

# Teaching Commons News

## It's a merry month of May in the TC!

May promises to be a busy time of year at the Teaching Commons! The STAY Symposium and Teaching in Focus (TIF) conference will bring together our colleagues from across the university to showcase and share innovations in teaching. We will also be hosting our final Journal Club

meeting of the academic year. Enjoy the sunshine and we look forward to having you join us for all of the exciting offerings the Teaching Commons has in store.



## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching in Focus Conference

Planning has been underway for several months now for our annual TiF conference. The schedule has been completed and we are eagerly awaiting May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> when we can welcome the York community to our annual celebration of teaching and learning. Professor

Nancy Chick will launch the event with her keynote on what counts as Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) and how to get your research published in SoTL journals. On day 2 we will hear from the latest pan university teaching award winners, in conversation with the AVP Teaching and Learning, Prof. Will Gage. Visit the website for more information and a link to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

<http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/conferences/york-conferences/>

**We have a plethora of forthcoming workshops and events**

Visit our [website](#) for full details of forthcoming events; we have selected a few to whet your appetite.

## In Brief

### [Introduction to Experiential Education](#)

May 4  
1pm to 4:00pm

### [Experiential Education: Reflection and Assessment](#)

May 11  
1pm to 4:00pm

### [Course Design Bootcamp](#)

June 28  
9:30am to 2pm

### [Instructional Skills Workshop](#)

June 19, 21, and 23  
9am to 5:30pm

### [Instructional Skills Workshop](#)

July 17, 18, and 19  
9am to 5:30pm

### [Instructional Skills Workshop](#)

August 14, 16, and 18  
9am to 5:30pm

### [May Journal Club](#)

May 26th  
2pm to 3:00pm

## Advance Notice!

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.

## The Globally Networked Learning Project Announces Faculty Bootcamp and Webinar Sessions for 2017 Summer Term

The [Globally Networked Learning Project at York University](#) is pleased to announce its Summer 2017 program. 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 the GNL Project Team.

To RSVP, please email [gnl@yorku.ca](mailto:gnl@yorku.ca), with subject line 'Bootcamp' or 'Webinar', and provide us with the option you choose.

### **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)
- Glendon Campus:  
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
Time: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Location: YH A214

### **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

## Webinar: Use Peer Assessment in Class



This webinar will be facilitated by Grace Ross, Undergraduate Program Director & Lecturer in School of Nursing. She will discuss pedagogical issues that frequently arise with peer assessment and present an example of peer assessment that she has used that reflects a strong inter-rater reliability with her own assessment as a professor.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:00 pm — 4:30 pm

### Facilitators:

Grace Ross, Undergraduate Program Director & Lecturer, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health  
Dr. Yelin Su, Educational developer, Teaching Commons

Registration: <http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=428610>

## Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW)

The ISW is a 3-day intensive experiential learning program designed to develop teaching skills for both new and experienced instructors. Offered within a small-group setting, the ISW affords the participants the opportunity to teach mini-lessons and receive feedback from the other attendees. Participants gain useful theoretical and practical knowledge to enhance their teaching. We still have a few spaces left in the following workshops:

**Dates:** June 19th, 21st, and 23rd, 2017 from 9am to 5:30pm

**Location:** Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Building DB 1014

[Register for the Instructional Skills Workshop on June 19th, 21st, and 23rd, 2017.](#)

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## The next EduCATE cohort starts in June



This is a one year program for faculty to explore any aspect of teaching and learning by engaging in action research and contributing to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

This course is aimed at all who teach at York: Contract Faculty, Contract Limited Appointments, Tenure-Stream, and Tenured Faculty are welcome (and encouraged!) to participate. The course must have a minimum of six (6) participants to run.

**Core session Dates:** June 12, 2017, July 24, 2017, August 21, 2017, February 26, 2017, the 2018 Teaching in Focus (TIF) Conference, and sessions specific to an Action Learning Set (at times mutually convenient the set).

**Location:** Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Building DB 1012

[For more detailed information, and to register your interest.](#)

## The May Journal club article is hot off the press

May 23, 2017, 2-3:30pm, DB1014

Join us at the Teaching Commons for an informal discussion of *Educational Development as Pink Collar Labor: Implications and Recommendations*. 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:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 2-3:30pm

**Location:** Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Building, Teaching Commons Lounge (DB 1050)

**Article:** [Educational Development as Pink Collar Labor: Implications and Recommendations](#)