

Teaching & Learning Day Fall 2019

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Teaching & Learning Day Fall 2019 was held on October 21. The morning kicked off with keynote speaker Dr. Megan Sumner, Assistant Professor at Rhode Island College and co-founder of [the Learning Scientists](#). More than 100 attendees watched, listened, and participated as Dr. Sumner shared practical strategies faculty can use to help students learn better during her presentation, "[Applying the Science of Learning from the Laboratory to the Classroom](#)." She focused on retrieval-based learning and provided examples and takeaways that faculty can start using in the classroom right away.

After the keynote, Dr. Sumner led the entire group in a hands-on workshop. She focused on two other learning strategies (elaboration and dual coding) and how they can be used with retrieval-based learning to improve students' learning. Attendees worked in small groups to discuss ideas and how they could be implemented within their teaching practice.

In case you missed it, you can watch [Dr. Sumner's keynote presentation online](#). And make sure you check out [the Learning Scientists website](#); it contains many ready-to-use resources (posters, videos, blog posts, prompts, etc.) that explain the principles of learning and provide guiding principles for faculty and students on how to use effective learning strategies, both in and outside of the classroom.



All recorded keynote presentations from past Teaching & Learning Centre Events are available on the [Teaching & Learning Centre's website](#).

After lunch, attendees had the opportunity to visit service area tables to learn more about the supports and services available to faculty. Thank you to Adobe, Applied Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (RIEX), Counselling and Accessibility Services, Information Technology Services, Leadership and Employee Development, and Service Libraries for joining us and sharing their supports with faculty.

Teaching & Learning Day Fall 2019 included a Badge Savvy presentation by Amy Lin, Director of the Teaching & Learning Centre, where attendees learned about [Micro-credentials at Seneca](#) system for faculty. Those who attended Teaching & Learning Day Fall 2019, spoke with representatives from the service areas, and completed reflections on their learning for the day could apply for the Teaching & Learning Day - Fall 2019 micro-credential.

The afternoon consisted of a variety of break-out sessions where Service employees shared strategies, research, upcoming opportunities, and helpful tools:

Strategies:

- Andragogy in hybrid and online courses - facilitated by Nick De Jong, School of Information Technology Administration & Security
- Effective exam review guides - facilitated by Alex Voss, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training
- The science of learning and Universal Design for Learning - facilitated by Sherri Parkins and Arushi Manners, the Teaching & Learning Centre
- Teaching international students - facilitated by Holly Oshinski, the Teaching & Learning Centre

Research:

- Applied research - facilitated by Ben Rogers, Applied Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Mastery learning - facilitated by Kerry Kwan, School of Fire Protection Engineering Technology

Opportunities:

- International opportunities - facilitated by Ashley Laracy and Ronan Wilson, Service International
- Professional development leaves - facilitated by Joseph Crangia, Leadership and Employee Development

Tools:

- Adobe Premiere Rush - facilitated by Jason Katsuff, Adobe
- Adobe Spark Video - facilitated by Kostas Dimasopoulos, English Language Institute
- MyApps - facilitated by representatives from ITS
- Pressbooks - facilitated by Jennifer Peters, Service Libraries

During the wrap-up, Adobe presented Seneca with a certificate to recognize Seneca as an Adobe Creative Campus.



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