

News

KPU has launched [North America's first zero textbook cost degree, the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies!](#) Congratulations to Open Education and great work by Dr. Rajiv Jhangiani, Associate Vice-Provost, Open Education.

ZTC: Zero Textbook Cost

All the credit, without the cost of books



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 tlcommons@kpu.ca

Dr. David Porter receives honorary degree at Fall convocation



Congratulations to Dr. David Porter who received an Honorary Doctor of Laws at KPU's fall convocation.

Dr. Porter is currently chief executive officer of eCampusOntario, an organization that leads the collaborative online and technology-enabled learning initiatives of Ontario's universities and colleges.

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Faculty Stories...

Wilson School of Design



Congratulations to **Evelyn May** on winning the Vancouver Fashion Week 2019 Industry Originator Award - Teacher Category! The Vancouver Fashion Week (VFW) Industry Originator Awards recognize veterans of the Vancouver fashion industry who have contributed to the advancement of the local market. The nominees and winners have worked endlessly to develop their own success and have helped newcomers in the industry along the way. The nominees in each category are selected by the Vancouver fashion industry. Winners are selected by the official Originator Awards Jury, comprised of VFW founder Jamal Abdourahman, VFW Community Relations Manager Sarah Murray, and the previous winners of the Industry Originator Awards. There are 6 categories: retailer, teacher, stylist, journalist, photographer, and special recognition. Each nominee is invited to the opening gala of the September Fashion Week and winners will receive an award designed by Eclipse Awards.

[View past winners here](#)

Faculty of Science and Horticulture



KPU Brewing and Brewery Operations instructor, **Nancy More**, received a Legend Award at the 2019 BC Beer Awards on Oct. 19. Nancy is one of the first female brewmasters in North America, as well as being an internationally-respected brewer having set up and operated breweries in Europe, Russia and Africa, as well as Canada. Her depth of experience in the brewing world, her passion for education and her advocacy for gender-equity in the workplace make her a powerful force in the industry.

Nancy's contribution to the future of the industry continued when she helped design and develop the curriculum for Kwantlen Polytechnic University's two-year Brewing and Brewery Operations Diploma. Her expertise and global knowledge have helped elevate KPU's Brewing program, making it a world-class brewing school recognized by the Master Brewers Association, as well as the top brewing school in North America at the 2019 US Open College Beer Championships.

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Faculty of Science and Horticulture, School of Business, Faculty of Arts

This past summer five KPU faculty members, **Kathy Dunster** (Urban Ecosystems), **Michelle Franklin** (Sustainable Horticulture), **Jennifer Hardwick** (English), **Candy Ho** (Education Studies), and **Pamela Ip** (Marketing) participated in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Fellowship. The fellowship is designed to assist faculty members in creating renewable assignments for their courses. Starting this semester, these renewable assignments will be put to use during this academic year. To view the assignments created by these amazing educators, [click below](#).

[Read more](#)

School of Business

Business Administration department faculty member, **Dr. Brad Anderson**, recently completed his DBA and his research on organizational wisdom was turned into a book titled ["Values, Rationality, and Power: Developing Organizational Wisdom: A Case Study of a Canadian Healthcare Authority"](#) that came out on October 21. His course, [BUSI 2110- Values, rationality, and power: Developing wise organizational action](#) offered in the Winter semester will be based on his research and will use an OER (Open educational resource) textbook. [Click the link to view his promotional video](#). Congratulations, Dr. Anderson!

[Read more](#)

School of Business



Arley Cruthers, faculty in the Applied Communications and Public Relations department in the School of Business was interviewed earlier this month on the Praxis Pedagogy podcast. Listen as she talks about her work in Open Education. Marketing instructor, **Andrea Niosi** will be a featured guest in the upcoming episode to talk about her work in Open Education.

[Listen now](#)

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 tlcommons@kpu.ca

Accommodations 101 | Oct. 24, 31, & Nov. 13

Academic accommodations enable access for students with disabilities. Access to courses and programs of study for persons with disabilities in post-secondary institutions is a human right in Canada so from a humanist, legal, and ethical standpoint, it's important to get accommodation planning right. Join Dr. Seanna Takacs in Accommodations 101 to learn about the ins and outs of access, where to find support, your rights and obligations as an instructor, and how to create harmony around accommodation planning.

Engaging Students with Video | Oct. 29 & Oct. 30

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. Please bring your own laptop.

The Power of Collaborative Digital Annotation: Using Hypothes.is for Teaching & Learning | Nov. 12
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).

Quick and Dirty Dozen: Get Started on UDL | Nov. 14

You may have heard of UDL (Universal Design for Learning), you may have been to a UDL workshop or you may have tried some UDL strategies in your class. As the name suggests, this one hour session will be dedicated to a snappy presentation of 12 simple UDL strategies that you can implement in your class starting today to support inclusion, address conceptual conundrums, ease marking, and push engagement. We're gonna move fast and we're gonna move well so bring along your pens for questions, your phones for pictures, and your collaboration hats because we're also gonna want to keep the conversation going.

[Check our Events Calendar](#)

Teaching & Learning Commons Open House

SAVE THE DATE!
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Join us for our 2nd annual Open House at the Teaching & Learning Commons office at Surrey Campus!

Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW): Call for Participation

2019/2020 Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW) is an international online mentoring program, supporting the development and implementation of freely accessible modules and resources – open educational resources, or OER as they are called, that include and address at least one of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This Call follows the first two cohorts of the OE4BW program where 49 Open Educational Resources (OER) projects were developed by 49 participants under the supervision of 67 mentors, coming from 25 countries from all over the globe.



Deadline to apply as a developer is **November 15** and **December 2** for mentors.

[More information](#)

External Opportunities

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 7-9 | The Institute for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Mount Royal University is holding its ninth annual **Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning** in Banff, Alberta. [Register here](#)

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

May 11-13 | The **BC Festival of Learning** will be taking place on May 11-13, 2020 in Vancouver. The call for proposal is open until November 15 and registration will open on December 2. [Proposal submission information](#)

Queer Competency Workshop @ KPU Richmond October 31

A Queer Competency Training Session take place at KPU Richmond on October 31. The training session is 2 hours and will cover:

- LGBTQ2S+ terminology and definitions
- An overview and reflection on the gender binary and spectrum models
- An exercise on gendered language, including pronouns, and how to respectfully ask people their personal pronouns
- Facilitated conversations on creating inclusive spaces and building out allyship
- Customized case studies

Registration is required to attend. [Register here!](#)

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. [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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Friday Morning Coffee



Beyond the Chalkboard