Celebration of Life

Dr. Joy Butler

November 7, 2019 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Program

Welcome | Dr. Samson Nashon, Department Head, EDCP
Land Acknowledgement | Dr. Peter Cole, EDCP
Reflections
Dean Blye Frank, Faculty of Education
Dr. LeAnne Petherick, HOPE Program Coordinator, EDCP
Student representative
Open reflections
Dr. Claire Robson

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Lifetime Athlete and Educator
Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy

Dr. Joy Butler was a Professor in the Dept of Curriculum and Pedagogy at UBC, Vancouver, Canada from 2005 until her passing on September 16, 2019. Joy’s research and teaching developed around constructivism, complexity thinking, situated ethics and community wellness.
Research Interests

Action Research, Assessment, Children & Youth, Curriculum Studies Research, Pedagogy, Teacher Education Research, Teacher Research

Constructivism

Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE)

Curriculum Innovation and change

Teaching and Learning in Sports
Courses Taught | UBC

EDUC500 | Research Methodologies
EDCP 501 | Knowing, Teaching and Learning
EDCP 508A | EDCP508B
EDCP 530 | Curriculum Innovations in Physical Education
EDCP 580 | Problems in Education
EDCP 585 | Seminar in Curriculum and Pedagogy - Secondary Physical Education
EDCP 585 | Seminar in Curriculum and Pedagogy - Elementary Physical Education
EDCP 590 | Graduating Projects
EDCP 320 (PETE320) | Curriculum and Pedagogy in Physical Education: Elementary
EDCP 322A (PETE314) | Curriculum and Pedagogy in Physical Education: Secondary
EDUC 471 | Practicum

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Research Projects

2010-2-13 | A study of situated ethics through inventing games: Teacher perspectives and student learning
Funding Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Grant Amount: $125,775
P.I.: Joy Butler, C.I. Dr. B. Davis (UCal); Dr. Tim Hopper (UVic), GRA's Sarah Taylor and Jessica Bania

2007-2008 | Using decision-making to improve the learning, understanding and playing of games
Funding Agency: Hampton Research fund (large grants)
Grant amount: $5000
HOPE

Joy’s research interests and international work translated into the expansion of graduate and undergraduate PE programs at UBC.

HOPE

Joy was coordinator of the Health, Outdoor and Physical Education (HOPE) programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels and include two-year M.Ed Cohorts for Health, Outdoor and Physical Experiential Education (HOPE-Ed).
TGfU

Joy became one of the world’s best-known advocates for TGfU (Teaching Games for Understanding), a teaching model that uses adaptations to sports and games to make them accessible for all students.

Joy was active in international scholarship, organization, and advocacy for TGfU. She was invited to give presentations and workshops on TGfU in many different countries, including Finland, Singapore, Australia, Spain, Taiwan, Hong Kong, UK and Colombia. She created and now Chairs the TGfU International Advisory Board comprising of 17 individual country representatives.

2002 | Founded and was Chair of the TGfU Task Force
2006 | Developed its evolution into the TGfU SIG
2001 & 2008 | Directed the International Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) Conferences

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Publications

Joy edited or coedited six TGfU books. Her authored book, *‘Using inventing games to prevent bullying, teach democracy and promote social justice,’* was published in 2016.

Publications

Selected Publications

BOOKS | Authored


Edited


Butler, J. (Ed.) (2012) TGIFU by Teacher-Researchers in BC.


More Publications

CHAPTERS


Storey, B., & Butler, J. (2010). In Ecological thinking, complexity science and TGIFU. In L. Griffin, & J. Butler (Eds.), More teaching games for understanding: Theory, Research and Practice Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.


Publications

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES


"Legalized bullying": Stop playing dodgeball in schools, UBC professor urges

Faculty of Education professor Joy Butler wants the game gone from gym class


dodgeball isn’t just problematic, it’s an unethical tool of ‘oppression’: researchers

The moral problem is that dodgeball encourages students to aggressively single others out for dominance, and to enjoy that dominance as a victory
Presentations

Joy was invited to give two presentations in Medellín, Columbia at their National Physical Education Expmoticidad Conference in November 2013. There were over 500 delegates in attendance for her keynote presentation, titled Teaching Games for Understanding - developing decision-makers in games.

She was also invited to close the conference with an hour’s presentation, titled Changes in teachers’ beliefs, intentions and actions after integrating situated ethics in physical education. These presentations were sponsored by the Physical Education and Sport special interest group.
WALKABOUT

Joy designed and launched Walkabout in 2005

Walkabout is an annual 9-week health and wellbeing challenge promoting regular exercise in social settings. It is a partnership initiative with UBC Recreation and UBC Human Resources to encourage physical activity.

walkabout.educ.ubc.ca
Lifetime Achievement Award

In 2016 Joy was awarded a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ at the 6th International TGfU Conference in Cologne, Germany by the Teaching Games for Understanding SIG of The Association Internationale des Écoles Supérieures d’Éducation Physique (AIESEP).
R. Tait McKenzie Award

Joy received the 2018 R. Tait McKenzie Award. Presented by Physical & Health Education Canada (PHE Canada), the R. Tait McKenzie Award is geared toward Canadians who have made a significant impact on physical education, health education/promotion, recreation, and dance and who have served the profession over an extended period of time.
Joy
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Born in the United Kingdom, Joy taught secondary school Physical Education there for ten years, as well coaching three basketball teams to national finals. She was a visionary Head of Department and national youth basketball coach, using methods and programs that were considered innovative at that time.

In 1989, Joy and her partner Claire moved to the US where Joy completed her master’s degree and then her doctorate, both at Boston University. After taking up a faculty position at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire.

2005-2019 | Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, Faculty of Education, UBC
1993 | Boston University, US | Ed.D, Curriculum & Teaching
1990 | Boston University, US | M.Ed, Human Movement
1979 | London University, UK, B.Ed, Movement Studies

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