

2014-2015 Faculty of Education HSS Seed Grant Competition

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Project Title: Crossing glocal borders

Project Abstract:

This pilot research project will kick-start the development of a mixed methods assessment *and* educational instrument to examine and enhance the learning experience of 100+ teacher candidates at UBC in their community field experience in Elementary Teacher Education (3 weeks of practicum in local and international community contexts). This instrument will be based on a conceptual framework of a successful R&D (research and development) project carried out in Finland by the applicant, Dr Cash Ahenakew and Dr Gert Biesta. The instrument will consist of a pre- and post-experience online survey (with quantitative and qualitative questions) designed to map student's cognitive dispositions for crossing 'glocal' (local and global) borders. Data from students will be collected in June and analyzed in the summer. The results will inform a SSHRC proposal to be submitted in 2014.