

Teaching Commons News For Graduate Students

Welcome Summer and a Chance to Recharge



Before you direct your attention to other important tasks, like research and relaxation, take a moment to reflect on all you have accomplished this year and consider what you would like to accomplish next year. We are pleased to announce that registration is open for both of our accredited courses next year. Please see page two for details. We would also like to thank you all for reading our newsletter and engaging with us. Whether you attended one workshop or event, or dozens, completed a course or just inquired about one, your needs and interests are important to us and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work with you. Have a great summer. We hope to see and engage with you soon!

Congratulations 'Record of Completion' Recipients

The Teaching Commons is proud to announce the names of the dedicated graduate students who have earned a Junior or Senior 'Record of Completion' Certificate. These individuals have attended 4 or 5 workshops throughout the academic year and those that earned the Senior 'Record of Completion' Certificate also attended the 4th annual STAY Symposium on Friday May 6.

Junior 'Record of Completion' Certificate Recipients:

Karolina Beben Patricia Bentley Amy Couperthwaite Shlomo Gleibman Bailey Hewitt

Senior 'Record of Completion' Certificate Recipients:

Julian Aiken	Morgan Bimm	Meghan George	Tomoko Mizuguchi	Graham Smith
Norah Alothman	Caroline Butt	Snezhana Harizanova	Gulgun Murzalieva	Sean Steele
Tyler Ball	Regis Caprara	Heyam Hayder	Nhi Ha Nguyen	Phuong Truong
Catherine Barfoot	Jennifer Caraccioli	Chris Hazlett	Raul Palomo	Heidi Van Vliet
Ghuna Bdiwi	Elaine Chan-Dow	Michael Laurentius	Mohamed Salem	Anna Veprinska
Debasmita Bhattacharya	Katherine Chung	Guihua Ma	Ambreen Sayani	Benjamin Winokur

Please join us in congratulating these individuals and thank them for their commitment to teaching and learning at York University, along with the other recipients this year. A total of 78 graduate students earned ['Record of Completion'](#) certificates this year! If you need a workshop or two for your certificate, see our [workshop list](#).

Upcoming Workshops

Introduction to Course Design

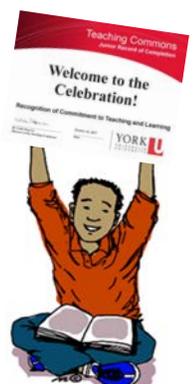
Tuesday July 12, 2016, 9am-12pm in TEL 1014

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

Applications of Course Design Principles

Tuesday July 19, 2016, 9am-12pm in TEL 1014

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



Registration is OPEN for the TACT and STA Courses!!

The **Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT) course** is a one-semester blended course that will be offered in both the fall and winter semesters. Please note you only need to register for ONE term. This free course consists of 5 face-to-face classes and 4 online modules to be completed in between each class. This SEDA accredited course is for Teaching Assistants to learn more about teaching in postsecondary education, reflect on your experiences, engage in multi-disciplinary discussions about teaching, learn from one another and apply what you've learnt through a mini-lesson cycle with peer feedback and the development of your teaching dossier. For more information, including the in-class dates, please visit the TACT website:

<http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/graduate-students/courses-workshops-and-events/courses/tact/>

[Register for the Fall 2016 Semester of TACT](#) or [Register for the Winter 2017 Semester of TACT](#).

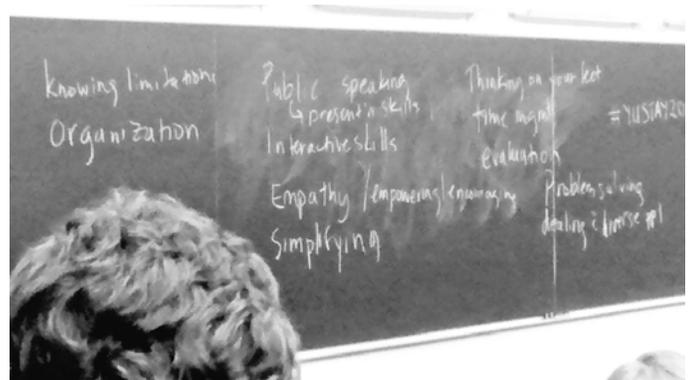
The **Senior Teaching Assistant (STA) program** is a full year (September – May) SEDA accredited course for TAs interested in developing teaching and learning with their peers. Successful completion of TACT is required. Within this course, participants are expected to plan and deliver two educational events, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and acceptability of the events, and facilitate a session at our annual Supporting Teaching At York Symposium (STAY). For dates and more information about STA, please visit:

<http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/graduate-students/courses-workshops-and-events/courses/senior-teaching-assistant-program/> or [Register your interest for the STA course](#).

Should you have any further inquiries please email Natasha May at maynat@yorku.ca.

A Great Day at STAY

The STAY Symposium on Friday May 6, 2016 was best summed up by the words of a participant: "It was well organized, consisted of multiple and helpful different sessions to share valuable teaching and learning theories, methods, and practices." We hope all of you that were able to join us for the symposium had a similar positive experience and were able to come away from the day with new ideas, strategies or friends! Please consider joining us again next year, Friday May 5, 2017, and bringing a colleague or two! If there is anything we could do better next year, please let us know by completing our [anonymous survey](#).



The Teaching Commons would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made the day so special. We are grateful to Faculty of Graduate Studies Associate Dean, Academic, Michael Zryd, for his opening address and to graduate studies for all of their support. Thank you to the Senior Teaching Assistants for all of their hard work all year and in particular in preparation for the STAY Symposium and facilitating some superb sessions! Another thank you to Dr. Tamara Kelly for the engaging and valuable closing plenary. Finally the Director of the Teaching Commons, Celia Popovic, said it best when she recognized the Teaching Commons Tutors, thanking them for their hard work all year and noting that we could not provide the support and programs we do for graduate students without them. Equivalently, without graduate students participating in the events and programs we offer, we couldn't run them. So thank you to everyone that has engaged with us this year!



For a recap of the day, please see the [story in Yfile](#).

Thank you Graduates, and Congrats!