

KPU Teaching & Learning Commons KNOW NOW



This MARCH 2018 update contains information and opportunities for KPU faculty and instructors. For current info, see <http://www.kpu.ca/tlcommons>

RECOGNITION & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for **KPU's 2nd Teaching, Learning, Scholarship and Research Symposium: "Collaborate, Create, Connect"** have been vetted. Applicants will be contacted over the next week. A draft schedule and registration (free) will be available mid-March.

KPU Honorary Degree Recipient and Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Education UBC, Dr. Jo-ann Archibald Q'um Q'um Xiiem will provide the keynote and discussion on **Indigeneity and KPU: Decolonization, Indigenization, and/or Reconciliation?**

NEWS

Academic Impressions Resources: Thanks to HR, KPU has access to the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management categories of online resources (create a login using your KPU email as the system [here](#).) Select highlights:

- **How to Encourage Academic Grit and a Growth Mindset in Your Students** ([short article](#))
- **Ideas for a More Inclusive Classroom** ([digital recording](#))
- **7 Strategies for Integrating Student Blogging into ePortfolios** ([digital recording](#))
- **Teaching with Twitter** ([digital recording](#))
- **Designing Your Course for Active Team-Based Learning** ([digital recording](#))
- **One Easy Way Faculty Can Improve Student Success** ([short article](#))
- **Gamification: Practical Strategies for Your Course** ([digital recording](#))
- **Blended Course Design Principles** ([digital recording](#))
- **Quality ePortfolios: Essentials for Experiential Learning Programs** ([digital recording](#))

The Teaching Professor Newsletter offers useful information and inspiration to help faculty members in all disciplines teach more effectively. [Login](#) with KPU account (thanks to the Library). Select highlights:

- [Increasing Response Rates: What Strategies Work with Online Course Evaluations?](#)
- [Student-Led Lessons Rather than Student Presentations](#)
- [Better Understanding: Why and How Cases Promote Learning](#)
- [Rubrics: Defining Features](#)
- [What to Do When They Don't Understand](#)

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL DEADLINES

Mon. to Fri. Mar. 5 to 9: Open Education Week. [Details and events.](#)

Mon. Mar. 5: Whats new in Moodle 3.4? 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Cloverdale/KPUTech campus. [Info.](#)

Tues. Mar. 6. Conversations on Accommodations: Audio Recording in the Classroom. 1-Hour sessions at Langley, Surrey & Richmond. [Info.](#)

Tues. Mar. 6: Moodle General Q&A: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. Richmond. [Info.](#)

Tues. Mar. 6: Whats new in Moodle 3.4? 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Richmond. [Info.](#)

Wed. Mar. 7: Whats new in Moodle 3.4? 10:00 to 1a:00 am. Online. [Info & registration.](#)

Thurs. Mar. 8: Whats new in Moodle 3.4? 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Surrey. [Info.](#)

Fri. Mar. 9: Whats new in Moodle 3.4? 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Langley. [Info.](#)

Thurs. Mar. 15: Developing Reflective Thinking and Communication: Classroom Strategies. 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Surrey. [Info.](#)

Mon. Mar. 26: Diversity 101: Techniques, tools and tips for creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms. 9:30 to

Interested in more resources? See "Key Resources" at the bottom right column.

OPEN EDUCATION

Contributed by Rajiv Jhangiani, Special Advisor to the Provost on Open Education

KPU is already the leading institutional adopter of open educational resources (OER) and last Fall we launched Canada's first [Zed Cred](#), wherein KPU students can now complete the 1-year Certificate of Arts program with zero textbook costs.

Interested in finding relevant open textbooks or other OER for any of your classes? You will find the [BCcampus](#) and [Open Textbook Library](#) repositories helpful. However, if you send an email to open@kpu.ca I would be delighted to meet with you in person and help you locate relevant OER for your courses.

Find an open textbook that you would like to adapt to suit your course context? Consider applying for an [OER grant](#). Larger grants are also available for OER creation projects that will enable a course to be included in our Zed Cred initiative. Please [email me](#) if you wish to discuss a potential project or OER grant application.

Wish to stay abreast of open education-related funding opportunities, new resources, and workshops and other events? [Join the KPU Open listserv](#).

REMINDER: CONSULTATION & SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO YOU

Gina Buchanan, Teaching & Learning

- Design, development and provision of information, resources and development opportunities for faculty and instructional staff (including custom workshops).
- Individual, group and departmental/Faculty consultations and collaborations on topics such as student engagement, assessment tools/strategies and course design.
- Contact 604.599.2758 (o), 604.362.7147 (c) or Gina.Buchanan@kpu.ca

Learning Technology

- Meg Goodine, Robin Leung, Jay Singh, and student assistant Mustafa Mohammed provide system administration, support, and training for KPU's core suite of learning technology tools: Moodle, Mahara (ePortfolios), Kaltura (video management) and VoiceThread (rich media discussion platform).
- Support's available through face-to-face workshops, online forums and communities of practice, drop-in sessions and one-on-one consultations and in collaboration with IT.
- Support contact: ServiceDesk@kpu.ca
- Customized workshops or training: Meg.Goodine@kpu.ca
- Drop in general support for Moodle, Mahara and Kaltura at each campus in the Learning Centre with Mustafa. [Schedule](#) (login as "Guest" if needed).

CONSULTATIONS & SUPPORT VIA KPU FACULTY MEMBERS

Lesley McCannell: ePortfolios

- Supports faculty and students with the integration of ePortfolios into their learning and development environments.
- Reference material: [ePortfolio Faculty Resources](#) Moodle site.
- Contact: Lesley.McCannell@kpu.ca

11:00 am. Richmond. [Info & registration](#).

