

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES - MONDAY MORNING

(Alphabetical Order)



STEPHEN BROADBENT

Presentation: MathXL by Pearson

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 104

Stephen began his career in publishing in 2002 as an Assistant Editor for Pearson Higher Education, Canada where he worked on the development of textbooks and other resources for the university and college market in Canada. Stephen also spent time as a Sales Representative for Pearson, covering the sciences in the Toronto area. He now holds the position of Technology Specialist for the Engineering Science and Math disciplines and works primarily with universities and colleges in Canada.



ADAM CLARE

Presentation: Rock Mars: An Interactive Learning Experience

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 302

Adam is the co-founder of Wero Creative, a company dedicated to new forms of interactive education and entertainment. He has consulted with charities, non-profits, and private sector organizations to help them create online strategies to reach their stakeholders. Adam recently presented at CIES conference on interactive pedagogies.



CLARKE EDWARD

Presentation: Online Collaborations – Wikis, Blogs and Google Docs

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 006

Clarke has been a Computer Resource Teacher at the Secondary level with the YRDSB for the past two years. Prior to this role, he was a teacher of Math, Business and Computer Science as well as an ABEL lead teacher. He has also been teaching for the YRDSB Virtual Schooling program for the past three years.



CYNTHIA KLYMKIW

Presentation: Developing Confident Writers Using Podcasts

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 009

Cynthia is a Grade 7 Core Teacher and Teacher-Librarian at Robert Service Senior Public School in Scarborough. She has delivered numerous workshops on Literacy Comprehension Strategies, Graphic Novels and Library Partnerships. She previously served as a Teacher-Librarian at the Lighthouse school Victoria Park Elementary School and taught in downtown Toronto at Parkdale Public School.

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ANITA DROSSIS

Presentation: Using Moodle in the Classroom: Engaging Students Online

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 004

Anita Drossis is a Science/Math Teacher with the YRDSB and is involved with the ABEL Program as a Professional Learning Lead. Anita was awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence Certificate of Achievement in 2008. Anita is actively involved in ABEL's Professional Learning programs that leverage Moodle and model its effective use for teaching and learning.



MICHAEL GRIEVE

Presentation: Using Video Games to Promote Student Engagement

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 204

Michael is the head Computer Studies at Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School in Markham, Ontario. He is an executive member of the Association of Computer Studies Educators, and is currently participating on a provincial literacy supports steering committee, advising in areas of digital literacy and emerging educational technologies.



COLIN HARRIS

Presentation: iPods in the Classroom and for Professional Development

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 305

Colin is an Apple Distinguished Educator and a Curriculum Consultant with the York Region District School Board. Colin has worked with teachers and administrators in the areas of Assessment for Learning, Collaborative Inquiry, Differentiated Instruction and ICT Integration. Colin has facilitated work with school teams in the areas of Literacy and Podcasting, iPod integration and digital storytelling.



GARY HILSON

Presentation: Heads Together: O3 Collaboration

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 005

Gary is a veteran communicator and technology specialist. He has joined the ORION's new Partnerships and Strategic Alliances team, which is developing value added services to the ORION user community; this includes the new O3 Collaboration service and professional networking platform. In his role, Gary is helping lead the deployment of O3, and engaging the research and education community to adopt and derive full benefits from this unique service.

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RAYMOND HOPKIN

Presentation: Moodle as a Tool for Social Innovation Amongst Intermediate Students

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Room: ACW 003

Raymond is currently a Grade 7/8 teacher librarian and teaches history, geography, drama and dance. He has made Moodle the platform for all his teaching, and has presented to colleagues on numerous occasions and has also demonstrated Moodle to a large group of students, parents, teachers, administrators and superintendents for his family of schools.



HILARY LAMONTE

Presentation: Technology, Research and Instructional Practice – TRIP to the Future

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 203

Hilary develops professional learning programs for the International Society for Technology in Education. She has over 20 years of experience in K-12 education in the U.S. and internationally, creating web-based programs, tools, clearinghouses and learning centers for school teams and board members. Hilary holds an M.Ed. from University of Virginia and a B.A. in Slavic Languages and Literature from Stanford University. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Foundations at the University of Virginia.



WILI LIBERMAN

Presentation: Rock Mars: An Interactive Learning Experience

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Room: ACW 302

Wili has been a magazine writer and editor for over 20 years and has written for many magazines as a freelance writer. He is the founding editor and publisher of Teach Magazine, launched in 1993. Wili also has experience in television, being the co-producer of the teen travel show, Get Outta Town! that aired on TVOntario as well as WAM!, part of the Starz Encore Network. Wili is writing a series of fictionalized teen adventure books based on Get Outta Town! He has also created curriculum-linked resource materials for teachers covering a wide range of thematic areas in both hardcopy and electronic formats.

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MARLENE OLSAVSKY

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Marlene began her career in publishing in 1996 as a sales representative for Prentice Hall in New York. She progressed through the publishing industry in sales and marketing management positions Pearson Education in the US, UK and Canada. Marlene has been with Pearson Canada for over eight years and is the Vice President of Marketing for the Higher Education division.



KEVIN PITTS

Presentation: Instructional Design for Effective Delivery of Instruction

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 008

Kevin is a faculty member at Seneca College where he teaches courses in educational technology. He believes in the effective use of technology to enhance the teaching and learning process and has been involved in implementing technology into everyday teaching and learning at Seneca, whether in class, online, or a mixture of both.



CHRIS PREFONTAINE

Presentation: Let's Get Graphic

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 306

Chris is an Intermediate teacher in YRDSB. She has worked as a journalist, an educational consultant, and an Education Officer. She served as both editor and contributor to the ECOO Output magazine. Chris has presented at a variety of conferences including Reading for the Love of It, and the OLA Super Conference.



NATHALIE RUDNER

Presentation: Using Moodle in the Classroom: Engaging Students Online

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 004

Nathalie is a Science Teacher and is involved with the ABEL program as a Site Lead. In 2007, Nathalie was nominated for the YRDSB Teacher of the Year Award in recognition of her contributions to supporting teachers within her school and district.

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MICHELLE VON ENCKVORT

Presentation: Digital Storytelling

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Room: ACW 307

Michelle is an English Teacher and the ABEL Lead at Sir William Mulock. She has used Photo Story several times with great success in both applied and University level classes. Michelle also presented "Moodle for English Teachers" at the November board wide PA day and has been involved in ABEL activities this part year.



LISA ZIONS

Presentation: Teaching Literacy in the 21st Century Primary Classroom: Connect, Innovate, Transform

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 10:20am – 11:10am & 11:20am - 12:10pm

Room: ACW 205

Lisa has been teaching kindergarten with YRDSB for the past 5 years. In her role as a demonstration teacher, she supports and guides other educators in their classrooms by providing them with "Best Teaching Practises". She has an ECE degree and a B.Ed that has served her well in working with children at an early age. For 3 years, she held a SERT position in her school where she worked with many children who needed differentiated instruction.