

Kate Bride: Academic and Friend

This Special Edition of the *Morning Watch* is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Kate Bride. Kate was one of the first graduates from our Education Faculty doctoral program and we believe that the papers presented here aspire to converse with her award-winning doctoral dissertation, *Learning to Love Again: Loss, Self Study, Pedagogy and Women's Studies*. When we first conceived of this project we immediately thought of her connection to it and although she was too busy to take an active role we hope that what we have produced would have made her proud. While her leaving is still so fresh we felt the dedication of this edition would allow us to honor Kate, the individual, as well as her multi-faceted contributions to our faculty.

The words of Dr. Elizabeth Yeoman express our feelings:

After Kate's funeral in Toronto one of her friends looked around at the large crowd and said "I feel as though I've just lost my best friend in the world. But I know everyone here feels the same way." Meanwhile, there was also a large crowd here in St. John's at a simultaneous memorial service, and all of us were feeling the same way too. That was Kate: so beloved by so many, all of who now feel they've lost their best friend. Kate was extraordinarily accomplished in many different ways. She was artistic and musical. She was an original and passionate scholar and writer, doing work on many topics -- from the movie *Mona Lisa Smile* to the 1914 *SS Newfoundland* sealing disaster-but always about justice and making a better world, whatever the topic. She was a dedicated, insightful, gifted and much loved teacher. She was utterly reliable, calm and competent, the kind of person you would want to be with in a crisis. She was wonderful with children and animals (most of all her faithful canine friend, Newman) and a brilliant conversationalist and companion. She was vulnerable and searingly honest. She was funny. She was kind. She will be dreadfully missed.

