February – For the Love of Teaching!

It may still be cold outside, but things are warming up in the Teaching Commons! We have a number of upcoming workshops and events designed to reignite your love of teaching while reconnecting with colleagues from across the institution. Join us this month to learn, write, and reflect as the winter term continues.

Teaching in Focus (TIF) 2018 – Call for Proposals!

The Teaching in Focus (TIF) Conference is the pan-university conference in teaching and learning at York University. This peer reviewed conference is for all who teach or support student learning at York to celebrate teaching, share experience and innovations in teaching practices, make connections, and build and expand a community and scholarship of teaching and learning.

Our theme this year centres on exploring and discussing student engagement in its many forms. How are you engaging students in your classroom? What does student engagement mean to you? Our Call for Proposals invites presentations, case studies, and poster presentations to address these and similar questions.

The [2018 TIF Proposal Form](http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=510961) can be accessed here:

Registration is also open to attend TIF, running this year on May 16 & 17, 2018. [Register today!](http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=510451)

Learning with Lynda.com

Lynda.com is an online learning library with a large video collection on a wide range of topics from using Photoshop and making character animation to topics pertaining to teaching and learning in higher education.

The Teaching Commons is delighted to share playlists generated from Lynda.com with all members of York University. We invite you to browse a selection of videos on the Design of Engaging Learning Experiences curated by one of our educational developers here:

[https://www.lynda.com/SharedPlaylist/3e7d90c662a4323a681ec45282c198a](https://www.lynda.com/SharedPlaylist/3e7d90c662a4323a681ec45282c198a)

Perfect to inspire your next proposal for the 2018 TIF Conference!
Call for Papers: DEL 2018

AMPD is hosting the annual international conference on Digitally Engaged Learning next September 20-22, 2018: **2018 DEL: Edge Effects**

The call for proposals is now open and we invite all York Faculty to share their experiences and submit Papers, Panel Proposals, Micro teach/ Micro make sessions or Workshops.

**Submission deadline: March 15, 2018**

More information can be found in the Call for Proposals. Also see the conference webpage: [www.digitallyengagedlearning.net/2018/about/](http://www.digitallyengagedlearning.net/2018/about/)

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The Writing Circle

The Writing Circle offers York faculty dedicated, on-going writing opportunities for the purpose of making progress on a writing project, preferably but not limited to being focused on teaching and learning in higher education. It is structured to enable writing and reflection about your writing and offers the opportunity for feedback among peers.

**Friday, February 23, 2018 from 12pm-4pm in Room DB 1014**

[http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=500933](http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=500933)

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February Journal Club

The Teaching Commons is hosting its next Journal Club conversation on **February 12, 2-3:30pm** in the Teaching Commons Lounge (DB 1050). Join us at the Teaching Commons for an informal discussion of Building the Teaching Commons. 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.

[Register to attend the February Journal Club](http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=500933)

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The Senate of York University - Forum of Ideas Invitation

**Thursday, February 8, 2018 Scott Library Collaboratory, 2nd Floor 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

All members of the community are invited to attend a Senate-sponsored event devoted to program re-visioning and curriculum reform. Through posters, conversations and interviews, colleagues from programs who have been closely involved in the development of curriculum development and redesign will share their experiences. Members of the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis will also be on hand to describe how they assist program planners.

Light refreshments will be available. RSVPs may be submitted via the link below. More importantly, please join us along with others in your program. RSVP to [http://univsec.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=10402](http://univsec.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=10402)
Free ‘Learning to Learn Online’ 5-Week Course (MOOC)

Athabasca University has launched a ‘Learning to Learn Online’ course. This free course will explore fundamentals of learning alongside various models of online courses. Both students and faculty may benefit from the opportunity to investigate personal learning preferences and effective online communication tools & strategies.

Learn more and register here: http://www.ltlc.ca/

For Your Planning

eLearning @ York Course: Designing Fully Online Courses (Offering #3)
February 8 | 10:00am-12:00pm
REGISTER

eLearning – Using Technology to Facilitate Student Engagement
February 23 | 10:00am-3:00pm
REGISTER

Did you know the Teaching Commons publishes a weekly blog? Each Monday, we post stories from our colleagues sharing their thoughts on a teaching related topic.
http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/teaching-commons-blog-teaching-and-learning-at-york/

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