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Focus on Teaching - March 2022

When we started planning the [National Great Teachers Seminar](#) in the fall of 2019, we had no way of knowing the changes that were about to impact university teaching. Now that restrictions are relaxing, we are back in full planning mode and look forward to welcoming faculty to this unique and exciting learning opportunity!

The Great Teachers Seminar was started by Dr. David Gottschall in 1969 and since then has been attended by thousands of faculty members. In an informal retreat environment it offers participants the opportunity to celebrate great teaching and to learn from colleagues from a broad range of institutions, disciplines, and years of experience. It promises to be a deeply transformative professional development experience not to be missed.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Announcements

National Great Teachers Seminar July 10-14, Sun Peaks, BC

CELT is proud to be hosting the 35th National Great Teachers Seminar in the Canadian Mountains this summer in beautiful Sun Peaks. This transformative retreat experience is designed for both full and part-time faculty members and offers the opportunity to engage in highly interactive discussions, share successful teaching strategies and learn from each other. Space is limited. Please note that the seminar is open to TRU faculty as well as those from other institutions.

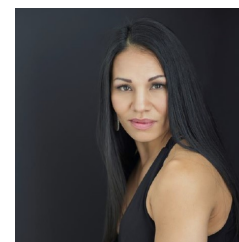


[Registration](#) is now open.

Upcoming Workshops and Events

CELTalk: Communication Through Oral Story-telling March 2, Noon-1:15 p.m., Online

Join Laura as she explores examples of traditional oral story-telling. During this workshop you will discover ways of preserving unwritten



history using oral history techniques and skills. We have stories to tell, stories we have lived from the inside and out. Registration not required. This workshop is offered as part of Indigenous Awareness Week. [Learn more and add to your calendar here.](#)

OE Symposium, including Open Pedagogy Lightning Talks

March 7 - 11



The University of Alberta, Centre for Teaching and Learning is celebrating [Open Education Week](#) (March 7-11, 2022) by hosting their second Open Education Symposium. Join colleagues from TRU as part of this exciting and informative event!

Instructional Skills Workshop

March 14-31, Online

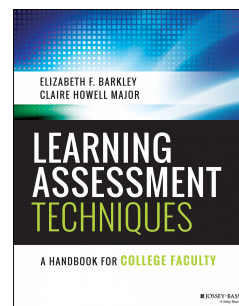


The Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) is a professional development program designed for faculty members who are interested in developing and enhancing their instructional skills. The next online ISW runs March 14-31, with synchronous sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. on Moodle, for a total of 30 hours, synchronous and asynchronous. [Register](#)

Learning Assessment Techniques

March 16 and 30, Online

This engaging workshop, offered in two parts, is designed for faculty who want to foster student engagement and success through formative assessment. Everyone who participates will receive a copy of the book! [Register](#)



Blogs of Interest

In Progress: the CELT Blog Classroom Time Management #2: A Mea Culpa and a Neat Spreadsheet

By John Churchley

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"I have been an educator for a combined 38 years at School District #73 (Kamloops/Thompson) and at TRU. I have taught teachers in the B.Ed. and M.Ed. programs as well as in workshops as an educational developer (K-16). Yet, when I read [Dr. Mahtab Nazemi's CELT blog a few weeks ago](#), "Classroom Time Management: Strategies in Response to Over/Under Planning," I had to face my own instructional shortcomings." [{...Read more.}](#)

CELT in the News

An article written by Christina Cederlof was highlighted in a recent BCcampus News bulletin. She shares her pedagogical experiences through the pandemic, including CELT's Facilitating Learning in Moodle (FLIM) course. [See the full article here.](#)



Have a teaching idea you'd like to write about? Send us an email! celt@tru.ca

Professional Development

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) has recently approved the formation of a new national Committee on Academic Integrity and Contract Cheating.

