



## **Taking Stock of Inclusion in the Education Sector: Where Have We Come From, Where Are We Going?**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 659 Queen Street  
Fredericton, New Brunswick  
Canada



From June 14th-16th, 2012, the Atlantic Human Rights Centre—in conjunction with St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick—will be hosting a conference entitled “Taking Stock of Inclusion in the Education Sector: Where Have We Come From, Where Are We Going.” The conference will bring together researchers; teachers; academics; undergraduate and graduate students; education administrators; NGOs; and government representatives from the regional, national, and international community.

More than thirty speakers will address a broad-range of topics, including:

- Inclusion in universities, colleges, and public education
- Legal and international perspectives of inclusive education
- Human rights obligations
- Accommodation for persons with disabilities and mental illness
- Meaningful access to inclusive education
- Indigenous learners
- Administration’s obligations and initiatives
- Bullying and school violence
- Socio-economic inclusion

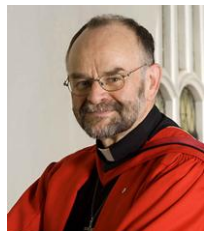
The primary focus will be on the deconstruction and reconstruction of “inclusion” and how this concept interacts with human rights and citizenship responsibilities and obligations.



## Conference Keynote Speakers include:



**Hon. Graydon Nicholas, LL.D., Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick**  
Born and raised on the Tobique First Nation, Graydon Nicholas was the first aboriginal person to receive a law degree in Atlantic Canada (1971). He served as a provincial court judge for 18 years and during that tenure was appointed co-facilitator of New Brunswick's Aboriginal Task Force on Aboriginal Issues. Mr. Nicholas has also been a member of the Canadian Bar Association Working Group on Racial Equality.



**Rev. Brent Hawkes, C.M., D.Min.**

Brent Hawkes has served as Senior Pastor at Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto for thirty years, where he has been at the forefront of ministry to Toronto's Gay & Lesbian Community. Rev. Dr. Hawkes was awarded the Order of Canada for his work on Social Justice and Human Rights. **Presenting:** "From the Inside Looking Out and from the Outside Looking In."



**Wayne MacKay, C.M., LL.B.**

A pioneer in education law, Wayne MacKay conducted a year-long review of inclusive education in New Brunswick and generated a major report in 2005 for the New Brunswick Government on reforming the education system in the province. He's a Professor and Associate Dean of Research at Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law, and Chair of the Nova Scotia Task Force on Bullying and Cyberbullying, which released its report in March 2012. Wayne MacKay's work in human rights led to his appointment as Member of the Order of Canada. **Presenting:** "Inclusion, Bullying and School Violence: Links, Myths and Realities."



**Vianne Timmons, Ph.D.**

With thirty years' experience in the field of inclusive education, Vianne Timmons is the President & Vice-Chancellor of the University of Regina and the President-Elect of the International Association of the Scientific Study on Intellectual Disability. The Women's Executive Network named her one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. Dr. Timmons is a member of the Bras d'Or Mi'kmaq First Nation in Nova Scotia. **Presenting:** "Yesterday's Progress, Tomorrow's Challenge: Fulfilling the Promise of Inclusive Education."



**Shawn Jennings, M.D.**

Shawn Jennings serves on the New Brunswick Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons and is the Past President of the Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities. His book, *Locked In, Locked Out*, describes his experience with brainstem stroke and is used in nursing curriculum. **Presenting:** "Reflections after a Brainstem Stroke."



## Other presenters include:

Marina Nedashkivska  
Paul W. Bennett  
Jacqueline Specht  
Kristin Snoddon  
Dianne Pothier  
D'Arcy Vermette  
Wendy Baker  
Gordon Porter

Yude M. Henteleff  
Christina Cail  
Kim Pochini  
Jayne Glenn  
Joyce Clayton  
Margaret Lyons  
Carla DiGiorgio  
Angélique Wojick Simpson

Aamir Jamal  
Jessica Colpitts  
Seamus Cox  
James Roots  
Sally Lindsay  
Harold Doherty  
Nadia K. Salter  
Kirk Anderson

## More information

Please visit the conference news page for more information: [www.stu.ca/inclusion](http://www.stu.ca/inclusion).

## Register

The conference registration site can be accessed online at the following links:  
[www.eplyevents.com/inclusionconference](http://www.eplyevents.com/inclusionconference) or <https://www.eply.com/inclusionconference-FR>.

## Contact Us

Please direct any inquiries related to registration or local logistical arrangements to Marc Gionet via email: [margionet@stu.ca](mailto:margionet@stu.ca) or by phone at 1-506-453-7203.

**Bullying** is a tragic reality in schools and society. The increased popularity of social media and cell phones has made it even more pervasive—texting and Facebook now far exceed e-mails as the major source of “cyberbullying.” **Conference keynote speaker, Wayne MacKay**, served as chairman of the Nova Scotia Cyberbullying Task Force which recently released its report: “Respectful and Responsible Relationships: There’s No App for That.” Listen to the podcast of Wayne’s **13-minute interview** here: <http://www.cbc.ca/informationmorningcb/2012/03/23/harsh-reality-virtual-reality/>. To **access resources** for parents & youth, teachers & schools, and communities, visit the Cyberbullying Task Force website at: <http://cyberbullying.novascotia.ca/>.

