

Greetings!

Welcome to the new Academic year 2019/20! We hope that it is off to a positive start. We've been working hard over the summer to provide KPU educators with more resources and opportunities such as: our first Fall Workshops & Events [brochure](#) with 89 PD sessions, call for [Teaching Fellows](#), inaugural offering of our [Digital Media course](#), informative ["Friday Morning Coffee"](#) blog posts, [Beyond the Chalkboard](#) podcasts, [experiential learning](#) videos, [Scholarly Inquiry Grants](#) up to \$2k, availability of Big Blue Button, a real-time conferencing tool, and iPads and portable document cameras on semester loan through the libraries. A reminder that we also have professionals you can consult with on your course or program (re)design, assessments, teaching strategies, emergent issues, to bounce ideas or collaborate with to create customized PD for your department.

On behalf of the Teaching & Learning Commons, Office of Open Education and Office of Teaching & Learning: All the best for the new year. [Feedback](#) and suggestions are always welcomed.

Warm regards,
Stephanie, *Vice Provost, Teaching & Learning*

Faculty Spotlight: Alena Buis



This month we are delighted to feature former student and distinguished faculty member Dr. Alena Buis, Art History faculty, Fine Arts Department, Faculty of Arts.

Alena began her journey at KPU in 2001 as a first year student intending to pursue business but graduated with a Fine Arts Diploma in 2003! Alena returned to KPU in 2015 as faculty to teach in the very department from which she graduated more than eighteen years ago! To learn more about Alena and her journey please click below.

If you would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter or have a colleague you wish to see featured please contact tcommons@kpu.ca

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More Faculty Stories...

Wilson School of Design

Rain, rain, go away! Interior Design faculty member, **Erick Villagomez**, was recently shortlisted for the [Life Between Umbrellas](#) design competition held by the Vancouver Public Space Network. View his design and see how he's taking back playgrounds from Vancouver's grey and wet weather.

[Read more](#)

Faculty of Science and Horticulture

Environmental Protection instructor, **Andrew Frank**, who also teaches in the Public Relations Diploma program at KPU, has been working this summer with the Heiltsuk Nation on creating and managing public relations strategies in support of their ongoing environmental legal challenges related to the sinking of the Nathan E. Stewart tugboat and subsequent diesel spill in their territorial waters almost three years ago.

[Read more](#)

School of Business

Marketing instructor, **Andrea Niosi** spent part of her summer in Slovenia presenting her OER project which was accepted into UNESCO's 2019 Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW) Mentoring Program. Her OER project is an open textbook for "Consumer Behaviour" that incorporates some of UNESCO's SDGs, and will be used in a required marketing course for those enrolled in both the marketing diploma and degree programs. Not only will this OER save over \$100 per student, it will provide a framework for students to discuss marketing's impact on culture and how the profession should be re-framed as a responsibility in the greater business context. Andrea is working towards making Consumer Behaviour a ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) course at KPU along with the many others created to support students' academic success.

[Read more](#)

Select KPU Events & Workshops

We provide a wide array of FREE events and workshops to KPU educators. Below is selection of the offerings available to you. More will be added to the [calendar](#) throughout the year.

Have a suggestion for a workshop topic? Let us know at tcommons@kpu.ca

Open Pedagogy | Sept. 30

Open Pedagogy may be understood as an access-oriented commitment to learner-driven education and as a process of designing architectures and using tools for learning that enable students to shape the public knowledge commons of which they are a part. In practice, open pedagogy can involve creating, adapting, or updating open educational resources with students, building course policies, outcomes, assignments, rubrics, and schedules of work collaboratively with students, or facilitating student-created and student-controlled learning environments. This session will introduce principles of open pedagogy, showcase examples of innovative applications at KPU, and equip you with resources and mentorship to support further experimentation.

UDL: From Ad Hoc to Forethought | Oct. 9

Any good instructor works hard to address the needs of the students in their class, from answering questions to changing class activities (midstream!?) to improve engagement. Quick, ad hoc modifications can not only be stressful, but may not end up meeting your learning outcomes or supporting students in developing depth of knowledge. In this half-day workshop, we will develop a sense of how ad hoc modifications come to be and how we can use that valuable information to deliberately design course activities, projects, assignments, and evaluation that address learner needs. Please come prepared with three examples of ad hoc modifications you have encountered in your teaching. We will work together with these examples to make a move to thoughtful planning that you can start implementing immediately.

