



### **A Word from the English Graduate Co-ordinator:**

Why take a Master's degree in English? There are any number of good reasons. Facetiously, one might say 'why not?' Pedantically, one might point out that not that long ago women and men went to university to further their education and to learn for the sake of learning, not because it might secure a better-paying job. The notion that a university education will earn you a larger pay cheque in the real world is a modern preoccupation. Nevertheless, in light of this preoccupation it is worth emphasizing that, if a BA degree will help you on the job market, then so too will an MA. Significantly, this is as true of English and Humanities degrees as it is of those in Business or Science. And, of course, for those of you considering becoming university professors of English, then the MA is a necessary first step. The second step is a PhD, and many of

our graduates have of course gone on to successful doctoral work in Canada and abroad. Still other students complete our MA and go on to teaching high school or to journalism or marketing. These are only a few possibilities: there are any number of job prospects still available at the end of a Master's degree in English precisely because the English MA is a flexible and relevant qualification. There is also, most importantly, the opportunity during your Master's degree at Acadia to delve into an area of scholarly inquiry entirely of your own choosing: the MA thesis. Our students also get to work extremely closely with the four professors teaching the four graduate courses offered each year, and here, too, one has tremendous opportunity to delve more thoroughly into a scholarly investigation. Finally, I would like to emphasize our three greatest strengths as a Master's-level graduate programme. First, our programme is twelve months in duration. Second, our programme combines graduate course-work with a research-based thesis. Third, our smaller size allows students to get know their peers and their professors extremely well. You will not feel like a number in Acadia's English MA, but rather like a junior colleague.

I thank you for your interest in our programme, and encourage you to apply.

Yours sincerely, Dr. Lisa Narbeshuber

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