

Teaching Commons News For Graduate Students

Recognizing and Honouring Graduate Students



Over the next few months the temperature outside is sure to drop and winter weather will be on its way. However, inside the Teaching Commons it is warm and bright thanks to all of you who are engaging in the workshops, courses and events we have for you. So, when it gets too cold and dark outside for you, visit our website, <http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca> to see what is happening at the Teaching Commons or book an appointment during TA drop-in hours at the TC Lounge for you and your colleagues: <http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/graduate-students/courses-workshops-and-events/events/ta-drop-in/>

Recognizing Junior Record of Completion Awardees!

The Teaching Commons is very proud to present the names of the graduate students who have earned a Junior 'Record of Completion' Certificate.

Morgan Bimm	Michael Fraschetti	Alison Milan	Michelle Prioriello
Katherine Chung	Meng Han	Gulgun Murzalieva	Jennifer Ruttle
Ninoschka D'Souza	Forrest Johnson	Raul Palomo	Janet Seow
Matthew Dunleavy	Pavla Kristkova	Francisco Parreira	Benjamin Taylor
Katie Florko			



The requirements to obtain the junior certificate are to attend at least 5 workshops offered by the Teaching Commons within one academic year. These individuals have attended between 5 and 7 of the 13 workshops or orientation events offered since only September 1, 2015. Most of the workshops are 1 hour in duration and are facilitated by Teaching Commons and other York staff or Senior Teaching Assistants. Examples of topics covered in these workshops include designing tutorials, marking and grading, engaging with students, active learning strategies, teaching critical reading, writing and research skills, to name only a few.

The Teaching Commons will recognize the dedication and commitment to teaching and learning at York that these outstanding graduate students have demonstrated at the 4th annual Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium on Friday May 6, 2015.

Congratulations to these 'Record of Completion' Awardees! Your certificates will be available for pick-up from the Teaching Commons in TEL 1033 from November 9, 2015. If your name does not appear in this list, but you have met the requirements, please contact Natasha May (maynat@yorku.ca) so that we may double check our records. There are also many more workshops upcoming that will count toward either the Junior or Senior 'Record of Completion' Certificate. We hope to engage with you all again soon.

For more information about the 'Record of Completion' Certificate Program, please see our website: <http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/graduate-students/courses-workshops-and-events/courses/record-of-completion-certificate/>

TA Certificate in Teaching (TACT) Course this Winter

There are still limited spaces available in the winter semester TACT course. To be eligible to take the course you must have at least one semester of teaching experience. Preference will be given to those who have a 'Record of Completion' Certificate.

This [SEDA](#) accredited course is for Teaching Assistants to learn more about teaching in postsecondary education. It comprises 5 three hour face to face sessions plus an additional online component (4 online modules).

The course aims to build on your current experience in an iterative way by bringing in new knowledge and skills to enable you to develop your own teaching style; thus making your TA experience easier and more enjoyable. The accreditation you receive helps further develop your CV, which will be used for your future aspirations. Over the duration of the course you will develop your teaching dossier, which will then be your final assessment for the course. It can be later refined and used to obtain future employment in teaching.

Attendance will be required at all 5 sessions, which will run 10am to 1pm in TEL 1014 on the following dates:

Wednesday January 13, 2016
Wednesday February 3, 2016
Wednesday March 2, 2016
Wednesday March 23, 2016
Wednesday April 13, 2016

Please register for the winter semester of TACT by filling out the following form:

<http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=255165>



Course Design Workshop for Graduate Students

Tuesday November 24, 2015, 10am – 4pm, TEL 1014

This course is specifically for graduate students who will be a course director for the first time or are looking to improve their skills in course design. You will be introduced to the basics of course design, taking you through the content, activity, assessment and evaluation development process. The focus will be on a practical approach based on sound theory and evidence. To register please visit:

<http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=272847>

Additional Workshops

Let's Talk About Social Inequalities: Addressing Critical and Often Emotionally Charged Issues in Tutorial
Tuesday November 3, 2015, 12-1pm in TEL 1014

[Register for Let's Talk About Social Inequalities: Addressing Critical and Often Emotionally Charged Issues in Tutorial](#)

Classroom Strategies for When They Haven't Done the Readings
Monday November 9, 2015, 12-1pm in TEL 1014

[Register for Classroom Strategies for When They Haven't Done the Readings](#)

Dealing with Classroom and Student Conflict
Tuesday November 17, 2015, 12-1pm in TEL 1014

[Register for Dealing with Classroom and Student Conflict](#)

Learn How to "DO" a Teaching Dossier
Thursday November 26, 2015, 10am – 12pm in TEL 1014

[Register for Learn How to "DO" a Teaching Dossier](#)

