

Welcome Back!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that your winter break was relaxing and the start of the new semester has been off to a smooth start. We are excited to roll out our new **Moodle based events registration system**: [!events.kpu.ca](https://events.kpu.ca). With this new system, you'll receive email confirmations and reminders for registered workshops as well, all upcoming workshops for the semester are available to you at a glance. Take a look and spend some of your PD time with us this year!

Melissa Ashman, Open Education Research Fellow



Congratulations to **Melissa Ashman**, Applied Communications instructor in the School of Business on being selected as KPU's Open Education Research Fellow. Melissa brings a wealth of experience to her new role along with a deep commitment to equitable access to education.

[Information about the fellowship»](#)

Lesley McCannell, Intercultural and Internationalization Teaching Fellow



Welcome **Lesley McCannell** to her new Teaching Fellow role at the Teaching & Learning Commons. In addition to her Teaching Fellow position, Lesley will continue her work as an Education Consultant and is available for one-on-one or small group consultations and work with programs/departments to develop and facilitate tailored professional development (e.g. workshops, reading circles, etc.) or resources. Contact her at: lesley.mccannell@kpu.ca

0.6% Faculty PD Fund

The upcoming deadline for 0.6% Faculty PD Fund applications is **February 3**. [Additional information and application details »](#)

Appreciative Inquiry Facilitator Training at KPU, May 4-7

Appreciative Inquiry Facilitator Training (AIFT) will be offered at KPU from May 4-7, 2020. Training is rarely offered in Canada so take advantage and register early! The early bird rate is available until March 13. For more information, visit: <https://www.centerforappreciativeinquiry.net/event/appreciative-inquiry-facilitator-training-aift-surrey-british-columbia/>

Opportunity to Showcase your Expertise!

Funding is available to the biannual [BC Festival of Learning](#) taking place in Vancouver in May 2020. Registration will be subsidized for those who have accepted proposals and will be attending all three days. Forward accepted proposals to tcommons@kpu.ca

Faculty Spotlight: Don Mathewson



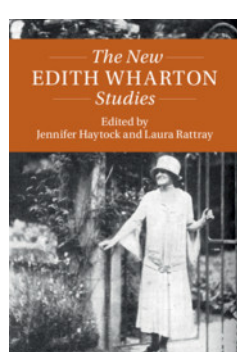
Our first faculty spotlight of 2020 features **Don Mathewson**, Physics instructor in the Faculty of Science and Horticulture.

Don has spent over 20 years teaching Physics at KPU and is the founder and coordinator of the annual Kwantlen Science Challenge which brings over 200 high school students to KPU to compete in science challenges. Want to learn more about Don's teaching practice and why he's holding his shaved beard in his hands? Read his story at the link below.

[Read more](#)

More Faculty Stories...

Faculty of Arts



Congratulations to **Paul Ohler** from the English Department on the publication of his chapter in the new Edith Wharton Studies from Cambridge UP. His chapter in the book is titled "Creative Process and Literary Form in Edith Wharton's Archive".

[Read more »](#)

