

Saint Mary's Alumni join the Faculty Ranks

Saint Mary's Alumni are well represented among the numbers of new faculty who have joined Saint Mary's. Coming back to their alma mater in a faculty position presents a unique perspective for alumni. Saint Mary's welcomes back **Jonathan Fowler, Darren Fowler, Shari-Mallory Shaw, Steve Foran, and Wynne Jordon** in their new capacities as faculty at Saint Mary's University.

Jonathan Fowler (BA '95)
Adjunct Professor, Anthropology



An historical archaeologist, **Jonathan Fowler** has wide-ranging interests. While his fieldwork experiences include excavations of Bronze Age and Roman sites in England, a Roman city in Hungary, and a Minoan settlement on the island of Crete, he has also found plenty of interesting archaeology closer to home. Most of Jonathan's work in Nova Scotia examines French colonial settlement, the historical relationship between the French and the Mi'kmaq and the ethnogenesis of the Acadian people. Since 2001, Jonathan has directed the Grand-Pré Archaeological Field School Project, which is a joint initiative of Parks Canada, Saint Mary's University, and the Société Promotion Grand-Pré.

"I'm thrilled to be based at Saint Mary's for many reasons, not the least of which is the emphasis the university places on integrating teaching and research. I'm looking forward to helping students engage in a variety of hands-on projects in Nova Scotia and abroad, continuing our research in

Acadian archaeology, and launching a new multiyear research effort focusing on the archaeology of Halifax," said Jonathan.

Jonathan's interest in archaeology began at Saint Mary's where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1995. He continued his studies at Acadia University (BEd), and the University of Sheffield (MA). He is currently completing his doctoral thesis, *The Neutral French of Mi'kma'ki*, at the University of Oxford.

Darren Fowler (BA '05)
Part-Time Professor, Psychology



Darren Fowler obtained a BA in Psychology from Saint Mary's in 2007 and a MA in Counselling Psychology from McGill University in 2007. His undergraduate thesis examined the differences in expectations for counselling services between Asians and Caucasians. Darren is currently working in private practice at two locations, Hann Psychological Services and Whelan Psychological Services. He is also receiving post-graduate training in Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (ISTDP), through the Department of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University. This specialized training will allow Darren to treat a wide range of concerns, from depression to lack of motivation. As a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at Saint Mary's, Darren is teaching Interpersonal Relationships, PSY4417.

"As a student, my experience at SMU was truly rewarding. I was challenged and supported by my professors and this increased my desire to learn. Hopefully, I can help my students learn in the same way. It is an honour to return to SMU as a member of faculty," said Darren.

Shari Mallory-Shaw (BA '92, BComm '94, MBA '07)
Part-Time Professor, Management



A Santamarian three times over, **Shari Mallory-Shaw** spent over 10 years in the financial industry in Ontario and Nova Scotia, but felt that it was time for a change in her career. *"I always had a passion for workplace training, mentoring and teaching, and spent the past four years volunteering with an adult learning group and saw first-hand how teaching and adult education can be extremely rewarding," said Shari.*

With a leap of faith and determination, Shari pursued a teaching career last year. Her university studies and experience as a student at Saint Mary's was extremely gratifying and she wanted to be able to provide the same experience to other students.

"I'm an avid SMU supporter and feel that teaching is a natural way to support the students and the university community at Saint Mary's," said Shari. "I also see great potential for expanding my research interests in the field of entrepreneurship and adult education."

Besides teaching at Saint Mary's, Shari teaches business communications at the Nova Scotia Community College and works for the Centre for Women in Business at Mount Saint Vincent University as a Program Developer and Business Advisor.

"Overall I love being with the student population. If I can teach one person to think differently and be curious about their chosen field of study, then I feel I am a successful educator," said Shari.

Steve Foran (DIPEGN '84, MBA '07)
Part-Time Professor, Management



In 1984, **Steve Foran** graduated from Saint Mary's with a Diploma in Engineering and went on to complete his BEng. (Electrical) at the former Technical University of Nova Scotia (now part of the Dalhousie University campus) in 1987. After many years of diverse business experience, Steve returned to Saint Mary's and graduated with a Master of Business Administration in 2007 receiving a Gold Medal. His graduate research, *"A New Model for Charitable Giving"* has served as a springboard for Giveraising Development Services, a company he founded to nurture wellness, charitable giving and stewardship through gratitude.

Steve Foran is a Halifax based writer and speaker. Between speaking engagements that take him across North America and writing newspaper columns that appear in the *Chronicle Herald* and other publications, Steve is also an active member of the Offshore Trades Association of Nova Scotia (OTANS) and the Halifax Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Steve recently joined the Sobey School of Business as a part-time lecturer teaching Business Ethics. *"Exploring business ethics in the classroom with the next generation of leaders nicely compliments my work,"* said Steve.

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Michele Wood-Tweel Chairs the University's Board of Governors



Saint Mary's alumna Michele Wood-Tweel, FCA, CFP, TEP, (BComm '83) is the new Chair of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors.

Michele is enthusiastic about her new role as Chair of the Board. With new facilities like the completely renovated *Science Building*, the *Atrium* and its *Global Learning Commons* under construction, and *The Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness* in the planning stages, the future of Saint Mary's looks very bright.

"The campus renewal is opening up the doors to a new generation of students that will see Saint Mary's in a different way," said Michele.

Michele's ties to Saint Mary's began in 1980 when she enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Anxious to graduate and get out in the working world, Michele finished her four year degree in only three years.

After graduation, Michele was hired by KPMG LLP where she practiced personal taxation and financial planning for over twenty-one years. While at KPMG, Michele got involved with recruitment and frequently came back to Saint Mary's to recruit future accountants. Then three years ago, she became CEO and Executive Director of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia (ICANS).

Michele recalls her days at Saint Mary's fondly. *"Being taught by phenomenal Profs with real*

world experience and having international students in my class greatly broadened my horizons," said Michele.

Just like many Santamarians, Michele kept in touch with her professors and former classmates and established many life long friendships with Alumni from far and near. These Saint Mary's connections have helped Michele throughout her career.

In her new role as Chair of the Board of Governors, Michele is anxious to see more Alumni get involved.

"I want to engage Saint Mary's Alumni more as financial contributors and supporters of the University. You always get back more than you put in," said Michele.

Michele was first appointed to the Board of Governors as an Alumni representative in 2002 and served on various Board committees including the Executive Committee. She also chaired the Audit and Finance Committees.

Michele brings considerable board and governance experience to her role as Chair of the Board of Governors. Before joining the Board, Michele served on many other boards and commissions including the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Society, the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.