

## **2012 Fall Teaching Expo, August 13th to 31st**

All faculty members are invited to attend these free workshops being offered during our Fall Teaching Expo. There are a variety of sessions for new and experienced faculty. The Centre for Teaching and Learning staff will be facilitating most of the program but we will also be acting as host to faculty offering a workshop in their area of expertise.

Keep the insert handy, it will give you the **What**, **When**, and **Where**, for our **Fall Teaching Expo**. Please take a moment to select your workshops and register.



## **CTL Open House, we'd love to see you here!**

**Thursday, August 30th, 2pm-3pm, SCI 200**

Visit the Centre and have some refreshments with the CTL Team. Hear about new programs and offerings for 2012-2013! Let's catch up on what you have been doing over the summer and get ready for fall start-up!

## **Connect (Blackboard online learning management replaces WebCT Vista)**

All courses at UBC's Okanagan campus have been created and may be made available to students online in Connect at <http://www.connect.ubc.ca> upon instructor request for the first day of classes or another specified date. Instructors and students need to use their CWL ID to login to Connect. If you would like to request course availability, change the start date or have previously taught content from WebCT Vista imported into this new environment, please fill out the course set up form at, <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/elearning/toolkit/blackboard/courserequest>.

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is offering a variety of workshops and training sessions to help you set up and use Connect. For a complete listing of workshops you can register in, please visit <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/events.html> or for online resources, documentation and video tutorials <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/elearning/toolkit/blackboard/instructor-resources.html>.

This change from WebCT Vista to Connect will be advertised to students through posters, bookmarks, the Learning Commons in the library and our websites. You may need to let returning students know that you will be using Connect as many of them will be accustomed to accessing courses through WebCT Vista (which continues to be available for some students at UBC Vancouver campus).

All information, support options and resources will be updated regularly on our Centre for Teaching and Learning website at: <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/elearning/toolkit/blackboard.html>.

Please direct any questions or concerns to [elearning.ubco@ubc.ca](mailto:elearning.ubco@ubc.ca)

## **Connect Support – Extended Hours**

As part of our commitment to help faculty with the transition to Connect, eLearning specialist support hours will be extended during critical times. Starting August 1st until September 14th emails sent to [elearning.ubco@ubc.ca](mailto:elearning.ubco@ubc.ca) will be given top priority and faculty can expect a response within a few hours of submitting a question or query.

In addition an eLearning specialist will be available for your Connect (online course management) and other eLearning technology related support needs in **SCI 200** on **Labour Day - Monday, September 3rd from 1:30pm to 5:30pm**. A support specialist will also be in the Centre for Teaching and Learning (SCI 200) during the first week of classes, see schedule below,

Tuesday, September 4th, 8am-12pm and 1pm-7pm  
Wednesday, September 5th, 8am-12pm and 1pm-7pm

Thursday, September 6th, 8am-12pm and 1pm-7pm  
Friday, September 7th, 8am-12pm and 1pm-4:30pm

## **Connect and Copyright Drop-In Sessions for 2012-2013 – SCI 200**

You are invited to drop-in on Wednesday, August 15th, 22nd, and 29th, between 1pm-3pm and Thursday, August 16th and 23rd, between 1pm-2pm, where you will find assistance with any issues or questions you have regarding **Copyright**.

**Faculty** are welcome to drop-in for assistance with **Blackboard Connect**, every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm, starting September 5th, and Tuesday's from 2:30pm-4pm starting September 11th. Please bring your laptop, if you have one.

All **Teaching Assistants** have the opportunity to drop in for assistance with **Blackboard Connect**, every Wednesday from 3pm-4pm, starting September 12th. Bring your laptop if you have one.



### ***Need to put materials on Reserve? Connect with your Library!***

For September 2012, the Library will provide a new way to place your course materials on reserve. Simply log in to Connect and use the Library Course Reserve link provided. This will allow you to manage not only print reserve material, but also provide links to online readings and other formats such as streaming audio and video.

#### **Questions?**

- Attend our workshop **August 16th, from 2pm-3pm in room ART 215** (future workshop dates to be announced)
- Come to a drop in session in the Centre for Teaching and Learning office SCI 200 on Wednesday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm.
- Contact your subject librarian or Sherri Savage at [sherri.savage@ubc.ca](mailto:sherri.savage@ubc.ca) or phone (250) 807-8410

An updated online guide to the new system will be announced and available soon.

