Subject: Evaluation and Feedback in Large Classes

Good afternoon,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Evaluation and Feedback in Large Classes Series: Join us for breakfast!
October 7, 8:30-9:45 AM
Would you like to see your students better prepared for class? Would you like to have a better sense of their understanding of the materials? Professor Ken Ragan will discuss the online assignments he designs to motivate students to read material before coming to class.

Register

Supervisory Alliance
October 16, 10:00-12:00 PM
What is a supervisory alliance? The session will introduce a framework to discuss the relationship between supervisor and supervisee in terms of the Bond, Goals, and Tasks. The presentation and discussion will provide you with suggestions, ideas and a model to enable you to collaborate more successfully with your graduate students.

Register

Using Social Media Tools in Teaching and Learning
October 16, 10:00-12:00 PM
From twitter to blogging, social media platforms can be effective in the classroom: these tools can increase communication skills, student participation, help link classroom experiences to the real-world, and facilitate collaboration. This workshop is meant for any instructor at McGill, from Professors and lecturers to TAs.

Register

Safer Spaces Workshops
SEDE, in collaboration with Teaching and Learning Services, First Peoples’ House, and the Office for Students with Disabilities, offers Safer Spaces, a regular schedule of training for staff, faculty, and graduate students.

• Safer Spaces: Disability, Access, and Universal Design
October 22, 9:30-12:00 PM
• Safer Spaces: Race and Cultural Identity
October 23, 2:00-4:30 PM and October 27, 9:30 -12:00 PM

Register

Web Conferencing and AV Equipment Workshops
Take our Web Conferencing workshop to learn how to set up and conduct web conferencing sessions using Adobe Connect or Lync. Attend an AV Equipment Workshop to practice using the projector, document camera, and other audiovisual equipment in your classroom.

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RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

10 Tips for Students on Using myCourses
Did you know your students can sign up for text message alerts for myCourses updates? And that there is an e-Reader App associated with myCourses called Binder? Please distribute the list of 10 myCourses Tips to your students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Posts on McGill’s Teaching for Learning Blog
Join McGill faculty, staff and students in a conversation about higher education. Read the latest posts:
- Click record: Hi, [name]. I’ve just finished reading your paper and I’d like to give you some feedback ...
- The value of using social media tools in teaching and learning
- PassNote: A feedback tool for improving student success

Customization of Course Evaluation Questionnaires
Did you know that you can add up to three additional questions to your Mercury end-of-course evaluation? Please ensure that you send your questions to your Mercury Departmental Liaison no later than Monday, October 20, 2014, to be included in the fall evaluations. View recommended questions here.

Mid-Course Evaluations
Want to receive useful feedback from students about your course during the term? Mid-course evaluations can help you make changes immediately as well as encourage participation in end-of-course evaluations. Effective strategies include setting up an anonymous discussion board, administering an online survey using myCourses, or having an in-class student-led forum.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) – Looking for Participants to Build an Online Toolkit
Participate in a unique, collaborative partnership which brings together 5 Montreal post-secondary institutions with McGill as lead. Your participation will serve as the basis for the creation of an accessible, user-friendly, online toolkit which will reflect research findings and support teaching staff to integrate UDL principles into their andragogy. For more information, contact Roberta Thomson (roberta.thomson2@mcgill.ca)

LEARN MORE ABOUT

Code of Student Conduct
Can I ban laptops in my class?! We encourage you to consult the guidelines developed at McGill for addressing the use of mobile computing and communications devices in class.

Lecture Recording
The lecture recording service has been improved with two new features: easy viewing of recording statistics and an integrated student / instructor interface. Additionally, the sign-up procedure has been simplified. Follow these instructions in the IT Knowledgebase to sign up to record your lectures and make them available to your students.

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