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Centre for Teaching and Learning

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January 2010

Learning through Research UBC Okanagan's 6th Annual Learning Conference May 5 & 6, 2010 in Kelowna, British Columbia

Call For Proposals!

UBC Okanagan invites proposals for the 6th annual Learning Conference

Deadline for submission of proposals is March 8, 2010.
Submit proposals online <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/conference/proposals.html>

Educators are invited to share their expertise and experience with the connection between research and learning. The conference intends to explore questions such as how can research enhance the student learning experience; how can the curriculum be redesigned to reflect a process of inquiry; what approaches to teaching and learning are most effective?

The conference will open with a keynote by Dr. John Smol, FRSC, Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change, and 3M National Teaching Fellow. Dr. Smol will speak on the integration of research and teaching.

All interested individuals or groups are invited to submit proposals for 50 minute sessions. Each session is expected to have an interactive component. Formats may include discussions, roundtables, and presentations.

Website: <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/conference/>

For more information contact Peter Arthur (807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca).



Midterm Break Workshops

For more information and to register for workshops please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl or call 250-807-9293.

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Monday, February 15th
9:30am-11:00am

WebCT Vista Extreme Makeover

Monday, February 15th
1:00pm-2:20pm

Sustainability and the Curriculum – An Investigation of Possibilities

Tuesday, February 16th
9:30am-11:45am

Peer Evaluation for Student/Group Work

Tuesday, February 16th
1:30pm-2:30pm

Faculty Seminar on Engaging Students in Learning

Wednesday, February 17th
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m

Turnitin-Part 1

Wednesday, February 17th
1:00pm-1:50pm

Turnitin-Part 2

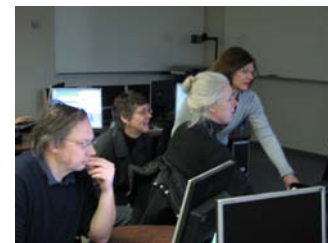
Wednesday, February 17th
2:00pm-2:50pm

For more information please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl or call 250-807-9293



Your Centre for Teaching and Learning Team

Left to right Janine, Hirtz, Patricia Wohlgemuth, Peter Arthur, Heather Hurren, Vania Chan



WebCT Vista Workshop

Showcase -Alwyn Spies

Rethinking Japanese Language Classes

Alwyn has re-designed the delivery of her Japanese Language course to enhance student learning.

She has re-configured how she uses the hours of class to provide more student conversation time and increases faculty/student interaction during class time.

Read the entire story on our website:

<http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/showcase.html>



Teaching Squares

Monday, January 18th

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Hurren

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 a "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 this term's group contact Heather Hurren at 250-807-9288.

Integrating Research into the Undergraduate Curriculum

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is attempting to capture and disseminate the many interesting ways UBC Okanagan faculty are integrating research into the undergraduate curriculum. Please take a moment and share with us your activities by completing the online form at www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/ or email peter.arthur@ubc.ca directly with your name, description of learners i.e. 3rd year biology class, brief description of the activity and contact information. Your experiences will comprise an online resource for colleagues.

Faculty Seminar on Engaging Students in Learning

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 9:00am – 11:30am

Location: UNC200

Please join us Wednesday, February 17 from 9:00 to 11:30 in the University Centre Ballroom to share ideas and experiences on student engagement in learning. Associate Vice President Students Ian Cull will open the session with a student profile that includes results of our student entrance survey. This session will spotlight a student/faculty panel that will share views and lead a discussion on student engagement. A concluding round table discussion will focus on practical ways to engage students. Please **register** for this free event at <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/register/> or call 807-9293.

For more information contact Peter Arthur (807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca).

Sustainability and the Curriculum-An Investigation of Possibilities

Tuesday, February 16th 9:30am-11:45am

Session Leader(s): Heather Hurren

Location: UNC200

Join us in for short presentations by faculty members and a roundtable discussion of how to integrate sustainability into your courses or classroom routines. See more information on our website and contact Heather Hurren for more information or if you are interested in presenting.

Faculty Workshops

To register for workshops please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/ or call 250-807-9293.

Assessment Creation

Friday, January 8th

1:00pm-1:45pm

WebCT Vista Gradebook

Friday, January 15th

1:00pm-2:00pm

Essential Elements of Instruction

Friday, January 29th

1:00pm-1:45pm

Midpoint Feedback

Friday, February 5th

1:00pm-2:00pm

Teaching Portfolios

Friday, March 5th

1:00pm-2:00pm

Reflecting on Your Teaching

Friday, March 26th

1:00pm- 1:45pm

For more information please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/ or call 250-807-9293

Do you have a Teaching Assistant?



TA Pizza Party

The Centre offers a professional development program for TA's including an orientation, a manual, a website and many workshops throughout the term including **WebCT workshops for TA's**.

To view the workshops available please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/ta

For more information contact Heather Hurren at 250-807-9288 or heather.hurren@ubc.ca or Janine Hirtz at 250-807-9133 or

Be sure to mark these D.A.T.E.'s (Discussions About Teaching Excellence) in your calendar!

These Discussions will take the form of an open meeting hosted by the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The discussion will begin with our guest providing their insights into teaching excellence followed by an open discussion. We encourage you to participate in this important topic.