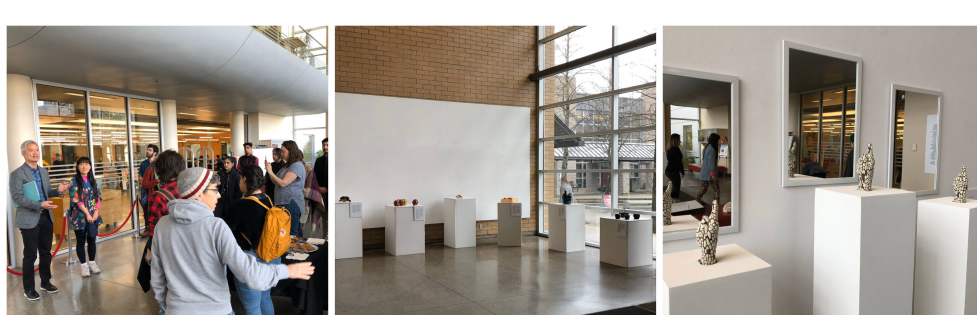
School of Business

Melissa Ashman, Sarah Duncan, Arley Cruthers, Karen Vance, and Panteli Tritchew, from Applied Communications recently published an Open Education Resource publication. *Student Engagement Activities for Business Communications* is a compilation resource for instructors of workplace writing and oral presentations. Activities within this book will add value and energy to the classroom by engaging students in activities that support their learning. Handouts, links, activity variations, and debrief questions are included.

[Digital version available here »](#)

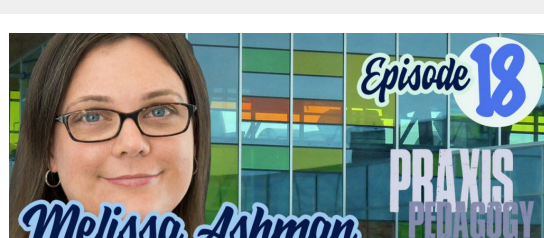


Faculty of Arts



Students from exhibit instructor **Greg Chan** and Fine Arts instructor **Ying Yueh Chang's** classes collaborated on an exhibit which "integrates" ceramics and literary analysis [and] articulates the select parts of Canadian colonial history that resist the myth of Canada's multiculturalism." The exhibit will be on display in the Surrey Library Gallery in the Arbutus Building until January 23.

School of Business



Our new Open Education Research Fellow, **Melissa Ashman** was recently featured on the [Praxiis Pedagogy podcast](#). She joins her colleagues Arley Cruthers and Andrea Niosi from the School of Business who were former guests on the podcast. Listen to the new episode in which she's featured and catch up on old episodes below.

[Listen now »](#)

School of Science and Horticulture



The Sustainable Agriculture and Physics programs held their 5th Annual Student Research Symposium at Richmond campus on December 10th. Nine students gave oral presentations on their original research and eleven students gave poster presentations. The Symposium was organized by **Michael Bomford** and **Rebecca Harbut** in Sustainable Agriculture, and **James Hoyland**, **Michael Poon** and **Takashi Sato** in Physics.

Select KPU Events & Workshops

We are excited to roll out a new Moodle based events registration system ([!events.kpu.ca](https://events.kpu.ca)). This will allow you to see offerings, course descriptions, as well as register and receive updates on your selected sessions. Some courses may opt to post ongoing resources for future reference.

[Engaging Students with Video \(Webinar\)](#) | Jan. 22

This is part one on how to use Kaltura in Moodle. In this session, we will demonstrate how to upload and manage videos in to Kaltura, how to add videos to your Moodle course, and how to setup a video assignment and return feedback. This is a hands-on workshop. Please bring videos you want to use in your course. An opportunity to create an introduction video for your course will be provided at the end.

[Open Pedagogy Learning Community](#) | Starts Jan. 29

In partnership with Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire, we will be offering again an inter-institutional and virtual set of discussions focused on different aspects of Open Pedagogy. The OPLC will meet bi-weekly during the Spring 2020 semester on Wednesday from 10-11 am Pacific Time (1-2 pm Eastern Time) on the following dates: January 29, February 12, 26, March 11, 25, and April 8. The OPLC will be co-facilitated between Karen Gangialosi (Professor of Biology, Open Education Faculty Fellow, Keene State College) and Rajiv Jhangiani and will be limited to 10 participants from each institution. Participants are expected to attend all of the sessions.

[Digital Media for Teaching and Learning](#) | Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 5

Digital media and technology have been widely adopted throughout educational systems to provide flexibility, accessibility and often enhance interactivity. As a result, effective use and integration of media and technology to deliver engaging learning experiences have become increasingly important. While it is necessary to learn how to use technology and media, it is also crucial to engage in the process of creating and making digital content. 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.

