Ontario Tech University

Conference on University Teaching and Learning
and
Celebrate Teaching!
Award Ceremony

Full Program

Thursday March 23, 2023

UA Atrium, North Campus

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PROGRAM
Conference on University Teaching and Learning

9:00 am - 9:15 am   Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

9:15 am - 9:30 am   Opening Remarks
Dr. Lori A. Livingston, Provost and Vice-President Academic, Ontario Tech University

9:30 am - 10:00 am   **We Are Here!**
Dr. Susan L. Forbes, Director, Teaching and Learning Centre
Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences

10:00 am - 10:25 am   **Did you know? LMS and Student Success**
Michael Guy, Learning Technology Systems Analyst
Zain Shafique, Learning Technology Systems Analyst

10:25 am - 10:35 am   Bio Break

10:35 am - 11:35 am   **Humanity Meets Technology: Exploring the human-tech relationship through the lens of teaching and learning**
Dr. Meaghan Charest-Finn, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Dr. Daniel Hoornweg, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Dr. Michael Miljanovic, Assistant Teaching Professor, Faculty of Science

11:35 am - 12:00 pm   **Managing Google Drive**
Callan Brown, Business Solutions Specialist, IT Services

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm   Lunch + Certificate in University Teaching poster presentation

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm   **Beyond Content: Cultivating meaningful communities, conversations, and collaboration in diverse classrooms**
Dr. Jana Abou-Ziki, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Dr. Sharon Lauricella, Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
Dr. Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm   **TSIR Showcase**

Are We Having Fun Yet?
Dr. Sharon Lauricella, Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

AI is Taking Our Jobs!
Randy Fortier, Associate Teaching Professor, Faculty of Science

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm   **Generative AI in Education: The good, the bad, and the ugly**
Dr. Jeremy Bradbury, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science
Lasandra Conliffe, Educational Technology Analyst, Teaching and Learning Centre
Miranda Varrichio, Professor, Faculty of Media, Art and Design, Durham College

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm   **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Langis Roy, Deputy Provost, Ontario Tech University

Session Details
Morning Sessions

Presentation - 9:30 am to 10:00 am

We Are Here!
Dr. Susan L. Forbes

We are operating in the "Second Era of the Digital Age" (Tapscott, 2020) which has resulted in transformative technologies that both benefit and challenge society. The emergence of Generative Artificial Intelligence tools (GAIs) has presented challenges for post-secondary education in terms of how we approach their use. But, this "crisis" also presents opportunities to think about and rethink educational technology tools and student engagement.

Ed Tech Demonstration - 10:00 am to 10:25 am

Did You Know? LMS and student success
Michael Guy and Zain Shafique

Did you ever wonder how many assignments are submitted, discussion topics created and files uploaded to our Learning Management System?   How can you impact your students' success by using New Analytics? Join your LMS IT Team for these and other fun details.

Panel Discussion - 10:35 am to 11:35 am

Humanity Meets Technology: Exploring the human-tech relationship through the lens of teaching and learning
Dr. Meaghan Charest-Finn, Dr. Daniel Hoornweg, and Dr. Michael Miljanovic

This panel will explore and discuss the human-tech relationship in the context of post-secondary education. Panelists will share their perspectives on this relationship, and discuss the potential impacts, barriers, and opportunities associated with it.

Ed Tech Demonstration - 11:35 am to 12:00 pm

Managing Google Drive
Callan Brown

An overview of Google storage limits coming to Ontario Tech University, and best practices for managing Google Drive storage space.

Lunch Session

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Certificate in University Teaching Poster Presentations
TLC Educational Developers and Erin Giroux

The Certificate in University Teaching (CUT) program brings expertise and experiential learning to the development of teaching practices. In this lunchtime poster presentation session, TLC Educational Developers will provide an overview of the program, and Erin Giroux, a student in the 2022-2023 CUT cohort, will discuss one of her unique teaching and learning experiences.

Afternoon Sessions

Panel Discussion - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Beyond Content: Cultivating meaningful communities, conversations, and collaboration in diverse classrooms
Dr. Jana Abou-Ziki, Dr. Sharon Lauricella, and Dr. Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen.

This panel will explore and discuss fostering communities in diverse classrooms. Panelists will share their own techniques for cultivating learning communities, while also discussing the role of experiential and hybrid learning in fostering collaboration and engagement.

Teaching Scholar in Residence (TSIR) Showcase - 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Are We Having Fun Yet?
Dr. Sharon Lauricella

Current discourse in teaching and learning is focused on lack of student engagement: empty Zoom boxes, blank stares, or way too much online shopping in class. Dr. Sharon Lauricella claims that her middle name is "Fun" and her courses reflect this vibe. Participate in this flash talk to get a sneak peek into Sharon's forthcoming book, Ludic Pedagogy: A Seriously Fun Way to Teach and Learn, to be released in June, 2023.