### ***D.A.T.E. Discussions about Teaching Excellence***

These discussions will take the form of an open meeting hosted by the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The discussions will begin with our guests providing her insights into teaching excellence, followed by an open discussion. We encourage you to participate in this important topic. An outline of topics will be posted on our website soon.



***Dr. Miriam Grant, Vice-Provost, Research Dean, College of Graduate Studies***  
***Tuesday, September 18th***  
***12pm-12:50pm, SCI 331***  
***Topic: Pursuing Excellence in Graduate Supervision***

***Dr. Naomi McPherson, Associate Professor, Irving K Barber School of Arts & Sciences***  
***Wednesday, November 21st***  
***12pm-12:50pm, SCI 331***



### ***TELL THE TA'S! "Teaching Scholars Credentialing Program"***

#### ***Developed for Teaching Assistants and Graduate Students at UBC's Okanagan Campus***

The University recognizes the important contribution made by teaching assistants and graduate students to its instructional course offerings in collaboration with the University's academic departments and graduate programs, the Teaching Scholars Credentialing (TSC) program, offered by the Centre for Teaching and Learning, provides opportunities to advance graduate students' pedagogical, academic, and professional progress.

The purpose of the credentialing program is to develop the skills of Teaching Assistants at UBC's Okanagan campus so that they can begin their teaching careers as TA's using known and tested effective strategies.

#### **Why Earn the Credential?**

Time spent refining one's reflective teaching practice makes one more confident and skilled as a teacher and is valuable preparation for an academic career. For graduate students and teaching assistants, the Credential is a demonstration of their tangible commitment to teaching. This can be of great benefit in today's increasingly competitive academic job market, where colleges and universities routinely ask applicants to provide evidence of teaching effectiveness. Three certificates of completion may be earned.

#### **Foundations Certificate**

Recognizes your successful participation in the Instructional Skills Seminars, micro-teaching, supplementary workshops, and you reflection upon these experiences.

#### **Practical Experience Certificate**

Recognizes you successful Teaching Assistants practical experience.

#### **Professional Readiness Certificate**

Recognizes the level of preparedness you have attained by completing a statement of educational philosophy, a teaching dossier and a resume (or CV).

### ***Teaching Assistant Orientation Wednesday, September 12th, 2:30pm-4pm, TBA***

This session is suggested for all Teaching Assistants. This introductory and overview is relative to your responsibilities and obligations as a TA. Attendees will receive the Guide to Effective Practices, a useful manual and reference. Those who attend will also be asked to suggest and participate in the planning of Fall 2012 TA workshops.

### ***Teaching Assistant Workshop Buffet Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-3pm, TBA***

This event will include a morning workshop, Instructional Practice and Lesson Basics; these will equip TA's to deal effectively with the face to face aspects of the position. A delicious pizza lunch will be served. The afternoon will focus on these university technology offerings, Blackboard Connect Orientation for Teaching Assistant and Designer Access, Gradebook Basics, and Using Turnitin and the Assignment Drop Box.

### ***2012 Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning***

The Institute for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Mount Royal University is pleased to announce our third annual Symposium on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, to be held on November 8th to 10th, 2012 in Banff, Alberta.

We encourage you to submit a proposal, participate and attend this symposium. Please call the Institute directly at 403-440-5503 for additional information. Details on the call for proposal can be found at <http://isotlsymposium.mtroyal.ca/proposals.html>.

**"Call For Proposals (CFP) Deadline for the 2012 Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning is August 20th"**



## ***Carolyn Labun, Director of the Centre for Scholarly Communication, reports on the CSC first year success!***

The Centre for Scholarly Communication opened in July 2011 with a mandate to provide support for graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students in the dissemination of their research. The Centre is housed in the Library, and reports to both Melody Burton, the Chief Librarian, and to Dr. Peter Arthur, the Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The Centre offers special programming, workshops, writing groups, and one-on-one consultations.



Special programming has included a series of talks (two completed so far) entitled "Editor's Forum," in which invited editors speak to students on any aspect of the scholarly publication process; a panel on using digital media to conduct and disseminate research; and a four-day Boot Camp, which consisted of multiple workshops and other events intended to help students get their spring and summer writing projects off to a good start. The Centre also supports grant proposal writing through a series of workshops and a structured feedback loop.