Applications to join the committee are open until March 21, 2022. Note that committee members must be STLHE members in good standing. TRU does have an institutional membership with STLHE which reduces the cost of individual membership.

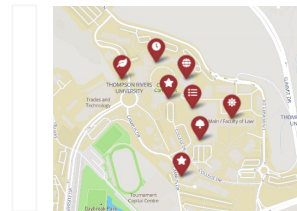
More information and the online application is available here: <https://www.stlhe.ca/news/committee-on-academic-integrity-and-contract-cheating/>



New Faculty Community of Practice (Monthly)

If you're new or new(ish) to TRU and would like to connect with others to hear about topics pertinent to you, please join us for this New Faculty Community of Practice.

Email celt@tru.ca to join.



Show up and Write - Community Writing Group

Fridays, 9-11 a.m., Online

Based on the successful "Shut Up & Write" community movement, this weekly writing group provides community and, if you join in person, a quiet space to join with faculty and staff at TRU to make time to write.

[Register here](#)



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Learning Technology & Innovation

Learning Technology

Learning Technology & Innovation (LT&I) offers regular drop in sessions and a diverse selection of informative workshops, exploring innovative approaches to using technology.



Instructors and Faculty

» [Workshops Without Walls](#)

Learning opportunities on a range of topics

» [Teaching Unbound \(Moodle Campus\)](#)

Learning Technology Office Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m.

Email: learningtech@tru.ca

Students

» [Learning Without Walls](#)

Support for students in Moodle. (enrolment key: help)

Email: studenthelp@tru.ca

Listen/Watch/Explore

- [You Got This!](#) Podcast
- [Teaching with Video](#)
- [Teaching Unbound](#)
- [Moodle Orientation](#)

Save the Date!

[ISW Facilitator Development Workshop](#): April 19-23
(In-person)

Tenure & Promotion Workshops: May 3 & 4
(Hybrid)

[Course \(Re\)Design Institute](#): May 9-13 (In-person)

Indigenous Land Based Teaching & Learning Retreat: June 13-16, Clearwater, BC (In-person)

SoTL Retreat: June 20-24 (TBD)

[National Great Teachers Seminar](#): July 10-14, Sun Peaks, BC



Conferences

Visit our [External Conferences](#) page to get up to date information on upcoming conferences, including links and submission deadlines.



Here's a sneak peek at what's on there right now: [\[See More\]](#)

Mar 7-11 OE Symposium (including Open Pedagogy Lightening Talks) - University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and Thompson Rivers University (Online) [Conference website](#)

Mar 8-10 BCNET CONNECT: Higher Ed & Research Tech Summit (Vancouver, BC) [Conference website](#)

Mar 10-11 Vancouver Community College Teaching, Learning and Research Symposium (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 1-3 University of Calgary Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching (Hybrid/Calgary, AB) [Conference website](#)

May 2-4 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education 2022 Conference: Innovation Every Day: Moving Beyond COVID-19, Concordia University (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 4-5 Dalhousie Conference on University Teaching and Learning (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 16-19 Open/Technology in Education, Society and Scholarship Association (OTESSA) (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 31-Jun 3 ICED22 - Sustainable Educational Development - International Consortium for Educational Development - Danish Network for Educational Development in Higher Education (Aarhus, Denmark) [Conference website](#)

Jun 14-17 Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) (Ottawa, ON) [Conference website](#)

Nov 2-5 ISSOTL 2022: At the intersections of SoTL: Transfer & Transformation, Diversity & Inclusivity - Syilx Okanagan Nation (UBC's Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC) [Conference website](#)

Focus on Teaching is the monthly newsletter of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT). We showcase instructional development opportunities and resources for TRU faculty and staff, and up-to-date information on current projects, initiatives and professional development opportunities. To read past issues of Focus on Teaching or to subscribe to our mailing list, visit our [Newsletters page](#).

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To contact CELT, email celt@tru.ca and we will do our best to respond within 24 hours. Please note that some members of our team are working remotely.

