Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our summer newsletter. It happens there are some major learning and teaching related conferences in Victoria and Vancouver this summer and fall. If you have never attended one, this might be a good time to take advantage of an unusual opportunity. For those in the Assistant Teaching Professor (ATP) stream, such activities contribute directly to career advancement. There are professional development funds available for both ATPs and Continuing Sessionals, as well as some one time funds specifically for the COHERE conference, to support attendance. Details below.

If you are teaching, all our major student academic support services will continue throughout the summer to help your students. If you wish to develop your own teaching, or work on a course, we will be running the Intensive Summer Teaching Institute for new and experienced instructors, as well as offering individualised consultations on all aspects of instructional improvement and grant applications. The summer is really the only time we can do this, so if you would like intensive one-on-one assistance please contact us as soon as possible for an appointment.

For those departments wishing to undertake curricular review and program design or redesign over the summer, we are already quite booked up with retreats but we will try to accommodate any academic unit that does not yet have its program learning outcomes defined. We understand that the university will be undertaking an inventory of program learning outcomes shortly and realise that some units may wish for help with this process. We will prioritise those units who have not previously had a chance to work on their outcomes. If I can help in any way do not hesitate to contact me directly.

The staff at the Learning and Teaching Centre wish you a wonderful summer. We are already working on the *Let’s Talk About Teaching* event (scheduled for September 2nd and 3rd) as our way of supporting all teachers in starting the year with fresh ideas, renewed energy and a sense of shared community.

Best wishes,

Teresa Dawson, Director, Learning and Teaching Centre
and Continuing Assistant Teaching Professor in Geography

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**MAJOR LTC EVENTS:**

Please go to the LTC Calendar of Events - **LOG IN and REGISTER** on our homepage to access our registration system using your netlink ID.
Then go to the **VIEW BY MONTH** pages for full descriptions of these workshops and to REGISTER for them.

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### Wednesday, June 4 ~ Thursday, June 5, 2015

**ILEAP (Intensive Lab in English for Academic Purposes) for Graduate Students** is a two-day event designed to help students who have English as an additional language succeed in their graduate studies. Topics will include self-editing strategies, effectively summarizing readings (a good skill for students’ lit review!), and engaging in academic discussions. Registration is open now! Register with the CAC [here](#). (Select “ILEAP Event, June 4th & 5th” from the schedule choices, and add your name to the workshops!)

### Wednesday, May 20, 2015

How to Review Graduate Student Application Documents with Banner
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, HHB 128, Laura Carleton (Office of the Registrar)

### Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Introduction to FAST-Student
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, HHB 128, Laura Carleton (Office of the Registrar)

### Wednesday, July 29, 2015

How to Enter Grades in FAST
11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM, HHB 128, Laura Carleton (Office of the Registrar)

### September 8 ~ 11, 2015

**Fall Teaching Assistants Conference**

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**SUMMER LEARNING SUPPORT FOR YOUR STUDENTS**
Welcome to the start of the summer semester! Here’s what’s happening this summer at the Centre for Academic Communication (CAC):

The CAC is open for one-on-one writing tutorials now until August 14th, 12pm - 3pm, Monday to Friday. Students can have two 25-minute appointments a week and a maximum of ten appointments throughout the summer schedule. Book your appointment here.

Online writing tutoring help is available throughout the summer! Check here for how to use this service.

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays (10am - 12pm in Library 151b) We offer a drop-in zone to help students with their academic skill development, e.g. presentation tips, quick writing questions. On Mondays only, students can also bring their job application materials to this particular drop-in zone for general feedback.

In addition to writing tutorials, we are offering additional programming this summer. While some programs are geared specifically to the needs of students who have English as an additional language, our programming is open to any UVic undergraduate or graduate student:

Mondays (2pm - 4pm in Library 129) We offer a Graduate Writing Room, where graduate students can bring what they are working on to write in a collegial and supportive atmosphere. Kaveh hosts this room and is available to answer quick questions; however, the goal of this session is to provide students with a place to write that is different than their usual desk (and it's cheaper than Starbucks!)

Wednesday Workshop Series: EAP Help and Special Topics (1 - 4pm in Library 129) These workshops will help students improve their academic communication skills in a wide variety of contexts. Students of every English proficiency are welcome!

CAC support for Pathways students (12:30-2:30pm Mondays & Thursdays; 8:30-10:30am Tuesdays, May 19 – July 31) These one-on-one tutorials are geared to support Pathways students in credit courses.

May 11 ~ July 30, 2015
Math and Stats Assistance Centre

**TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION**

- **The Technology Integrated Learning (TIL) unit** is the University of Victoria’s coordinated centre for teaching and learning with technology. Formerly known as Learning Systems, TIL strives for excellence in the service of professional development opportunities for faculty, instructors and staff.
  
  **TIL provides quality services and assistance across a number of areas.**
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES


- **ICED | June 14 - 15, 2015 | Victoria, BC**
  The International Consortium for Educational Development Continental Symposium: a collaboration of Presidents and educational leaders from 24 countries around the world meets for workshops, panels and open conversations. Registration is now open.

- **TAGSA (Teaching Assistant and Grad Student Advancement) Pre-conference stream at the STLHE 2015 | June 16, 2015 | Vancouver, BC**
  TAGSA seeks to encourage TA and graduate student development in Canada and to highlight initiatives to develop teaching skills and other professional skills in graduate students. If you are interested in being part of the TAGSA pre-conference, the deadline for proposals is Friday, January 16, 2015, 11:59 PM (PST).

- **STLHE 2015 SAPES | June 16 -19, 2015 | Vancouver, BC**
  In 2015, Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia are teaming up to host the 35th Annual Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) 2015 Conference in downtown Vancouver on June 16 - 19, 2015 at the Westin Bayshore hotel. The Society encourages and facilitates the improvement of teaching and learning in post-secondary education in Canada.

- **COHERE: Canada’s Collaboration for Online Higher Education and Research Conference | October 22-23, 2015 | Victoria and Halifax**
  UVic and Dalhousie will be co-hosting this conference whose theme is “Flexible Learning Designs: Building community through multi-access and blended learning in the post-secondary classroom.” Funding may be available for those presenting. For information on this, please contact Janni Aragon, the Director of the TIL.
  The FIRST CALL deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM MDT on June 24, 2015.
UPCOMING DATES/DEADLINES

Continuing Sessional Lecturer Scholarship Fund Deadline for Submissions is Friday, July 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!
Let’s Talk About Teaching
Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and Thursday, September 3, 2015, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Facilitators: Award-winning UVic teachers and LTC staff. Please join us for two days of conversations, workshops and networking for all faculty, instructors and lecturers at UVic. Included will be concurrent workshops led by award-winning UVic teachers and LTC staff, and the SoTL Poster Event. The registration page will be open in early summer. Please keep checking our webpage.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- University Affairs magazine article: “New federal scholarships will see more Canadians study abroad.”
- The LTC has a library on issues related to teaching and learning whose contents you can search for under the main library’s database here. Please log in to the UVic portal using your netlink ID.

We have just acquired a Jossey-Bass book entitled, “Inclusive Teaching: Presence in the Classroom” This volume includes the following topics:

a) best practices for teaching students with social, economic, gender or ethnic differences,
b) adjustments to the teaching and learning process to focus on inclusion,
c) strategies for planning and teaching that help learners connect what they already know with the information presented, and
d) environments that maximize learners’ academic and social growth