Faculty of Education Seminar Series [FESS]
Dates for Your Diary

Day/Date:  Monday October 15th 2007
Time:  9-10am
Location:  Room 232 [2nd floor]
Speaker:  Deborah Sercombe [Principal of Amigos (dual language immersion) Elementary School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA].

This session will include information on Deborah’s school followed by an open forum on issues related to cultural and linguistic diversity and the associated challenges and opportunities.

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Day/Date:  Wednesday October 24th 2007
Time:  1-2pm
Location:  Multi-Media Room
Speaker:  Professor Kathleen Cain [Merrimack College, Boston, USA]

Kathleen’s paper is entitled "From Comfort Zone to Contact Zone; [What I Learned from my Year in a Belfast Writing Centre]." This session will come in the form of a reflective memoir that Kathleen has been writing since her year-long visit to St Mary’s in the academic year 2005/06.

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Day/Date:  Monday October 29th 2007
Time:  1-2pm
Location:  Multi-Media Room
**Speaker:** Assistant Professor Deborah Corrigan [Monash University, NSW, Australia].

Deborah’s talk relates to teacher education and the support through mentoring that beginning teachers receive. It will also look at the evidence-based practice that pre-service/beginning teachers need to provide.

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**Day/Date:** Wednesday November 21st 2007

**Time:** 1.15-2pm* [note slightly later starting time due to Louise’s teaching commitments]

**Location:** Multi-Media Room

**Speaker:** Louise Long [St. Marys University College].

Louise’s paper which is entitled “Parents’ Perceptions of the Process & Impact of Assessment for Dyslexia” is a follow-up from her last FESS seminar that examined a case study of an adolescent with dyslexia.

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Please note that other speakers are scheduled throughout the course of the year but have yet to confirm their commitment. When details become available they will be forwarded to all staff.