

**Subject:** Strategies to Support Active and Collaborative Learning!? Find out how!

Good morning,

This teaching resource message, available online here <http://bit.ly/XuqsUK>, is sent on behalf of [Teaching and Learning Services](#).

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## FEATURED EVENTS



### [Strategies to Support Active and Collaborative Learning](#)

**November 26, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Are you interested in getting students to be more active in your course? In this workshop we will explore strategies to enhance student engagement, promote interaction and facilitate deep learning. During the workshop you will have the opportunity to explore, experience and select strategies that promote learning in your own courses.

[Register](#)



### [Introduction to Course Design and Teaching Workshop](#)

**December 11, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and December 16, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM (1.5 days)**

Would you like to design or redesign one of your courses and enhance your teaching skills? Join a group of fellow faculty members led by facilitators from Teaching and Learning Services to discuss strategies for course design and teaching that focus on enhancing student learning.

[Register](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### [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.

1. [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)  
November 19, 9:30-12:00 PM
2. [Consent and Sexual Assault – Raising Awareness](#)  
November 24, 9:30-12:00 PM



### [Recruitment and Informed Consent](#)

**November 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Are you new to the research scene, or simply want to have an overview of the ethical and legal issues surrounding medical research? If so, join us for this information session as we explore policies and principles surrounding the ethical and legal conduct of research.

- [Privacy and Confidentiality](#) - December 4



### [Bumps in the Road in Graduate Supervision: A conflict resolution discussion](#) (GPS 410)

**December 4, 2:00-4:00 PM**

The supervisory experience can present many challenges including conflict and at times, ineffective resolution of such conflicts. If you would like to learn new strategies to improve communication with supervisees, you may be interested in training in conflict resolution, and in learning how to communicate expectations and responsibilities.

[Register](#)

*Sign in to Minerva, click on the 'Registration for GPS Graduate Workshop' link and register for GPS 410*

### [Web Conferencing and AV Equipment Workshops](#)



**December 4, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Want to learn how to set up and conduct web conferencing sessions using Adobe Connect or Lync? Attend an **AV Equipment Workshop** to practice with the projector, document camera, and other audiovisual equipment in your classrooms.

[Register](#)

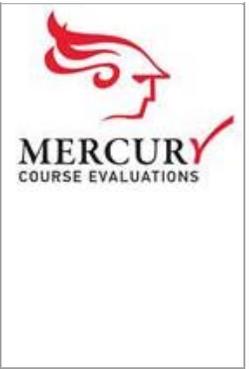
**RESOURCE OF THE WEEK**



**[Counselling Services for Students](#)**

Do your students need support? McGill Counselling Service offers a range of services to help students deal with both personal and academic stressors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Mercury Course Evaluations are now open to students!**

Course evaluations for the Fall 2014 semester are now available to students and will close on Sunday, Dec. 21 (or Sunday, Dec. 7 for certain academic units following the [condensed period](#)).

Strategies to encourage student participation include:

- informing students that you value their feedback;
- using new, easy-to-use tools in myCourses;
- letting students do them during class, conferences, or labs;
- posting announcements with response rates on myCourses.

For more strategies, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [mercury.info@mcgill.ca](mailto:mercury.info@mcgill.ca).



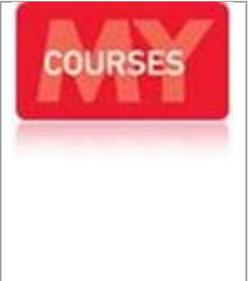
**[The McGill App – Available](#)**

Have you heard of the McGill App? The McGill App is the official campus app for current, new, and prospective McGill University students. The App can help students access McGill University events, calendars, contacts, maps and more. It can help students stay organized with classes and assignments through the timetable.



**[Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for faculty & staff](#)**

**Starting in December**, Microsoft will begin offering McGill faculty and staff members FREE access to Office 365 ProPlus. This offering includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and other Office apps, and will replace the current Microsoft Work at Home program. In preparation, we will make changes to infrastructure that will impact Office 2013 users on November 7-9.



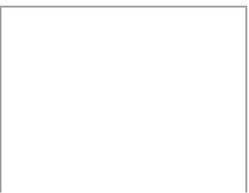
**Winter 2015 courses available for instructors**

You can start preparing your course site now for Winter 2015 in myCourses. Here are some useful resource links:

- [Preparing for term checklist](#)
- [How to copy content](#)
- [Provide early student access](#)

If you would like your Winter 2015 sections to be crosslisted (merged) in myCourses, please contact [itsupport@mcgill.ca](mailto:itsupport@mcgill.ca).

**LEARN MORE ABOUT**



**[McGill's Teaching for Learning Blog](#)**

Join McGill faculty, staff and students in a conversation about higher education. Read the latest posts:

1. [Is Supervision about Teaching or Research?](#)
2. [Bringing Social Media into myCourses: Embedded Twitter Feeds](#)



3. [Twitter as a collaborative learning tool in field biology](#)



#### **[E-Mail Communication with Students](#)**

How do I send official communications to students? Any official communication with a student must be done by e-mail either to the student's McGill address or within myCourses. This insures that e-mails are successfully delivered in a timely manner.



#### **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.



#### **[Copyright at McGill](#)**

##### **Need help with copyright?**

The Copyright Modernization Act gives the McGill community the opportunity to use many different resources to support teaching and learning. Do you have questions about what you can use when teaching? Give us a shout at [copyright@mcgill.ca](mailto:copyright@mcgill.ca) and we'll help you find answers. Watch this space for a list of workshops and tutorials related to copyright and teaching!

#### **PARTNERS**

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