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Focus on Teaching - May 2022

Now that we are moving into May, you may find you have a little bit more breathing space in your calendar. We would love it if you joined the 3rd [Creativity in the Open Conference](#), hosted online by CELT and OL on Thursday May 5th! This day will be a fun opportunity to reflect and play in a creative space through eight unique concurrent workshops. Registration is free, and open to all!



Of course, this week we also will be hosting two days of [Tenure and Promotion workshops](#) (register individually for the sessions you wish to attend) and coming soon we have our [Course \(re\)Design Institute](#). Even though our 3-day [Land-Based Teaching Retreat](#) in Wells Gray Provincial Park is full, there is still room in the June [SoTL Retreat!](#)

In July we look forward to being the host institution for the [National Great Teachers Seminar](#) at beautiful Sun Peaks, but hurry because there are only two spots left.

As always, if there is something you want to see us offer, please reach out, we look forward to working with you.

Announcements

TRU Makerspace Faculty Grant (MSFG)

Application Deadline: May 30

Are you interested in enhancing and building your learner's classroom experience by adopting or experimenting with instructional approaches that challenge, support, and encourage students using technologies and modalities supported by the TRU Makerspace?



Join us for an information session to explore this new grant being offered this spring/summer to TRU Faculty and launched by CELT (up to \$2,000 for one year).

For more information, please visit: [TRU Makerspace Faculty Grant](#)

Register for one of our info sessions:

Friday, May 6 @ 2-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 @ 1-1:30 p.m.

National Great Teachers Seminar

July 10-14, Sun Peaks, BC - 2 spots lefts

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. The seminar is open to TRU faculty as well as those from other institutions.

[Registration](#) is now open.



Upcoming Workshops and Events

Tenure and Promotion Sessions

May 3 & 4, HL 269 (select sessions also offered via Teams)



Whether you are on the tenure-track or thinking of applying for full, these sessions will provide you with information and resources to help you put together a successful dossier.

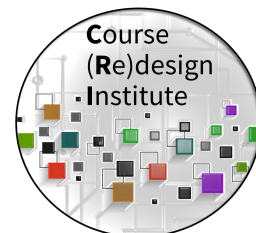
Workshops offered this year include: Preparing for Promotion and Tenure, Writing Educational Philosophy Statements, Document Management, a Faculty Panel, CVs vs. Resumes, and Evidencing your Teaching. New this year we will be offering a session on writing your APAR. Register on the [CELT calendar](#) for individual sessions.

Course (Re)Design Institute

May 9-13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., HL 269

Working on a new course, or tweaking an existing one? During this hands-on, five-day workshop you'll have the opportunity to map course concepts, engage with course learning outcomes, plan instruction and learning activities, and determine how best to assess student learning.

[Register here.](#)



Backwards Design Workshop

May 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Online)

Have you been tasked with creating a new course for the coming terms? Or have you wanted to make adjustments to a course that you are already teaching? What if your learners remembered the course and its learning pathways years after they took it?

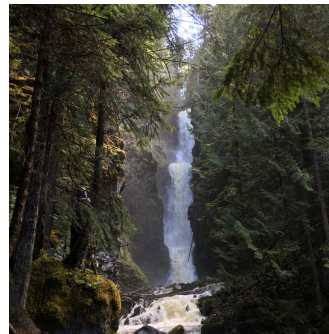


Sometimes changing the way you think about designing instruction can help you and your learners reach the goals you have set for the course. Backward Design (BD) is a workshop to look at an alternative way to think about designing a course. Join Dr. Diane Janes for this one hour virtual workshop as we examine the differences in traditional design thinking, Backward Design thinking, and walk through the stages that make up BD. [Register here.](#)

Indigenous Land Based Teaching and Learning (FULL)

May 30-June 1, Clearwater, BC

Join Laura Grizzlypaws and local knowledge keepers in Clearwater to be introduced to or deepen your understanding of the practices of Indigenous land-based learning. The three-day/ two-night workshop will be grounded in practices of respect, responsibility, reciprocity and relationality. Please note that participants will be engaged in hands-on activities held primarily outdoors in a remote setting. Food and accommodations will be provided, pre-travel meetings will be scheduled for advance planning and preparation.



Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Retreat

June 20-22, 9-4 p.m., HL 210 a/b

Join CELT for a three-day SoTL research retreat where you and faculty colleagues from around campus will work to find out how SoTL fits into your classroom and discipline - from forming a research question - to examining the literature - to choosing methods - to ethics - to partnering with student researchers - to funding your research. By the end of the retreat, you will have the beginning of a SoTL research proposal and have identified a pathway to undertaking a SoTL research project. [Register here.](#)



Grants and Awards

SoTL Grants Awarded

See the list of [this year's successful applicants here.](#)

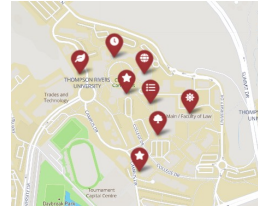
TRU Instructional Innovation Grants Awarded

See the list of [this year's successful applicants here](#).

Professional Development

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 themes pertinent to you, please join us for this New Faculty Community of Practice.



Email celt@tru.ca to join.

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.



Check out their [website](#) to view the wide selection of resources and view the upcoming workshops on the [LTI calendar](#).

Email: learningtech@tru.ca

For Students

» [Learning Without Walls](#)

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

Email: studenthelp@tru.ca

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: [\[See More\]](#)



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 11-13 Indiana University's 4th Annual Learning Analytics Summit (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 6-10 Future Directions: Mapping Your Journey - Teaching and Learning Conference, Selkirk College (Nelson, Castlegar, BC and remotely) [Conference website](#)

Jun 7-10 Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) (Ottawa, ON) [Conference website](#)

July 5-7 Teaching and Learning Conference 2022: Teaching in the spotlight: Where next for enhancing student success? Northumbria University (Newcastle upon Tyne, England) [Conference website](#)

Oct 6-7 Kennessaw State Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Summit (Online) [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](#)

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