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Distinguished Research Award recipient announced

Edmonton – MacEwan University is pleased to announce that Dr. Tricia Lirette, associate professor, Early Learning and Child Care program, has been awarded the Dr. Sherrill Brown Distinguished Research Award.

The award recognizes faculty members who have made notable contributions to research at the university. “This award acknowledges the importance MacEwan University places on community-based research,” says Dr. Fred McGinn, interim associate vice-president, Research. “Tricia and her team of researchers developed a curriculum framework that will help early learning educators reflect on their practices to shift them from doing what has always been done toward intentional curriculum decision-making. This research was adopted by the Alberta government in 2018 and is utilized as the cornerstone of their subsidized child care program.”

About this year’s recipient

Lirette holds a PhD in Educational Policy Studies, and MEd in Adult Education and a BSc in Human Ecology. She began her post-secondary education with an Early Childhood Development diploma from MacEwan University.

Her areas of expertise include early learning and child care policy, family-centred practice, out-of-school care, child care accreditation and curriculum development. Lirette’s dissertation research was entitled *The Social Organization of Child Care in Alberta: An Institutional Ethnography*. She has travelled twice to Reggio Emilia, Italy – home of the world-renowned system of municipal playschools.

Lirette was the chair of the annual MacEwan Child Care Conference from 1995 to 2010. She has been a research team member and a steering committee member of the Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Provincial Curriculum Framework Development Project.

Dr. Lirette will receive the Dr. Sherrill Brown Distinguished Research Award during this year’s Spring Convocation in June.

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