

# Teaching Commons

## Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, May 2022



### Teaching and Learning Events

Don't forget the [Supporting Teaching At York \(STAY\) Symposium](#) will have synchronous sessions on Friday May 6, 9:30am-3:30pm via Zoom. It isn't too late to join us. The schedule and Zoom links for the sessions are available via [this eClass course](#). If you aren't available on this day, there are [asynchronous modules](#) available to complete on your own time between May 6 and August 31 to count as the STAY Symposium component of the [Senior Record of Completion certificate](#).



### Teaching in Focus (TiF) Conference

TiF 2022 is taking place on May 11 and 12. This year's theme, *Rest, Renew, Revitalize*, calls on us to take a timeout, provide some much-needed self-care, and build personal capacity, with hopes for Revitalization of our teaching, where we give new vigour and energy to our practice. In the true spirit of collective Renewal, York University's Teaching Commons is also partnering with [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) in the Classroom Community of Practice](#) to present the first [Teaching the SDG's Teach In](#) as a pre-conference event, taking place on May 10 and showcasing an array of programming related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals in advance of TiF 2022! Note that advance registration is required for the pre-conference event, though not for TiF itself. [Register for the pre-conference event](#), and

[Visit the link to the conference site with more information.](#)

## Course Design Workshops for Graduate Students

- Introduction to Integrated Course Design for Graduate Students: Learning Outcomes, Wed. May 18, 3-4:30pm via Zoom. [Register](#)
- Introduction to Integrated Course Design for Graduate Students: Assessment, Wed. May 25, 3-4:30pm via Zoom. [Register](#)



## Caring to Teach: Supporting Student Transitions between Teaching and Learning Environments

This course will focus on helping students make a successful transition between online and face-to-face teaching and learning environments by focusing on caring teaching practices.

Course Dates: May 30 – June 30, 2022

While all required course activities are asynchronous, optional synchronous sessions will be held on Tuesdays, 11am – 12pm EST.

Note that registration for this course closes on May 25th, 11:59 pm EST.

[Learn more and register.](#)



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## Scott Library's Media Creation Lab Now Open!

Scott Library's new [Media Creation Lab](#) is now open for students, staff and instructors! Located behind the Learning Commons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Scott Library, in Room 207, we now have a range of [audiovisual and VR equipment for loan](#), [bookable workstations](#) in a small computer lab, dedicated VR rooms, and an [audio recording booth](#). Additional spaces and equipment are coming soon.

We are open on Wednesdays from 2PM-7PM, and on all other weekdays from 10AM-3PM. Everything can be booked using [online forms](#), and we have staff available to show you how to use our equipment and spaces. In addition to on-demand booking, we have [resources for instructors](#) and can support curriculum-integrated media projects: send us a request to [diginit@yorku.ca](mailto:diginit@yorku.ca). Feel free to drop by the lab to have a look around - we'd love to see you!



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### **Open Educational Resources Survey**

The Open Education Steering Committee, jointly led by the Associate-Vice President Teaching and Learning Division and York U Libraries, invites all faculty and teaching assistants to complete a survey about their awareness and use of Open Educational Resources (OER) at York University. The survey takes about 9 minutes to complete.

The survey results will inform the Open Education (OE) Steering Committee's development of programs and resources to support faculty with OER implementation and creation with the goal of reducing costs to students and improving the overall student experience.

[Here is the link to complete the survey.](#) The survey can also be completed via eClass.



### **Connect with Us!**

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all our upcoming workshops, new resources, and other materials related to teaching and learning.

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