[Instructional Skills Workshop \(ISW\)](#) | Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

The Instructional Skills workshop (ISW) is for faculty who are interested in developing or improving upon their teaching and learning processes. This intensive 4 day workshop (February 7, 14, 21, 28) can accommodate a maximum of six participants and is facilitated by an experienced ISW Facilitator, who is also a KPU faculty member. Participants review ideas about teaching, check current practices and, within a safe and supportive environment, deliver three short lessons. Find new ways to reach your learners, and receive peer feedback that will assist with your instructional development. In addition, you will also benefit from the supportive relationships that can grow between participants.

[Check our Events Calendar](#)

External Opportunities

March 9-12 | Save the date for the **2020 Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) conference** in Ottawa. The call for proposals is open and submissions will close on Monday, January 20, 2020. [Proposal submission information »](#)

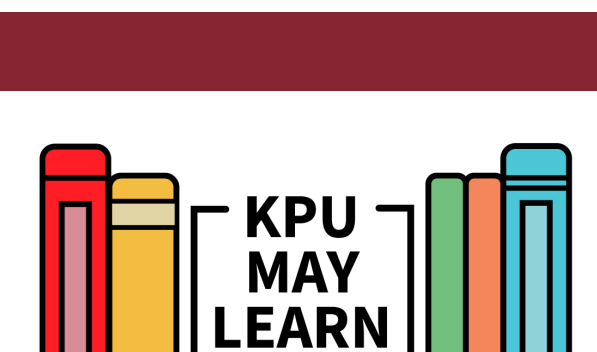
May 11-13 | The **BC Festival of Learning** will be taking place on May 11-13, 2020 in Vancouver. Early bird registration rate is on a first come first serve basis. Spots are still available so register early. Encourage your students to register as students who are currently enrolled in a B.C. Post-Secondary Institution attend this conference for free! [Registration information »](#)

May 3-5 | University of Calgary's Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning is holding a **Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching**. [Conference and registration information »](#)

May 29-31 | The **Teaching Professor Conference 2020** will be taking place this year in Atlanta, Georgia. Join your colleagues for this three-day conference filled with learning, debate, and collaboration. Register now and take advantage of the discounted rate. [Registration information »](#)

May 30-June 4 | The **CSSE (Canadian Society for the Study of Education)** will be holding their annual conference this year at Western University in London, Ontario. This conference is Canada's largest gathering of researchers, scholars, graduate students, and practitioners in education. [Conference and proposal submission information »](#)

KPU-May-Learn



The Teaching and Learning Commons and the Office of Research Services will be co-hosting the first **KPU-May-Learn**, a month of professional development opportunities for educators, researchers, and staff. Throughout the month of May, there will be a **Digital Innovation Day** (May 19, Surrey), our annual **Symposium** (May 25, Surrey), and a mix of PD opportunities at any of the four campuses throughout this month.

The call for proposals is now open and we invite members of the KPU community to submit their proposals relating to teaching, learning, and research topics. Topics of personal interest can be shared for general PD. For more information and to submit your proposal, click on the button below.

[Call for Proposals](#)

Open Education Research Institute

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 14, 2020

A one-day training and networking opportunity for scholars at KPU and across BC post-secondary institutions who wish to develop or enhance their open education research skills

Scholarship, Funding, Awards & Leadership

0.6 Faculty PD Fund

Faculty PD Fund applications involving research, conference presentations, enhancing teaching and learning as well as support for tuition are some areas considered for funding. Upcoming deadline is **February 3**. [Information and application details »](#)

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. [More information »](#)

Open Educational Resources (OER) Grants

The Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant program provides funding and staff support to KPU faculty members interested in creating, adapting, and adopting OER (or engaging in other forms of Open Pedagogy). Three levels of OER Grants are offered:

1. [OER Adoption Grant](#)
2. [OER Adaptation Grant](#)
3. [OER Creation Grant](#)



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