Bill Boyd '75 and Brenda Robertson '75 (Directors at large), and decade representatives Jude Hirsch '77, Robin Norrie '86, Donna Hendy, '88, Oonagh Proudfoot '93, Eric MacKenzie '06, and Andrew Waters '10.





## Reunion Planning Committee

The planning committee for the 40 year reunion has included the following individuals: Andrew Waters '10, Heather MacDonald '09, Eric MacKenzie '06, Rachel Bedingfield '02, Oonagh Proudfoot '93, Donna Conrad '90, Donna Hendy '88, Robin Norrie '86, Laura Wanamaker '86, Jude Hirsch '77, Carroll Randall '76, Brenda Robertson '75.

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