

Teaching Commons News

Summer is Here!



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Finally, summer is here. As teaching winds down, and thoughts turn to the new academic year, check out the Teaching Commons' summer programs while you reflect on your Winter teaching and prepare for the Fall semester to come!

The 5th Teaching in Focus (TIF) Conference

On May 17 and 18, TC hosted a successful Teaching in Focus (TIF) Conference, the University's annual two-day celebration and professional development event devoted to all things related to teaching. This year's TIF began with a keynote address from Professor Nancy Chick from University of Calgary and editor of the International Society for Scholarship in Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) journal, *Teaching and Learning Inquiry*. Throughout both days of TIF, York University faculty, teaching assistants (TAs) and staff, occasionally accompanied by students, shared their good practice and informed one another of the findings from their research. The biggest challenge, as ever, was in deciding which parallel session to attend as they all sounded fascinating.



Simulated Person Methodology (SPM) 2 Day Workshop

This workshop will provide faculty members with the tools to apply and embed SPM in their teaching and to work with simulators in the context of a teaching-learning setting. This experiential learning initiative will provide opportunities for enhancing student success through hands-on practice and furthers opportunities for curriculum development. The workshop has been developed to educate educators in the effective use of simulation methodology and pedagogy in order to enhance practices in the classroom through the integration of simulated persons in their curriculum delivery.

Date and Time: June 28 - 29, 2017 from 9:00 - 4:00

To register and learn more about Simulated Person Methodology visit <http://spm.info.yorku.ca/workshop/>
Lego Workshop: Coming Up in Fall

New

Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Mandy Frake-Mistak, Educational Developer, has been elected as the Secretary of the [Educational Developers Caucus \(EDC\)](#). Dr. Celia Popovic, the Director of the Teaching Commons, will continue serving as the EDC Vice-Chair, Conferences. They will begin their terms in June at STLHE in Halifax.

Thank you for the Lego Donation!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to a colleague who brought a bag of Lego bricks to us on May 25th. Thank you very much for your generosity! Our director, Dr. Celia Popovic, would like to thank you if you could contact her at cpopovic@yorku.ca

Would you like to know how Lego can be utilized to engage students in your class? This Fall, the Teaching Commons will host workshop on using Lego in teaching. Tune in to our Newsletters and announcement for details.

If you have unwanted Lego bricks and pieces, we could use them in our Lego workshops. If you would like to donate, please bring them to Mary Lynn Belmonte (DB 1032).

New Research Methodology Workshop and Drop-in Hours

- Qualitative data analysis workshop: **August 23rd, 10 am to 12 pm**
- Quantitative data analysis workshop: **August 24th, 10 am to 12 pm**
- Statistical and data organization consulting drop-in hours
- Do you have any questions about how to work with your scholarship of teaching and learning data? Come by our drop-in hours **every Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm.**

More details to follow!

The Globally Networked Learning Project Summer 2017 Program



The Globally Networked Learning Project at York University is pleased to announce its Summer 2017 program. The program is for York University faculty members, as well as library and IT staff who wish to mount, or provide support for, internationalized courses and classrooms here at York. The bootcamp and webinar, taken together, will provide a deeper understanding of how to effectively develop partnerships, curriculum and pedagogy, as well as how to integrate various forms of technology for globally networked learning (GNL) courses. All bootcamps and webinars will be co-facilitated by John E. Fowler (Former Assistant Director - Center for Collaborative Online International Learning), Lisa Endersby (Educational Developer from The Teaching Commons at YorkU) and Dominique Scheffel-Dunand (GNL at York Project Lead).

Globally Networked Learning Bootcamp: Developing Effective Partnership and Pedagogy for your Internationalized Classroom

- Keele Campus:
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017
Time: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: DB 1014 (formerly TEL Building)
RSVP here:
<http://eso.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=30082>
- Glendon Campus:
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Time: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: YH A214
RSVP here:
<http://eso.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=30362>

Globally Networked Learning Webinar: Integrating and Innovating Technology for your Internationalized Classroom

- All Campuses:
Date: Thursday, June 29
Time: 10 - 11:30 am
Location: Online
RSVP: Email gnl@yorku.ca, with subject line 'Webinar' for login information.

The York University Teaching Academy

We are pleased to announce a new course to be offered by the Teaching Commons in the Fall and Winter of the next academic year.

This two semester course - **York University Teaching Academy** - will be offered in the form of a monthly face to face meeting plus online activity over a period of 6 months. We are seeking EDC (Educational Developers' Caucus) accreditation for the course to ensure it meets the highest standards of rigour. Using a participant-centred, reflective, activity based approach; participants will investigate the theory and practice of teaching in a Canadian University context.

Watch out for announcements in future newsletters and on the TC website. As with all our courses this will be free of charge to anyone who is a Course Director at York University.

This newsletter is available as a *.pdf* at <http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/tcnewsletter/>