

Teaching Commons News

Keep going – winter is on its way out – really!



Wow what a lot of news we have for you this month. The Teaching Commons is abuzz with activity, with numerous opportunities to celebrate and support excellence in teaching and learning at York.

TIF Conference May 19th and 20th – call open

We told you last month about the plans for this year's TIF. Calls for proposals are now being accepted with a closing date of February 29th – so don't delay! Submit your proposal here.

<http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=318579>

We are also accepting registrations for the conference, so if you would like to ensure your place please register here:

<http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=319245>

Supervisor's one hour sessions

In collaboration with FGS and with the support of Dean Crow, we are proposing a series of one hour sessions by and for those who supervise graduate students. If you would like more information about these one hour sessions, or would like to propose a topic and or volunteer to lead a session – we want to hear from you! Please contact Celia Popovic – cpopovic@yorku.ca



Hot Press! Download the Teaching Commons App and keep abreast of all the news

To download our amazing app go to the App Store and search for TC Connect!

EE guide



We are delighted to announce the launch of the online Experiential Education Guide.

This will take place on February 8th in TEL 1014, from 12 to 1

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by February 2nd at <http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=324585>

What is it? Developed for – and with – students, the guide is designed to accompany them throughout their experiential education journey at York. In particular, this state-of-the-art resource informs prospective students about experiential education, defines reflective learning, provides reflective tools, proposes an interactive self-assessment quiz to check one's readiness in competencies that are core to EE, and suggests post-EE activities to help students translate their EE experience into concrete assets.

AIF call



The latest round of Academic Initiative Funding – AIF - has been announced – see <http://aifprojects.yorku.ca/> for details. The TC is happy to provide advice and guidance for those of you who are considering submitting an application. The deadline for submissions in February 12th – so don't delay if you would like our help. Email teaching@yorku.ca

Let's TaLC

Join us for our next Let's TaLC Conversation: SoTL Design
February 23 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm in the TC Lounge

Structured in a workshop format, this session is aimed at defining the scholarship of teaching and learning and exploring the robustness of different research designs in light of what can realistically and ethically be studied within the confine of one's classroom. Refreshments will be served but please bring your own lunch. To register, please follow this link:

<http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=325341>

Want to design an engaging online or blended course?

Register for the February eLearning@York course:

<http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/for-cds/workshops-and-courses-for-cds/courses/elearning-york-course/>



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Complexity Pedagogy and e-Learning with Daagu

This experiential workshop has two sessions separated by asynchronous e-learning activities. The first session explores basic ideas about complexity pedagogy and its potential to help you teach in a more student-centered and engaged way. Complexity leverages differences for provoking new ideas, challenging assumptions, and inviting critical reflections that spur discovery and growth. You will have hands on experience with complexity thinking in an e-learning platform called Daagu. The platform supports teachers-learners in one-time activities, and blended or fully online formats. You will have opportunity to explore course designs and assessment strategies consistent with complexity principles.

After a week-long span for you to engage with colleagues on the Daagu platform, we will meet for the second half of the workshop. Experiences with complexity pedagogy and the Daagu platform will be shared. In addition new content for the role of the educator in Daagu will be examined and imagined from your place of teaching-learning. Seating is limited so register early.

Date and time: This workshop will run from 1:00 – 4:00 in TEL 1014 on April 26, 2016 AND May 5, 2016
Register for the [Complexity Pedagogy and e-Learning with Daagu workshop](#)

News from the Library

The Undergraduate Research Fair is taking place this year on February 24th. Intended to showcase undergraduate research in a friendly, cross-curricular environment, the Fair gives students an opportunity to present their work in the form of an academic poster. Please join us in the Collaboratory in Scott Library and be part of this exciting event. For more information, visit the Undergraduate Research Fair website (researchfair.info.yorku.ca).

See the poster on the next page.



Read the latest TC blogs

Recent contributors include Ron Sheese and Sophie Bury - SPARK your teaching in 2016

Andrea Valente – What's your new year's teaching resolution?

Quintin Peirce – Beasts of York a cautionary tale

Paul Axelrod – Turning the lure of the laptop into a positive experience.

Visit <http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/teaching-commons-blog-teaching-and-learning-at-york/> for the full list.

Do join in the conversation via comments, and if you would like to contribute a blog please contact Celia Popovic – cpopovic@yorku.ca

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 4th ANNUAL



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FAIR



Sponsored by York University Libraries &
The Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation
on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016
SCOTT LIBRARY COLLABORATORY (2nd Floor)
11:00am – 1:30pm

Schedule

11:00am – 1:00pm	Poster presentations
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Musical performance
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Award presentation
1:30pm	Reception

Students and organizers would love to see you there.



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.
researchfair.info.yorku.ca



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<http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/tcnewsletter/>