

M.Ed. student wins medal for narrative thesis

Congratulations to Robyn Turgeon for winning the 2009 W.A. Townshend Gold Medal in Education.

The Gold Medal is in honour of the late Bishop Townshend of London, Ontario, and is awarded each convocation to a Master of Education student who has achieved the highest academic standing in his/her program of study at the University of Western Ontario.

Robyn's thesis is titled "*She carries the earth on her back*": *Scholar, Teacher, Mother, Anishinaabekwe*.

Robyn's interest in this research was her own identification as a scholar and researcher, a teacher, a mother, and an Aboriginal Canadian – identities which presented personal challenges, given the history of marginalization of women, mothers and Aboriginal people in both academia and the professional arena. Robyn used three different forms of narrative writing to elicit personal stories demonstrating how culture and gender interact in everyday life.

Robyn's co-supervisors are Drs. Katherine Hibbert and Cornelia Hoogland, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario.