



# Centre for Teaching and Learning

A Partner in Learning Services with Community & Continuing Studies, ITServices and the Library

January 2009

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

### Fifth Annual UBC Okanagan Learning Conference - Looking for Success in Learning

May 6 & 7, 2009  
Kelowna, British Columbia



UBC Okanagan's fifth annual Learning Conference theme "Looking for Success in Learning" invites educators to share their research and practice in sessions that will explore how educators impact learning success. Dr. Doug Owrham, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of British Columbia Okanagan will open the conference with a keynote address. The second day will begin with an invited panel of notable faculty and student speakers who will engage all participants in further exploration into practical ways we all can foster successful learning.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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.

Deadline for submission of proposals: March 16, 2009  
Website: <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/conference/>

For more information  
Peter Arthur  
250-807-9207  
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**Course (Re)Design Seminar – May 11-14, 2009**  
**Applications are now available and due by March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at**  
<http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/design/app>

### Limited space is available so apply early!!

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.



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## Midterm Break Learning Technology Seminars

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### Extreme Vista Course Makeover

Tuesday, February 17th  
9:00am-11:20am

### Horizon Wimba Voice Tools

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1:00pm-2:15pm

### Digital Audio in Learning Environments

Wednesday, February 18th  
10:00am-11:20am

### Clickers – UBC Okanagan Clicker Community of Practice

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1:00pm-2:00pm

### Refworks

Thursday, February 19th  
10:00am-11:50am

### Dealing with Plagiarism? Turnitin Vista Powerlink is now available and easy to use

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## Communities of Practice

### Team Based Learning Community of Practice

Mondays, 9:00am-10:00am

January 19th, March 16th

A number of faculty are using Team Based Learning in their classrooms and others wish to learn more. The community of practice will provide faculty with an opportunity to share best practices and network with instructors from other faculties.

If you are interested in learning more about this strategy and/or are using it now, join this Community of Practice.

### Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Community of Practice

Thursday, February 12th 1:00pm-2:15pm

This community of practice is designed to foster cross-disciplinary inquiry focused on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Meetings are held to provide an opportunity to discuss/present SoTL research projects and cross-disciplinary collaborations. Please email [peter.arthur@ubc.ca](mailto:peter.arthur@ubc.ca) if you plan to attend.

### Problem Based Learning Community of Practice

Fridays 11:00am – 12:00noon

January 16th, February 27th, March 27th

The Centre for Teaching & Learning supports faculty by facilitating the Community of Practice, offering resources on our website, and individual support in planning PBL experiences for their students.

### Critical Thinking Community of Practice

Wednesdays 3:00pm-4:30pm

January 21st, February 11th, March 25th

Are you using Critical Thinking techniques in your classroom? Would you like to? This community of practice is for all faculty that are currently implementing Critical Thinking in their classrooms and for those faculty that would like to learn more about this instructional strategy. The community of practice meets to share best practices and review current literature in the field.



## Faculty Events

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### Teaching Portfolios

Friday, January 16th

1:30pm-2:30pm

This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about the purpose and contents of a teaching portfolio. Participants will be given examples of portfolio design and content to assist in the development of their own teaching portfolio.

### Teaching Squares

Beginning January 19th

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. 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.

### Assessment Toolkit Part 1

Thursday, February 12th

2:30pm-3:30pm



This workshop will investigate assessment for learning, assessment of teams & groups, rubrics, grading and test construction and provide time for your questions. Some self-reflection and assessment philosophy will be explored.

### Assessment Toolkit Part 2

Thursday, February 12th

3:30pm-4:30pm



Janine will be providing an overview of Vista's assessment tools including how to set up gradebook in Vista to accommodate your assessment requirements.

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For more information contact Janine Hirtz at 250-807-9133 or [janine.hirtz@ubc.ca](mailto:janine.hirtz@ubc.ca)

#### Extreme Vista Course Makeover

Tuesday, February 17th 9:00am-11:20am

This session will focus on the design and customization of your Vista course. Create headings, add images, customize icons to personalize the look and feel of Vista that is sure to reflect the time, effort and care you put into your teaching.

#### Horizon Wimba Voice Tools

Tuesday, February 17th 1:00pm-2:15pm

This session focuses on integrating voice tools to enhance the learning experience for your students. In addition to the obvious benefits of using voice tools in language courses, audio adds another dimension to teaching and interaction in the online environment. These are great tools for meeting online with students (who may live in remote areas), grad student consultations, group projects, student collaborations and building communities of practice.

#### Digital Audio in Learning Environments

Wednesday, February 18th 10:00am-11:20am

This session will focus on the potential benefits and uses of digital audio to enhance the teaching and learning experience. The session will include a hands on portion where participants will record and edit audio files that can then be uploaded to the web or to WebCT Vista.

#### Clickers – UBC Okanagan Clicker Community of Practice

Wednesday, February 18th 1:00pm-2:00pm

Prerequisite: This session is for any instructors interested in learning more about clickers (already using clickers or inquiring about potentially using).

This session will feature a panel of our own UBC Okanagan instructors sharing how they use clickers in the classroom to enhance the learning experience and engage students. We will also focus on best practices and feature a hands on demo using an individual approach and team based learning strategies with clickers.

An advanced session will be conducted from 2:15 – 3:00 with our vendor representative who will be on hand to answer questions, address any concerns and introduce some new clicker strategies for instruction.

#### Refworks

Thursday, February 19th 10:00am-11:50am

RefWorks is a citation management tool that allows you to create a database of research articles, books, and websites. You can use RefWorks to easily generate bibliographies in any citation format, and share references with students. This session will take you from the beginning stages of creating an account through the advanced features of RefWorks.

#### Dealing with Plagiarism? Turnitin Vista Powerlink is now available and easy to use.

Thursday, February 19th 1:00pm-2:15pm

This session will focus on the new Turnitin Powerlink directly available in your Vista course. The hands on session will go through the entire process of setting up your Turnitin powerlink in your course, submitting papers, and reading reports to assess for incidents of plagiarism or incorrect documentation and referencing. Although Turnitin is also available outside of Vista, using the Vista Powerlink takes the hassle out of creating user I.D.'s and passwords. Reports can be made available to students and is a great learning tool. Librarians will be available to answer copyright and plagiarism questions.

### WebCT Vista Wednesdays



Join us at the Centre for Teaching and Learning!

Drop-in any Wednesday from 1-3 PM, January 7th- April 29th in SSC044 for help with WebCT Vista. These are unstructured session times when help will be available to you regarding any concerns, issues or questions you have about using WebCT Vista.

We look forward to seeing you!

### TA Tuesdays



All Teaching Assistants are invited to drop in to the Centre for Teaching and Learning (SSC044) from 2:30pm to 4:00pm every Tuesday to get assistance in the following areas:

- WebCT Vista support
- Optical Mark Reader instruction
- Instructional or assessment support

Centre staff will be available to assist you during this drop-in time every Tuesday from 2:30-4:00pm.

## Course (Re)Design Seminar

May 11th-14th 9:00am-4:00pm

Facilitated by: Peter Arthur, Heather Marshall, Janine Hirtz

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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.

Contact Heather Marshall at 250-807-9288 or [heather.marshall@ubc.ca](mailto:heather.marshall@ubc.ca) for more information.

## 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 Marshall at the Centre for Teaching and Learning (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 807-9207 or [peter.arthur@ubc.ca](mailto:peter.arthur@ubc.ca).

## 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.



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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)