

INTRODUCTION

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Dr. Sue L.T. McGregor is a Canadian home economist and Full Professor in the Faculty of Education at Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada. She is the Director of Graduate Education (and formerly the Coordinator of Educational Foundations). She also coordinated the Peace and Conflict Studies program for seven years, during which time enrolment increased from four to 52 students. She joined the Mount community in 1984 as a member of the Home Economics Department (which closed in 1999). She has been a home economics and consumer studies educator for 35 years.

Her current work focuses on pushing the boundaries of consumer education and research and home economics thinking toward transdisciplinary inquiry, transformative approaches (leadership and education), a moral imperative, and the new sciences approach. Other areas of scholarship include: authentic pedagogy, paradigms and ideologies (especially postmodernism), peace and social justice education, consumer-citizenship education, patriarchy and home economics, and home economics philosophy and leadership for the 21st century. She is an invited Plenary Speaker for the 2008 100th year celebration of the founding of the International Federation of Home Economics (to be held in Switzerland).

She has delivered 18 keynotes in 11 countries, including several states and most Canadian provinces. She has over 100 peer reviewed publications, seven book chapters, two monographs, and nearly 50 book reviews. In 2006, she published her leadership book, *Transformative Practice* <http://www.kon.org/news.html> Dr. McGregor is Adjunct Professor at Iowa State University where she also sits on the Advisory Board of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education PhD *Leadership Academy*. She sits on the Board of nine home economics, peace, and consumer focused journals (was Acting Editor for 8 months for one journal and is currently Associate Editor for two).

She has served on the board of the Council of Canadians, and recently was named to the board of the Canadian Consumer Council. She is a Research Fellow for Kappa Omicron Nu (home economics leadership honor society). In this capacity, she published a leadership monograph in 2001 titled *Leadership for the Human Family: Reflective Human Action for a Culture of Peace* at <http://www.kon.org/leadership/peace.html> and http://www.kon.org/leadership/peace_section2.html In August 2007, she and another KON Fellow, Dr. Donna Pendergast (Australia), published a monograph titled *Positioning the Profession Beyond Patriarchy*, http://www.kon.org/patriarchy_monograph.pdf

She is the Principal Consultant for *The McGregor Consulting Group* (founded in 1991), which aims to effect transformative leadership through education, research and development <http://www.consultmcgregor.com> Her consultancy work has been

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with Industry Canada, the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Health Canada, the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals, and the European Union's Socrates (Public Education Branch). In 2005-2006, she was part of a nine-member international team that conducted an onsite review of the research programs for education and home economics at Helsinki University in Finland. She is included in the *Canadian Who's Who*.