

Teaching Commons News

Fabulous February!



Now that the winter term is underway, why not take advantage of the upcoming workshops and events at the Teaching Commons? It's not too early to be thinking of a proposal for the York Teaching in Focus (TIF) conference. Proposals are due February 17. Our next Journal Club meeting is on February 15. Is active learning like broccoli? Join us in the Teaching Commons lounge to find out. These are but a few of the happenings. Read on for more details. The Violet is February's birth month flower and symbolizes faithfulness, wisdom and hope. Hoping that February brings whatever it is that you need.

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TIF Call for Proposals

[The Teaching in Focus Conference \(TIF\)](#) is an event designed to celebrate educational innovation & transformation. This year, there is the option to submit a proposal for an [interactive session](#), a [panel discussion](#), or a [poster presentation](#).

The deadline to submit proposals is **Friday, February 17**.

The TIF conference will be held on May 17 and 18, 2017. [Register](#)

Questions can be sent to teaching@yorku.ca

Teaching Commons Journal Club: February 2017

The Teaching Commons is hosting its next Journal Club conversation on Wednesday, February 15 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Join us at the Teaching Commons for an informal discussion of [Is active learning like broccoli? Student perceptions of active learning in large lecture classes](#).

Journal Club participants are asked to read the chosen article in advance and come prepared to discuss their ideas, reactions, and questions with fellow colleagues interested in exploring innovation in teaching and learning.

Date: **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

Location: **Victor Phillip Dahdaleh (formerly TEL) Building – 1050 (Teaching Commons Lounge)**



Upcoming Workshops and Courses

Experiential Education – Reflection & Assessment

Wed, February 15
9:30 am-12:00 pm
[Register](#)

eLearning Boot Camp

Friday, February 24
10:00 am- 3:00 pm
[Register](#)

ISW – Instructional Skills Workshops

April 24, 26 & 28, 2017

During this three-day workshop, participants will work collaboratively in a small group setting to further develop their teaching effectiveness while also receiving feedback on new teaching strategies & techniques.

[Register](#)

Launch of the Ontario eTeaching & eLearning Community of Practice (CoP)



The Teaching Commons hosted the inaugural Ontario eTeaching & eLearning Community of Practice at Steelcase on January 26th. The aim of the group is to develop a community of educators and education developers in the province of Ontario, who are interested in creating, using and sharing ideas and resources aimed at improving eLearning in any form.

Visit the CoP site <http://ontarioelearncop.ca/>, where you can view the materials and discussions, and join the CoP if you would like to take part.

For more information on the Ontario eTeaching & eLearning CoP contact:

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Globally Networked Learning Winter 2017 program

Building on the success of the [fall 2016 GNL activities](#), the Globally Networked Learning (GNL) Project launched its winter 2017 program. This term's events include "[Conceptualizing Globally Networked Learning \(GNL\) Courses/activities: Pedagogy, Technology & Partnerships](#)" workshops held at **Glendon (Feb. 6, 1:00-3:00)** and **Keele (Feb. 7, 1:00 – 3:00)** and co-facilitated by John E. Fowler (former Assistant Director at [SUNY COIL](#), the [GNL Team](#), and Lisa Endersby from [The Teaching Commons](#)). Join us to imagine the internationalized classroom at YorkU! [Register](#)



**John Fowler, Executive
director, Creative COIL**



**Lisa Endersby,
Educational
developer,
Teaching Commons**

The 2nd International Summer Institute on “Students as Partners”

Registration is now open for the 2nd International Institute on ‘Students as Partners’ to be held at **McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario** from **8-11 May, 2017**. The overall aim of the International Summer Institute is to build the capacity and understanding of faculty, staff, and students to develop, design, implement, and disseminate initiatives that promote the practice of students as partners in learning and teaching in higher education. For further details and booking please go to: <https://macblog.mcmaster.ca/summer-institute/>