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McGill Focus on Teaching

This information bulletin is an initiative from Content and Collaboration Solutions and Teaching and Learning Services designed to inform you of upcoming events, and resources to enhance your teaching at McGill University.

FEATURED EVENT

Introduction to Course Design and Teaching

December 13 and December 17

Would you like to (re)design one of your courses and enhance your teaching skills? Learn about strategies that focus on enhancing student learning? Develop a course syllabus and exchange feedback with fellow faculty members and facilitators from *Teaching and Learning Services* in this 1 ½ day workshop.

Click here to Register

UPCOMING EVENTS

New myCourses Winter 2013 workshops for instructors

If you are teaching during the Winter 2013 semester, you can begin to prepare your course in myCourses. Numerous offerings are available to help you with the NEW learning management system. Webinars and online documentation are also available.

Here are examples of some of the sessions offered:

- LMS 101 - Overview of the NEW myCourses (Information Session)
  October 15
- LMS 102 - Getting Started with Your Migrated Course
  October 16

Many other dates for the new myCourses workshops/webinars are available ***here***.

Click here to Register

Safer Spaces: Race and Cultural Identity

October 22

Do you know what issues exist surrounding race and culture at McGill? Learn how best to foster diversity-receptive cultural attitudes and maintain a culturally respectful space on campus. Participants will have the opportunity to work through cases of discrimination most frequently encountered on campus.

Click here to Register

Teaching as Leadership

October 25

Unsure of the connection between teaching and leadership? This Medical Education Rounds session will help you to:

- Differentiate between adaptive and technical challenges in teaching and leadership
- Discuss learning as an adaptation to changing circumstances
- See teaching as framing and focusing on what we want students to notice
- Discuss "fit for purpose" in teaching and leadership
- Discuss leadership and teaching as interdependent activities

Please ***RSVP by email to Jennifer Nicholls***

Walkin' Down the Blurry Line Between Research and the Clinic

November 1

New insights from medical technologies used in the clinical research settings challenge the traditional delineation between bench and the bedside. This interactive conference will raise awareness of the ethical impact of such technologies on researchers, clinicians, patients and participants and illustrate the role of Research Ethics Boards (REBs) in evaluating the emerging ethical issues.

Click here to Register

Writing Symposium

November 8 and 9

Dr. Janet Giltrow, Senior Associate Dean of Students at UBC and internationally renowned expert on academic writing, will deliver a keynote presentation and two workshops on how professors can promote writing as a way for students to participate in the research-intensive culture of the university.

Click here to Register

DROP-INS

New myCourses Drop-in Sessions starting October 12, 2012

Need a quick answer about using myCourses? Come to a drop-in session.
Meet one-on-one with a consultant and have all your questions answered in this new series of drop-in sessions.

Dates: **Fridays from October 19 to November 16**
Time: 12pm to 2pm
Room: 1623 - 688 Sherbrooke St. West

You don't need to register. Just drop in, get the answer you came for and you're on your way!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the Road to Paperless

Today applicants to McGill graduate programs will begin using self-serve web tools to upload all supporting application documents, including unofficial transcripts. Referees will also upload letters of recommendation. Less mail and automatic document status updates will greatly accelerate and enhance the application process.

TEACHING RESOURCES

Teaching Snapshots: Perspectives on teaching and learning

Ever wonder what other professors do to keep their students engaged? Visit the Teaching Snapshots website and learn about McGill instructors' thoughts on teaching and learning. New interviews added this month include instructors from Science, Arts, Education and Continuing Studies.

Student Response System

There is a new version of **TurningPoint** available **here.** This upgrade is required for instructors planning to download participant lists for class participation grades. Also, you may:

- Register for a workshop.
- Register your course(s).
- Reserve clickers and receivers here.

Refer your students to the FAQ for students using SRS.

Audio Streaming Databases

McGill Library subscribes to multiple databases where you can access and create links to hundreds of thousands of streaming musical recordings ranging from classical music performances, opera, ballet, and live concerts to Canadian 78 rpm and cylinder recordings.

Accessing from off campus: remember to use VPN or *EZproxy*.

ebooks

McGill Library provides access to more than 800,000 ebooks included in 24 collections on a variety of subjects ranging from Reformation, English & American poetry, Early Printed Books to Life & Biomedical Sciences or Theoretical & Computational Physics.

myCourses Videos and Documentation

Did you know that there are myCourses videos and documentation for instructors in the IT Knowledge Base? Use these resources to supplement in-person training; you can also refer to them while setting up your course content, grading assignments, monitoring discussions and class participation, etc.

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