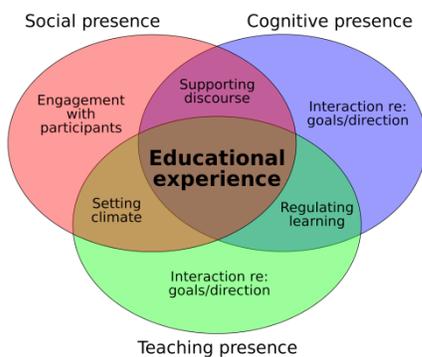


Teaching Commons News For Graduate Students

Celebrating Teaching and Learning at York



May is teaching and learning month at York. At the Teaching Commons we have focused specifically on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning...how do we bridge the teaching and research divide? What does research into our own teaching look like? What could it look like?

Across the university there are celebrations of teaching and learning initiatives, accomplishments and events, which started with our fourth annual Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium on May 6th. Upcoming later this month is our annual Teaching In Focus (TIF) Conference. Be sure to grab one of the limited spots available before it is too late! Also, check with your Faculty or Department for other exciting events and recognitions of your teaching colleagues.

4th Annual STAY Symposium

On Friday May 6th, over a hundred Teaching Assistants from Faculties across York will gather to celebrate the graduation of the newest cohort of Senior Teaching Assistants (STAs). The daylong STAY Symposium (Supporting Teaching At York) celebrates the hard work of these graduates, and put their new training on display for their colleagues.

The day will begin with an opening plenary by Dr. Celia Popovic, the Director of the Teaching Commons, on *What is Educational Development and How Can It Benefit Me?* Dr. Popovic will lead a panel discussion with experienced graduate student teaching assistants. After a full day of interactive sessions facilitated by our STAs, and a fulsome lunch, the day will conclude with a closing plenary from PUWTA and OCUFA Teaching Award winner Dr. Tamara Kelly.

The Teaching Commons STAY Symposium is an annual event taking place on the first Friday in May every year. Friday May 6, 2016 will mark the Teaching Commons 4th annual symposium, and all York graduate students are invited to participate. STAY Symposium sessions are facilitated by the participants of the Senior Teaching Assistant (STA) course. To join the STA course, you must first complete the Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT) and then enroll in the Senior Teaching Assistant course. Stay tuned to our newsletter and website for updates on when registration is open for both of these courses and STAY next year!



If you still need to attend one or two workshops to attain the Junior or Senior Record of Completion Certificate, the following workshops will count toward it:

Using SPARK and Zotero to Foster Student Success

Thursday May 5, 2016, 10am – 12pm in TEL 1014

[Register for Using SPARK and Zotero to Foster Student Success](#)

Introduction to Course Design Workshop for Graduate Students

Wednesday May 25, 2016, 9am – 12pm in TEL 1009

[Register for Introduction to Course Design Workshop for Graduate Students](#)

Applications of Course Design Principles Workshop for Graduate Students

Wednesday May 25, 2016, 1pm – 4pm in TEL 1009

[Register for Applications of Course Design Principles Workshop for Graduate Students](#)

Teaching In Focus (TIF) Conference



On May 19th and May 20th, we will have a two-day Teaching in Focus conference to celebrate teaching and learning at York. Day 1 of this conference focuses on “Putting Research into Teaching and Teaching into Research”. Dr. Nancy Chick from the University of Calgary will be the keynote speaker and will explore *What counts as research in teaching?* We shift focus to “Celebrating Teaching Innovation and Excellence” and will be joined by Dr. Karin Crawford of Lincoln University in the UK who will speak on *Pedagogies of Partnership in Research-engaged Teaching*.

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.

Register today as there are limited spots available. We look forward to seeing you there!

<http://teachingcommonsforms.apps01.yorku.ca/forms/view.php?id=319245>

Recognizing Record of Completion Awardees!

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

Stephanie Burdzy	Muhammad Murtaza Hassan	Denize Shah Hosseini
Caroline Erentzen	Allison Nicholls	Erik Tate
Julie Falck	Alanna Pierias	Victoria Ting
Aziz Guzel	Mashal Riaz	Heidi Van Vliet

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, 2016**. Congratulations to these ‘Record of Completion’ Awardees! Your certificates are available for pick-up at the STAY Symposium or from the Teaching Commons in TEL 1033.



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/>