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**5:30 PM**

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## **Changing Tides: Perspectives, Problems and Possibilities.**

**By  
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**There is little doubt that the pace of change in schools and post-secondary institutions has increased significantly in the last two decades, effected by restructuring efforts on provincial, national and global fronts. This presentation will discuss how some of these efforts have impacted teaching, learning and leading in local environments. Though some succumb to the seduction of the “dark side” of change through negative paralysis or bitterness, it has always been in the perceived “darkest of days” that active engagement and advocacy for a better future assert themselves with each single action of hope. This presentation is one of “realistic optimism” for the education profession, one that keeps at its centre the value of human dignity, the importance of community, and the privilege and responsibility we hold as educators to learn with, and from, the children and youth who will inherit a world filled with the consequences of our actions--or inactions.**

Dr. Dawn C. Wallin is a Professor and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs, Partnerships and Research in the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan. Her educational background specializes in Educational Administration and Leadership, and her areas of scholarship include educational leadership, rural education and governance, and equity issues in education. Dr. Wallin has held a number of leadership and administrative positions in K-12 and post-secondary contexts, and has worked extensively with ministries of education and leadership/teaching organizations in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Texas. She has served as the Vice President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, and President for the Canadian Association of Educational Administration and the Canadian Society for the Study of Women and Education. She is the co-author of the book, *Understanding Canadian Schools*, and co-editor of a book to be released this spring entitled, *Transforming Conversations: Feminism and Education in Canada Since 1970*.