

# Teaching & Learning Commons NEWSLETTER

February 2023



## AVPTL message

This newsletter marks the first of 2023, and the spring semester is off to an excellent start! I hope you have taken the opportunity to complete the Teaching and Learning, Research and Library services survey over the past few weeks. We are certainly looking forward to the insights it always provides on how we can best support you.

I recently attended a conference presentation that challenged the audience to consider why we do what we do. Sounds simple, right? I don't mean answers like it's my job, I'm passionate about my discipline, teaching is rewarding, or it's my calling; I'm talking about deeply considering your values and the mark that you hope to leave on your students, colleagues and in the education system as a whole. I challenge you to dig deeply on this question as a means to consider if your values drive your pedagogy.

What are your pedagogical values? One way to identify your values is to think about what teaching choices others make that frustrate you. Another way is to consider what values you hope to promote through your teaching. You could also think about the times where you feel like the lesson, your delivery or the

approach just felt "right". The reason for this question is that if you are clear about your purpose and your values, these become the parameters with which you make instructional design decisions, technology choices and by which to select your professional development.

I have spent some time considering my own values and how they impact my choices as an educator and as a leader. My core values have been shaped by my career as a nurse and through some amazing mentors who helped me recognize my strengths and learn each step along my leadership journey. Feel free to check them out in my [eportfolio](#). I see them at play in my daily behaviors, how I make decisions, and how I teach. They make the value proposition clear for doing things that may at first glance seem unpleasant or insurmountable, and yet worth moving forward. I have learned that when I am stressed or perceive conflict, often there is a rub between two or more of my values or between mine and someone else's. This awareness helps me make mindful choices. I hope you too will find it useful to consider where you see your values at play and adjust your decisions accordingly. Happy soul searching.

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# LEARN TECH BITS & BYTES



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## What's new in Kaltura?

**Kaltura Collaboration:** Media owners can add other Kaltura users as co-editors, co-publishers, and co-viewers to their media. Adding collaborators to your media allows others to edit, manage, or publish your media. As the media owner, you can add collaborators and change permissions at any time.

*Please note that only those who are logged into KPU Mediaspace ([media.kpu.ca](http://media.kpu.ca)) or Moodle before can be added as collaborators.*



**Download media:** Once you enable the download feature, your media can be downloaded as an .mp4 file by students or instructors in the same Moodle course, or by anyone (including non-KPU users) who has access to the media on [media.kpu.ca](http://media.kpu.ca). This is especially useful for those who want to share the ability for others to download a copy of the video and reproduce it easily.

[More information can be found here](#)

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[Submit a ticket for help here.](#)

## UN SDG Open Pedagogy Fellowship *Now accepting applications!*

Interested in designing meaningful assignments that take on some of the world's most pressing sustainability needs? The UN SDG Open Pedagogy Fellowship is for you! Apply for this [award-winning fellowship](#) and work in interdisciplinary, inter-institutional teams this summer to create renewable assignments\*. Once created, deploy these assignments in your courses toward reaching any of the [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#).

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)  
*Please note that successful applicants will receive \$500 in professional development funding.*

## New Blog! Pedagogy + Practice

How I Stopped Being the David Lee Roth of 1990's Instruction by Learning Strategist, Craig Wright.  
[Read it here](#)

## Workshops

[Browse our upcoming workshops and register for them here.](#)

# OPEN EDUCATION WEEK

March 6-10, 2023

7th

## Engaging Students in OER Projects, 1:00-2:00PM | [Register here](#)

Open pedagogy engages students as creators of information instead of just consumers. While this can take a variety of different forms, one of the primary open pedagogy practices is inviting students to participate in the creation of open educational resources (OERs) by publishing their assignments. Come hear from KPU faculty who worked with their students to create open educational resources, and learn about their projects, challenges, and tips for working with students to create OERs.

## Engaging Students in UN SDGs through Open Pedagogy, 3:00-4:00PM

[Register here](#)

Celebrate UN SDG Week and Open Education Week with us! Come hear about what faculty at KPU are doing to engage in the UN SDGs through the UN SDG Open Pedagogy Fellowship and creating renewable assignments.

8th

## Intro to Pressbooks, 12:00-1:00PM | [Register here](#)

There are many tools available to create Open Educational Resources (OERs), and one of the most popular is Pressbooks. KPU's Open Publishing Suite (OPUS) supports the use of Pressbooks for publishing OERs, including training and project support. Join us for what Pressbooks, what the platform can do, and how to create your own Pressbook. Come learn about Pressbooks, its features, and the basics of how to use the Pressbooks platform!

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## BCOEL ZTC Event, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Open Education Strategist, Amanda Grey, will be speaking at the BCOEL Open Education Week event "Finding the free path: Making ZTC courses visible," sharing about KPU's Zero Textbook Cost program.

## Bringing Open Pedagogy to Life, 3:00-4:00PM | [Register here](#)

Why Open Pedagogy, and Open Pedagogy Renewable Assignments, with guest speaker Karen Cangialosi

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## Intro to Criminology Book Launch, 12:00-1:00PM, Surrey Conference Centre RSVP by emailing [open@kpu.ca](mailto:open@kpu.ca)

Come celebrate the completion and publication of the new OER: Introduction to Criminology.

## Let's Do Some Open Pedagogy, 1:00-4:00PM, Arbutus 2410 | Drop in!

Interested in engaging in open pedagogy but not sure where to start? You don't need to do it all at once! In this workshop, we will consider different components of a course (e.g. syllabi, assessment, assignments, etc.) and discuss how we can implement and apply the principles of open pedagogy to our practices. Come explore ideas, ask questions, and practice making your courses more open.



In preparation for Summer 2023, we will be collecting information about upcoming Summer 2023 **Zero Textbook Cost** courses from Mar 13-24. Instructors who are teaching courses that qualify for the ZTC designation during that term are asked to fill out our **ZTC Webform**. This ensures that the students during registration will be able to search the timetable by the ZTC attribute.

For more information, please email [open@kpu.ca](mailto:open@kpu.ca)



# YOU'RE INVITED!

## MARCH 16, 2023

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

#### 11:30AM-1:30PM, SURREY CONFERENCE CENTRE

At Teaching & Learning, we build connections through active intentional partnering to advance the goals of teaching excellence. We are hosting another Partner Spotlight to shine a light on some of the special projects from these connections, and to showcase how teaching excellence is supported through an extensive network of partnerships that connect us together. This is a lunch and learn event to highlight their transformative impact both within and beyond the KPU classroom.



[REGISTER FOR PARTNER SPOTLIGHT HERE](#)

### CELEBRATING TEACHING INNOVATION: PECHAKUCHA SHARING SESSION

#### 4:00-7:00PM, GRASSROOTS CAFÉ

Join us as we celebrate the work of Teaching & Learning grant recipients in a storytelling format, showcasing a diverse range of projects from the Teaching & Learning Innovation Fund (TLIF), Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) Open Pedagogy Fellowships.



[REGISTER FOR SHARING SESSION HERE](#)

**SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!**

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The Teaching & Learning Commons provides pedagogical leadership that is grounded in community, ethics, creativity, and care.

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