

## D. Research Centres

### **Atlantic Centre for Qualitative Research and Analysis**

[www.stu.ca/acqra](http://www.stu.ca/acqra)

The Atlantic Centre for Qualitative Research and Analysis at St. Thomas University was established in 2006 as one of the projects of the Canada Research Chair in Qualitative Research and Analysis. Its purpose is to encourage and facilitate qualitative research in the Atlantic region of Canada by serving both novice and veteran researchers and to forge links with other centres and scholars. ACQRA provides resources to facilitate carrying out qualitative research by developing relationships with existing research centres at St. Thomas University, bringing in internationally recognized scholars to make public presentations, and consulting local qualitative researchers about their work.

### **Atlantic Human Rights Centre**

[www.stu.ca/ahrc](http://www.stu.ca/ahrc)

The Atlantic Human Rights Research and Development Centre was established to promote and develop multidisciplinary teaching and research in the area of human rights at the regional, national, and international levels. The centre promotes and stimulates informed thinking about human rights and their implication for law and society through excellence in analysis and research. In accordance with its objectives, AHRC conducts a wide assortment of activities, including the two annual lectures by distinguished human rights speakers: the Dr. Bernie Vigod Memorial Lecture in Human Rights in the fall semester and the Dr. Abdul Lodhi Lecture in the winter semester. The Centre conducts an intensive summer course for teachers on teaching for and about human rights.

### **Centre for Research on Youth At Risk**

[www.stu.ca/cryr](http://www.stu.ca/cryr)

The Centre for Research on Youth at Risk was established in 1998 drawing together research associates from the departments of criminology, education, psychology and social work. Focusing on research which addresses developmental and social strategies to enhance the lives of all youth and particularly those who are in trouble with the law, the Centre provides research, consultation and outreach to a variety of community organizations. The work of the Centre is enhanced through an adult-youth partnership with high school and university students who form an advisory group to the research centre. In 2010, the Centre became a key partner with the national Centre of Excellence on Youth Engagement with other academic institutions at Brock, Saint Mary's, Wilfrid Laurier, and the University of Victoria. Youth justice, youth homelessness, peer abuse, school violence, and Intergenerational programming have been key areas of research interest.

### **New Brunswick and Atlantic Studies Research and Development Centre**

[www.stu.ca/nbasrdc](http://www.stu.ca/nbasrdc)

St. Thomas University's New Brunswick and Atlantic Studies Research and Development Centre focuses on individual interdisciplinary and inter-institutional studies on New Brunswick and Atlantic Canada. It also applies research knowledge gained in similar regions for the benefit of New Brunswick. The Centre was established in 2005 and its mission is to enrich, expand and develop knowledge about the Atlantic Canadian region, particularly the province of New Brunswick, through individual, collaborative, interdisciplinary, and inter-institutional research studies. Twenty-four faculty at St. Thomas University are Research Associates of the Centre.

### **Third Age Centre** **www.stu.ca/3rdage**

The Third Age Centre, established at St. Thomas University in 1990, promotes study and field development on issues related to all aspects of life for people aged 50 years and more, particularly those issues that are specific to New Brunswick. The centre develops programs and partnerships to meet needs identified by various 50+ age groups in society. The centre also maintains a communications network to inform New Brunswickers and colleagues elsewhere of activities, events, and issues of concern to aging but active population groups. The centre serves as an advocacy resource unit for 50+, as well as an access point for educational activities with an intergenerational focus. It publishes, collects, and distributes materials of interest to individuals and relevant organizations.

## E. Endowed Chairs

### **The Pope John XXIII Chair of Studies in Catholic Theology**

The decision to establish this Chair was taken to mark three events of historical significance that took place in 1984: the bicentennial of the province of New Brunswick, the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of St. Thomas University's charter, and the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to New Brunswick. The Chair is an expression of the University's commitment to Catholic teaching and research. The Chair, formally established May 9, 1988, is designed to bring distinguished scholars to St. Thomas who will provide leadership in the promotion of Catholic theology through teaching, research, and availability to the Roman Catholic community of New Brunswick.

### **Chair in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights**

The endowed Chair of Studies in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights is located at St. Thomas University's Atlantic Human Rights Centre. The centre was established in 1988 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and has as its objective teaching and research in the area of citizenship and human rights. In May 1993, the University and the Government of Canada joined in the establishment of a special Chair of Studies in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights which, for the University, became a specific project being funded by the St. Thomas University 2000 Fund. This Chair is designed to provide for the teaching of courses and for undertaking research in the field of citizenship and human rights; developing curriculum materials for citizenship education at the school level; facilitating study programs; establishing a national network of individuals and organizations working in the area of citizenship education; and organizing seminars, workshops, and conferences. The Chair works closely with the teachers and researchers in such disciplines as education and political science, as well as human rights.

### **Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice**

The Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice was established in 1998 as a result of the generous contributions of the Solicitor General of Canada and the New Brunswick Department of Solicitor General. The Chair of Criminology and Criminal Justice will provide an impetus for academic and applied research on problems in criminal justice. The appointees under the Chair of Criminology and Criminal Justice will be available to the federal and provincial departments of the Solicitor General and will be open to conduct community-based seminars and workshops throughout the Atlantic region and on a national basis. Through the Chair of Criminology and Criminal Justice, the University and its partners will be responding to the criminology and criminal justice needs of Canadian society.