Guests:

Dr. Doug Ooram (Deputy Vice Chancellor) Friday, January 22, 1:30pm – 2:20pm in the UNC Ballroom 200

Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz (Provost) Friday, February 26, 1:30pm – 2:20pm in the UNC Ballroom 200

Dr. Jan Cioe (Associate Professor of Psychology, UBC Okanagan Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation Winner) Friday, March 19, 1:30pm – 2:20pm in LIB 305

To register for more information please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl or call 250-807-9293.

Communities of Practice

Critical Thinking Community of Practice

The first meeting of the term will be held on Friday, January 15th from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Centre (SSC044). New members are always welcome!

Team-Based Learning Community of Practice

The first meeting of the term will be held on Monday, January 11th from 10:00am – 11:00am in the Centre (SSC044). New members are always welcome!

Problem Based Learning Community of Practice

The first meeting of the term will be held on Friday, January 22nd from 11:00pm-12:00pm in the Centre (SSC044).

eLearning Community of Practice (eCoP)

Next meeting is TBA, contact Janine Hirtz at 250-807-9133 or janine.hirtz@ubc.ca

Interdisciplinary Instructional Writing Group

The first meeting of the term will be held on Friday, January 15 from 1:30 – 2:30 in SCI 331. For more information contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207.

Research Week Activities – Tuesday, March 9th

9:30 – 11:30 Faculty Presentations of research on teaching & learning
Video-conference Discussion with Thompson Rivers University on
Scholarship of Teaching & Learning – Progress & Possibilities

1:30 – 3:00pm Faculty and Student Presentations on Integrating Research into
Undergraduate Courses
Roundtable Discussion of Opportunities for Integrating Research
into Undergrad Courses

Contact Heather Hurren for more information about this event 250-807-9288.

Open Classroom



The Open Classroom initiative provides a unique opportunity to any UBC Okanagan faculty member, or graduate student to observe colleagues in the settings of their classroom. We have many outstanding teachers who have volunteered to open up their classroom. This provides an opportunity to view a variety of learning environments in action. Observers will have the opportunity to discuss their observations with the colleague observed. All observations will be organized and coordinated by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

If you would like to volunteer to open your classroom to colleagues, or if you are interested in observing a colleague in action, please contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca.

Class DVD Recording

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to view your teaching? The Centre for Teaching and Learning staff are available to record your class and provide you with a DVD. The DVD will be yours to view in private, with a colleague or with one of the CTL's Learning Specialists. Watching the recording provides an invaluable insight into your teaching.

To request a class recording, please contact Heather Hurren at the Centre for Teaching and Learning (250-



Research Week Presentation, 2008

Course (Re)Design Seminar

May 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th, 2010

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Facilitated by: Peter Arthur, Heather Hurren, Janine Hirtz



Course (re)design Seminar applications available January 8th, 2010. Deadline for applications is March 12th, 2010. *Space is limited.*

Faculty are invited to participate in the course (re) design process to refresh a course they currently teach or create a new course, with the design process that we will facilitate/provide. The seminar requires a 4-day commitment with whole group instructional sessions followed by small group/team planning sessions, working on a different course aspect each day covering content, learning outcomes, instructional strategies and assessment processes. Individual faculty or course teams may be interested in this opportunity to design a new course or revitalize an existing one.

The seminar is modeled on a research-based course design process that focuses on learning-centered instruction and constructive alignment. Learning-centered instruction requires that decisions are made with specific reference to the kind of learning that is desired and strategies are chosen because they are the most likely to support that kind of learning. Constructive alignment aims to coordinate all the components of the course – content, objectives, strategies and assessment – so that one component reflects another.

Participants will be expected to share their product at various times throughout the seminar (5-10 min lessons/presentations on small samples of their course).

Take the opportunity to focus on designing your course with CTL staff and colleagues at hand for consultation! Participants will be asked to focus on one course throughout the seminar, but the knowledge gained will assist you in refreshing or creating other courses you teach.

Introducing Our Newest Team Member: Vania Chan

Our team is growing! The newest member of the Centre is Vania Chan, who joins the Centre as an e-Learning Instructional Support Specialist. Vania will be providing support for iClickers, Remark Optical Mark Reading, and WebCT Vista among other technologies. Vania studied Computer Science and Education at UBC's Point Grey campus and had an 8-year career at IBM as a software tester. Her research interests include collaborative tools, games for learning, and the design of user interfaces. Vania moved from Vancouver in December and has since swapped her rainproof shell for a good winter coat. She is looking forward to meeting faculty and instructors around campus. Welcome Vania!



Partners in Teaching Excellence

Just a reminder that Centre staff are available for individual consultations for faculty wishing to implement innovations in instruction for teaching and learning excellence. The Centre also offers Learning Communities where faculty share experiences in teaching and learning. We currently offer Peer Mentoring, Teaching Squares, Instructional Skills Workshops as well as other programs listed on our website. We are currently expanding our faculty resources section to offer current information on new trends in Higher Education. Contact the Centre for more information.

Focus Group Report

This fall the Centre surveyed faculty and also held focus groups to gather feedback about the Centre's offerings. As a result, we will be offering many new programs this term and for August's Teaching & Technology Fair. We have prepared a report of our findings and it can be accessed online at: http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/_shared/assets/focusgroup14517.pdf

Thank-you to all those who participated!

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Hours of Operation

8:30am-4:00pm
(closed for lunch noon-1:00pm)

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is located in SSC 044 (underneath the cafeteria patio)