

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, September 2024



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Welcoming You and the 2024-2025 Academic Year

The Teaching Commons is a positive space where faculty, graduate students, and staff from across our campuses can engage in professional development activities related to any aspect of teaching and learning. We are happy to share the following with you and welcome you to the community!

- Whether you are a new TA at York, or are experienced, you may wish to [access this open enrollment collection of resources on eClass](#), which includes the following, and more!
 - [Introductory Guide for Laboratory Demonstrators](#)
 - [Teaching Assistant \(TA\) and International Teaching Assistant \(ITA\) Handbook](#)
- The Teaching Commons offers daily drop-in hours, Monday to Friday, 10am-11am via this Zoom link: <https://yorku.zoom.us/j/7467955013>. Please introduce yourself as a TA so we can best support you with your teaching!
- For technical support with Zoom and eClass, **Learning Technology Services (LTS)** is also offering virtual drop-in sessions daily (Monday-Friday). [Find information, including hours for each day and a link to the Zoom office hours room.](#)

Last Chance to Register in Two Virtual Courses

There is still time for you to register and join us for one or both of the courses:

“How do you know Teaching happens?”

- [Learn more and register for the VIRTUAL course offering beginning Sept. 5](#)

“Experiencing Educational Development in Higher Education”

- [Learn more and register for this course beginning Sept. 6](#)



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Two In-Person Teaching & Learning Courses for Graduate Students

If you are interested in engaging in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, there are a variety of options to choose from in the Teaching Commons. Two courses in the Fall that you can register for are:

“How do you know Learning happens?”

- [Learn more and register for the IN-PERSON course offering beginning Sept. 10](#)

“How do you know Teaching happens?”

- [Learn more and register for the IN-PERSON course offering beginning Sept. 18](#)



Teaching in a Time of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Reading for Teaching: [Co-Intelligence: Living and Working with AI](#) (2024) by Ethan Mollick begins Tuesday September 10, 2024, 11am-12pm. [Register](#).
- Practical AI: Introducing Students to Co-Writing with AI (ONLINE ~ September 19, 2024, 10:00am-11:00am). [Register](#) by **September 18, 11:59pm**.
- Join our Community of Practice: Generative AI Pedagogies at York by completing our [Sign-Up Form](#)



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Fictional Classrooms: Talking About Teaching Through Narrative

What can we learn about our own teaching practices and identities from fictional depictions of higher education? Join us in “Fictional Classrooms” as we explore and reflect on narratives of education in films, and novels, whether they speak to us as learners, educators, researchers, artists, or simply as humans.

[Learn more and register via our registration form](#)



Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (DEDI)

- DEDI Community of Practice Conference (ONLINE & IN PERSON ~ September 30 & October 1, 2024) - To register, please complete our [conference registration form](#). Registration closes September 25 at 11:59pm ET. Questions? Contact Ameera Ali (aliamira@yorku.ca)
- Check out the NEW [DEDI tab on our website](#) - a space where you can come to find all of our *DEDI-specific* supports. This tab will be updated on an ongoing basis as we continue to develop our supports, so please check back regularly to see what is new! Any questions or comments can be directed to Ameera Ali (aliamira@yorku.ca).



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Teaching and Learning Workshops

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Record of Completion Certificate

This certificate recognizes graduate students for their own professional development and individual dedication to the enhancement and improvement of their teaching and learning at York University through completing five (5) online modules or workshops.

[Learn more](#) and [find modules](#) that are always available for you to complete!



Connect with Us!

Have a question about teaching? Drop-in to our helpdesk via Zoom, Monday to Friday, 10am - 11am. Zoom link: <https://yorku.zoom.us/j/7467955013>

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.

Follow and connect with the Teaching Commons on [YouTube](#) and on [Instagram/Facebook/Twitter](#): @YUTeaching