Using PowerPoint to Design Effective Slides for Learning | Oct 10

Many educators use slides as a digital projection of their talking points. However, slides designed using empirically derived principles of multimedia learning are a powerful teaching tool that can dramatically improve student outcomes. This workshop introduces faculty to some of the research and theory behind the principles of multimedia learning, illustrates examples of these principles, and give faculty the opportunity to explore how to implement these principles in Powerpoint. Participants will need a laptop with Powerpoint (desktop version).

Digital Media for Teaching and Learning | Oct 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, and 20

The primary purpose of the Digital Media for Teaching and Learning course is to provide a safe space where faculty members could discover, experiment, and make digital content for teaching and learning. By doing so, faculty members also actively invent ways of engaging students with digital media to deepen learning experiences and enhance learning outcomes in their disciplines. This program will run for 5 consecutive weeks in a blended format. Those interested in joining this program MUST be able to attend all 5 weeks.

Check our Events Calendar

External Opportunities

October 2-4 | **Third Pan-Canadian Conference on Universal Design for Learning** at Royal Roads University in Victoria.
[Register here >](#)

October 4 - 6 | **ISW Facilitator Fall Institute 2019** in Abbotsford, BC. The Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) Fall Institute is designed for both new and experienced facilitators in the ISW Program.
[Register here >](#)

October 18 | **ETUG Fall Workshop** at SFU Harbour Centre in Vancouver.
[Register here >](#)

October 28-31 | **Appreciative Inquiry Facilitator Training (AIFT)** in Langley. KPU and TRU are teaming up with the Centre for AI to offer this special training event in Canada.
[Register here >](#)

November 3-7 | **28th ICDE World Conference on Online Learning** in Dublin, Ireland. The theme of this year's conference "Transforming Lives and Societies" will focus on the contemporary problems and opportunities facing today's educators in the globally connected digital-era. Deadline: September 30
[Register here >](#)

November 14-15 | **COHERE (Canada's Collaboration for Online Higher Education Research)** 20th Anniversary Conference in Calgary, AB.
[Register here >](#)

Teaching Fellows: Call for Applications

Applications are currently being accepted for two Teaching Fellow positions:

1. Interculturalization & Internationalization

KPU's student population and local region are culturally diverse, thus requiring institutional-level planning and internal capacity-building on interculturalization and internationalization to enhance our students' success and advance our teaching practices (as per KPU's Vision 2023, and Goals 1 and 2 in Academic Plan 2023). This position will work closely with members of the KPU community including educators from across the faculties and administrative units, Teaching & Learning Commons staff, the Vice Provost Teaching & Learning and select external collaborators.

2. Open Education

Open education encompasses a wide range of activities that aim to widen equitable access to knowledge and knowledge creation. At KPU this includes the creation, adaptation, and adoption of open educational resources (OER) as part of our Zero Textbook Cost initiative, the design and implementation of renewable assignments and other forms of open pedagogy, and training and support for open education research. Open Education is an integral part of Academic Plan 2023 (see Goal 6 and its corresponding strategies). This position will work closely with members of the KPU community including educators from across the faculties and administrative divisions, Teaching & Learning Commons staff, and the Associate Vice Provost, Open Education.

For more information and application instructions please visit: <https://www.kpu.ca/teaching-and-learning/teaching-fellow-applications>

Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2019

Scholarship, Funding, Awards & Leadership

Scholarly Inquiry Grant (SIG)

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available year-round to faculty members looking to engage in projects relating to the enhancement of teaching or of student learning. For information, visit our [webpage](#) or attend an upcoming "Lunch and Learn" session November 5 in Richmond. Registration is required.

[Please check our Events Calendar for registration links. >](#)

0.6% Faculty PD Fund

Faculty PD Fund applications involving research, conference presentations, enhancing teaching and learning as well as support for tuition some areas considered for funding. Implementing deadline is **October 1**.



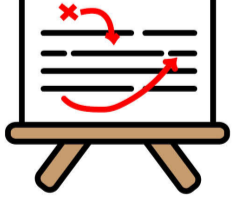

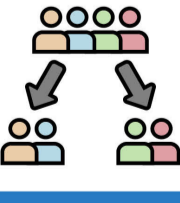
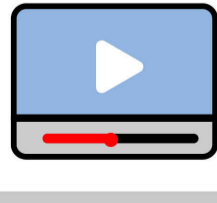
[Info and application details >](#)

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Big Blue Button Basics
[Online, Oct. 15](#) | 12 – 1 PM
[Online, Nov. 26](#) | 3 – 4 PM



Twitter Contest Announcement!



Following us on Twitter to get useful tips on using Moodle, updates on our blog and podcast, and notifications about upcoming PD opportunities. We're picking a random new follower on Twitter each month this semester to win a goodie bag filled with KPU swag. All you have to do us follow us, it's that simple!

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