Over 70 workshops were given in the first year, both by Centre staff and a number of Affiliate Members (including librarians, faculty, and staff), on topics ranging from proposal writing, to the literature review, to copyright, to intellectual property, to editing and revising, among others.

The Centre supports writing groups, whether comprised of faculty seeking a collegial and supportive environment for their own writing projects, or of graduate students wanting to work with others as they make their way through their scholarly projects or master the intricacies of academic English.

In its first year, the Centre booked over 500 one-on-one appointments. These were for a wide range of services, including editing and revision of proposals, literature reviews, thesis chapters, articles, book reports, curriculum vitae, and so forth.

It is the Centre's goal to continue to serve the needs of our graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students, as they seek to share the results of their research with both the academic community and the larger lay community.

## ***CONGRATULATIONS to the 2010-11 Teaching Honor Roll Recipients***



## ***Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Plans for 2012-2013***

**August 20th** – Deadline for Proposals to the Symposium on SoTL to be held in Banff, November 8th to 10th, 2012

**September 25th** – Social Event, a gathering of faculty interested in/or currently researching teaching and learning

**October 16th** – SoTL Brown Bag – Research Support Leads Presentation

**November 6th** – SoTL Brown Bag – Discussion with Sandy Hilton, Faculty of Management

**January 31st** – Deadline for the Innovations in Teaching and Learning Grant

**March** – Research Week presentations

**May 1st and 2nd** – Annual CTL Learning Conference

**Contact: Heather Hurren, for more information on any of these SoTL events**

## ***Communities of Practice***

Various staff members within the Centre operate a number of Communities of Practice from September to March. All faculty are welcome to participate. Please contact the appropriate person if you are interested in joining/attending in the fall.

Check out our website at [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/practice.html](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/practice.html) for upcoming meeting schedules!

**Teaching and Learning in Large Classes**, Heather Hurren

**Problem Based Learning**, Heather Hurren

**Course (Re) Design**, Heather Hurren

**Adjunct/Sessional Faculty Community**, Heather Hurren

**Instructional Writing**, Peter Arthur

**E-Learning**, Janine Hirtz

**Team Based Learning**, Heather Hurren

**Critical Thinking**, Janine Hirtz

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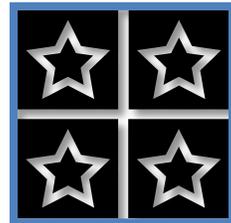
**Teaching First Years**, Peter Arthur



## Teaching Squares, begins Monday, September 17th

The Teaching Squares initiative celebrates teaching excellence, builds communities of practice, and aims to enhance teaching and learning through a structured process of classroom observation, reflection, discussion and plan for renewal. Participants must register for the program. Faculty will be placed into "Square" with three other instructors from diverse content areas. An initial meeting is held where participants meet to schedule classroom visits and discuss their goals for participating in the program. Each Square participant will visit one class per week and will be visited once a week by a Square participant. After all visits have been completed (3 weeks), the entire Square will reconvene to discuss what they discovered about their own teaching

**To join the Fall 2012 group – please contact Heather Hurren, Manager Academic Development, CTL**



**Java Junction, 2:30pm-3:30pm, all three discussions are in SCI 200**

**Monday, September 24th – Topic: Student Use of Personal Technologies in Class**

**Monday, October 29th – Topic: Peer Review**

**Monday, November 26th – Topic: Inclusive Classrooms**

**Stay tuned for these upcoming CTL workshops and events.....Registration NOW while space is available!**

**Friday, September 7th – Copyright**

**Tuesday, September 25th – Midpoint Feedback**

**Tuesday, October 2nd – iPeer**

**Tuesday, October 9th – Turnitin**

**Tuesday, November 13th – two workshops: Just in Time Course Design, and Blackboard/Social Media**

**Monday, December 3rd – Just In Time Course Design**



## Contact Information - CTL Team

Follow us on Twitter. Go to [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/UBCOCTL) and search @UBCOCTL

*Our Mission: to lead, support and promote teaching and learning excellence, innovation and scholarship at UBC's Okanagan Campus*



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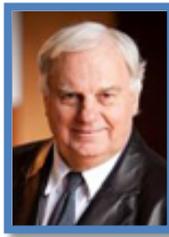
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