

Teaching & Learning Centre Hosts Two Faculty Events During Study Week

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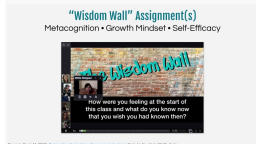
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The Teaching & Learning Centre provided two full days of professional development for faculty, administrators, and staff during study week.

On Monday, March 1, the Teaching & Learning Centre held their virtual **Teaching & Learning Day Winter 2021**. This was a Humber-Seneca Polytechnic Partnership (HSPP) event and the focus was on educational technology.

The keynote speaker was **Dr. Michelle Pacansky-Brock** from the California Community College Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative. She is the author of *Best Practices for Teaching with Emerging Technologies*. Her talk was entitled "Humanizing Online Learning: Leveraging Relationships to Fuel Engagement & Rigor."

Dr. Pacansky-Brock spoke about online teaching and the importance of developing inclusive online learning experiences that make human connection and relationships a priority in order to see students achieve their full academic potential. She emphasized the importance of identifying our own mindset barriers in our courses and examining our processes and systems carefully that may prevent students from being successful.



"As the students we serve continue to become more diverse, so do the affective and cognitive needs they bring into your classroom. And the disruptions and uncertainties ushered in by COVID make this topic even more critical. This is not a problem that a shiny new edtech tool can solve. The antidote for this problem lies in human connection and effective teaching."
- Dr. Michelle Pacansky-Brock

You can watch or re-watch Dr. Pacansky-Brock's keynote presentation now:



The event also offered two sessions where participants could choose from seven different workshops on educational technologies:

- Sharing your (micro)Credentials
- Creating Online Content with HSP
- Storytelling in 360
- Introducing the Seneca Quality Framework for Designing & Delivering Online Courses!
- Allies in Action! UDL and Accessibility Superpowers!
- Say it, Show it...On Video!
- Active Learning with Padlet and Mentimeter

All participants are eligible to earn a micro-credential for attending this event and meeting the criteria.

Feedback from attendees:

- "The T and L day is always fabulously well run - physically and digitally. My compliments to the team that works tirelessly to make it meaningful and memorable."
- "The event was really well planned and executed. I would have like to attend more workshops, as I found the quality of the workshops that I attended to be exceptional."
- "The keynote speaker shared lots of great but also simple ideas and advice, which helps to form a greater perspective on what we're doing."
- "Why a course is like a watermelon, lol! Loved the keynote, so many great takeaways."
- "The keynote was wonderful - both confirming that I am on the right track and giving me ideas to implement that help my students feel more engaged and connected."

Resources and recordings are available on the [Teaching & Learning Day website](#).

 **Save the date:** **Teaching & Learning Day Spring 2021** is on Monday, May 3, 2021.

On Tuesday, March 2, the Teaching & Learning Centre held their third annual virtual **Adobe Creative Jam for Faculty**. The event began with participants attending a bootcamp on Adobe Premiere Rush, facilitated by Jason Katsoff from Adobe. Following this, Laurel Schollen presented the theme and challenge for the day, which was to produce a two-minute video on the topic "Supporting students in succeeding at online learning" using Adobe Premiere Rush in a three-hour window.



The videos were evaluated based on content development, creativity, communication, and accessibility. Judges included Radha Krishnan, Amy Lin, Jason Katsoff, David Johnston, and Krisha Amin. The first-place prize package included an Adobe Creative Cloud subscription to give as a gift, an AI-powered webcam, and a lapel microphone. Runner-up teams received an Amazon gift card. All participants also received a Wacom digital whiteboard.

The winners were **Jason Dojc** and **Stefan Kanitz** – both professors from the School of Marketing. You can watch their video in Microsoft Stream:

This video is hosted in Microsoft Stream; you may need to log into Microsoft Stream before you can view their video.

We have some Adobe Creative Cloud resources on the **Workshop Recordings** page and the **Adobe Creative Cloud at Seneca** page of the Teaching & Learning Centre space in MySeneca, including the recording of the Adobe Premiere Rush bootcamp.

Want to learn more about the apps in the Adobe Creative Cloud? The **Adobe Educator Exchange** contains short courses on various Adobe apps geared towards educational use, plus a space for sharing resources and digital assignments.

Reminder: all Seneca employees and students have access to the Adobe Creative Cloud. For Seneca-specific resources, see ITS's information.

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