Tues. Mar. 27: Diversity 101: Techniques, tools and tips for creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms. 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Cloverdale/Tech. [Info & registration](#).

Wed. Mar. 28: Diversity 101: Techniques, tools and tips for creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms. 9:30 to 11:00 am. Surrey. [Info & registration](#).

Thurs. Mar. 29: Diversity 101: Techniques, tools and tips for creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms. 9:30 am to 11:00. Langley. [Info & registration](#).

Fri. Apr. 6: Developing Reflective Thinking and Communication: Classroom Strategies. 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Richmond. [Info](#).

Tues. & Wed. Apr. 10 & 11. Conversations on Accommodations: Group Work. 1-Hour sessions at Langley, Cloverdale, Richmond & Surrey. [Info](#).

Mon. Apr. 23. Assessment 101: More than multiple choice. Exploring assignment alternatives to assessment. 9:30 to 11:00 am. Richmond. [Info](#).

Tues. Apr. 24. Assessment 101: More than multiple choice. Exploring assignment alternatives to assessment. 9:30 to 11:00 am. Surrey. [Info](#).

Wed. Apr. 25. Assessment 101: More than multiple choice. Exploring assignment alternatives to assessment. 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Langley. [Info](#).

Thur. Apr. 26. Assessment 101: More than multiple choice. Exploring assignment alternatives to assessment. 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Cloverdale/Tech. [Info](#).

Ongoing: Open Educational Resources Grants. Review of applications ongoing until funding is fully allocated. [Info & application](#).

RECOMMENDED

Nancy Norman & David Burns: K-12 Transformation

Nancy Norman

- Expertise centres around pedagogical approaches that use Universal Design as a framework for teaching and learning, and emphasize Differentiated Instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Available to support faculty in developing their toolbox of student-centred teaching approaches and resources, as well as provide insights and expertise about the recent changes to the K-12 curriculum in BC, and how these changes will impact faculty instructional needs. Contact: Nancy.Normal@kpu.ca

David P. Burns

- Can provide concrete examples of the kind of work produced in the new curriculum.
- Will produce explanatory resources about how KPU can prepare for this shift in educational practice.
- Available to consult on the ways in which the new K-12 curriculum can be built on in KPU classrooms, the key changes KPU needs to be ready for and the pedagogical experience the new BC grade 12 graduate will expect.
- Contact: David.Burns@kpu.ca

Leeann Waddington, Learning Environments

- Available to assist faculty who are thinking about how to enhance learning environments face to face and online, want to reduce lectures, interested in trying to figure out this new generation of students and how they learn or blended or technology-enhanced learning.
- Is also knowledgeable about course and curriculum planning and has been supporting peers and other programs to try new things.
- Contact: Leeann.Waddington@kpu.ca

Farhad Datur: Experiential Learning

- Available to support experiential learning opportunities in teaching (learners to become independent and reflective thinkers; reflect on their learning by assessing their decisions against the consequences of those decisions; and apply their skills and conceptual understandings to authentic, real-world situations and problems.)
- See diverse examples of how KPU faculty have used experiential learning in their teaching: <http://www.kpu.ca/experiential>.
- To expand or deepen experiential learning opportunities in your teaching, contact Farhad.Dastur@kpu.ca or experiential@kpu.ca

CONFERENCES

Wed. - Fri. May 2 - 4, 2018. KPU's 2nd Annual Teaching, Learning, Scholarship & Research Symposium. KPU Surrey & other venues. Cost: Free. Registration to open in March. [Info.](#)

Sat. - Wed, May 26 - 30: Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE). University of Regina, SK. [Info.](#)

Mon. - Wed., May 28 - 30: BC's Festival of Learning. Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, Vancouver. Cost: Varies. [Info.](#)

May 31 – Jun. 1. Lilly Conference on Designing Effective Teaching. Bethesda, MD. [Info.](#)

Fri. – Sat. Jun. 1 – 3. Teaching Professor Conference: Cutting-edge Learning for Exceptional Educators. Atlanta, GA. [Info.](#)

Mon. – Fri. Jun. 5 – 8. International Conference for Educational Development (ICED). Atlanta, GA. [Info.](#)

Mon. -- Thurs., Jun. 11 - 14. International Institute on Students as Partners. McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. [Info.](#)

Tues. -- Fri., Jun. 19 - 22. Society for Teaching & Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) Annual Conference. Sherbrooke, QC. [Info.](#)

Mon. -- Fri., Aug. 6 - 10. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning with an Equity Mindset: National Institute. North Bend, WA. [Info.](#)

KEY RESOURCES

Teaching Professor Newsletter – offers useful information and inspiration to help faculty members in all disciplines teach more effectively. [Login](#) with KPU account.

Faculty Focus – offers [daily articles](#) on teaching strategies, academic leadership, assessment, and online learning.

Engaging your Students – VIU's

[resources](#) on learning through active strategies, groups & teams, interactive lectures, cases & problems, & research.

KPU Faculty & Instructional Handbook. [Login](#) with KPU account.

Course Outline Manual (revised). [Login](#) with KPU account.

KPU's Teaching, Learning & Scholarship [5-year Action Plan](#).

Open Education: Includes discipline-specific guides, examples of open pedagogy, etc.

Experiential Learning: Examples, FAQ, etc.

Provincial Instructor Diploma. BC recognized [program](#) consisting of 8 courses and offered through VCC. ISW accepted as a transfer credit for PIDP 3220.