AI is Taking Our Jobs!
Randy Fortier

In 2022, it was Dall-E and now in 2023, we have ChatGPT. Generative Artificial Intelligence models seem to be capable of more and more sophisticated behaviours previously thought to be solely the domain of humans. What does this mean for teaching? How will this impact our ability to teach? How will it impact our students? How can we avoid some of the negative effects of generative AIs? How can we use generative AIs to make our courses better? In this session, we'll see demonstrations of generative AI and will discuss these questions regarding the impact of AI on education.

Panel Discussion - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Generative AI in Education: The good, the bad, and the ugly
Dr. Jeremy Bradbury, Lasandra Conliffe, Miranda Varrichio, and special guest speaker ChatGPT.

This panel will expand on the previous talk, discussing generative AI and its potential impacts on teaching and learning. Panelists will explore the good, the bad, and the ugly implications of generative AI from their varied perspectives. Participants will also have a chance to see how a specific generative AI model, ChatGPT, responds to the same questions surrounding the use of AI in education.

PROGRAM
Celebrate Teaching! Award Ceremony

3:45 pm   Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Student Choice Awards
Presented by Dr. Susan L. Forbes, Director, Teaching and Learning Centre

Teaching Assistant Excellence Award
Presented by Dr. Theodore Christou, Dean, School of Graduate and
Postdoctoral Studies

Tim McTiernan Student Mentorship Award
Presented by Dr. Tim McTiernan, former President, Ontario Tech University

Learning Reimagined Award
Presented by Dr. Steven Murphy, President and Vice-Chancellor, Ontario Tech
University

Openness in Education Award
Presented by Dr. Susan L. Forbes, Director, Teaching and Learning Centre

Early Career Teaching Award
Presented by Dr. Lori A. Livingston, Provost and Vice-President Academic,
Ontario Tech University

Award for Excellence in Teaching
Presented by Dr. Steven Murphy, President and Vice-Chancellor, Ontario Tech
University

Award Nominees

Student Choice Awards

The Student Choice Award goes to one student-nominated faculty member or instructor in each faculty who contributes to teaching and learning within our campus community.

2022 Nominees

- Gavin Ball, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
- Andrea Braithwaite, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Meaghan Charest-Finn, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Dana Chorney, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Adam Cole, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Randy Fortier, Faculty of Science
- Pariss Garramone, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Crystal Garvey, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Jordan Harel, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Cristen Hucaluk, Faculty of Science
- Mikael Khan, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Timothy Macneill, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Stephanie Mavilla, Faculty of Science
- Mary Olaveson, Faculty of Science
- Tharini Paramananthan, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Elita Partosoedarso, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Tracey Persaud, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Tess Pierce, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Syed Qadri, Faculty of Health Sciences
- James Robb, Faculty of Business and IT
- David Rudoler, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Otto Sanchez, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Ana Vakiloroayaei, Faculty of Science

Teaching Assistant Excellence Award

The Teaching Assistant Excellence Award goes to teaching assistants who demonstrate superior commitment to their subject matter and students through teaching.

2022 Nominees

- Joshua Howorth, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Andrew Putman, Faculty of Health Sciences

Tim McTiernan Student Mentorship Award

The Tim McTiernan Student Mentorship Award goes to an individual who demonstrates a passion for supporting student success, an ability to inspire growth, and an outstanding commitment to promoting the values of the university.

2022 Nominees

- Laura Banks, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Ifrodet Giorgees, Faculty of Science
- Amanda McEachern Gaudet, Faculty of Business and IT
- Robyn Ruttenburg-Rozen, Faculty of Education
- Michael Watterworth, Faculty of Health Sciences

Learning Reimagined Award

The Learning Reimagined Award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates unique and original solutions to problems of practice in their classes.

2022 Nominees

- Cristen Hucaluk, Faculty of Science
- Alison Mann, Faculty of Education
- Mariana Shimabukuro, Faculty of Science

Openness in Education Award

The Openness in Education Award goes to those in the Ontario Tech community who follow the CARE Open Education Framework and contribute, attribute, release, and empower the use of open educational practices throughout our campuses and beyond.

2022 Nominees

- Rupinder Brar, Faculty of Science
- Pariss Garramone, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Jennifer Laffier, Faculty of Education
- Ami Mamolo, Faculty of Education
- Annette Tavares, Faculty of Science

Early Career Teaching Award

The Early Career Teaching Award recognizes innovation and excellence in teaching by individuals who are in the early stages of their teaching career (5 years or less).

2022 Nominees

- Thomas Gewarges, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
- Amanda McEachern Gaudet, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

- Nooshin Rotondi, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Stephanie Thompson, Faculty of Education

Award for Excellence in Teaching

The Award for Excellence in Teaching goes to a faculty member who demonstrates superior achievements in teaching, as well as educational innovation, research, and leadership.

2022 Nominees

- Murat Aydin, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Wendy Barber, Faculty of Education
- Cecilia Hageman, Faculty of Science
- Richard W. Pazzi, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

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Thank You!

Thank you for joining us to celebrate teaching and learning at Ontario Tech. This event would not have been possible without your participation and engagement.

As we look forward to planning future events, we would appreciate any feedback you have to offer.

Please feel free to complete our feedback survey to share your thoughts on this year's Conference on University Teaching and Learning!

We hope to see you next year!