

Teaching & Learning Centre Special Edition Newsletter

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News of the Senate decision to start the Winter 2022 semester online is no surprise given rising COVID case counts. The E-Learning Office and the Teaching and Learning Centre want to know what your most urgent needs are so that we can identify priorities for support — do you need technical or pedagogical support? Do any of our existing resources meet your needs? Taking 1-2 minutes to complete this [survey](#) will help ensure you get support to help make the first weeks of the Winter 2022 semester a success for both you and your students.

Humanizing Online Learning

Feedback from remote teaching experiences during 2020-2021 revealed concerns among faculty and instructors around student engagement. As we plan for online teaching to start the winter semester, the [Humanizing Learning Framework](#) can be used to support student success and build strong relationships with students at a distance. In addition, several new resources have been added to the [Teaching Online](#) website. One of these is a curated collection of resources on hybrid/hyflex teaching called [Designing for hybrid... and beyond](#). Check out the other new resources on the [Teaching Online](#) site.

There are also some PD opportunities coming in January. We have Dr. Yvonne Poitras Pratt and Dr Patricia Danyluk the 2021 recipients of the Allan Blizzard Award joining us on January 10th at 12:30 to share their work around **Reconciliatory Pedagogy**. [Click here for details and to register](#). Later in the month Dr. George Veletsianos will be joining us for a talk on January 27th entitled **Finding a future beyond “a return to normal” on campus**. Dr. Veletsianos holds the Canada Research Chair in Innovative Learning and Technology and the Commonwealth of Learning Chair in Flexible Learning. This will be followed up with an opportunity for discussion of your experiences with some of our own 3M National Teaching Fellows in early February 2022. More details to come in the New Year.



Close up of two handcrafted Christmas ornaments hanging on an evergreen tree backlit with mini lights. Photo by Monica Fischer

Existing Resources to Support Remote Teaching and Learning

- ⇒ Our [Teaching Online](#) website and all the resources it includes
- ⇒ [Faculty & Staff Moodle Support](#)
- ⇒ Self-directed courses that are part of the [Academic Instructional Skills Program](#), including:
 - [Moodle Essentials](#)
 - [Introduction to Blackboard Collaborate](#)
 - [Universal Design for Learning](#)
 - [How to Teach Using Games & Gamification](#)
 - [Writing Learning Targets](#)
 - [Creating Educational Videos](#)
(Plus we're reaching out to folks for some examples to share in Jan.)
- ⇒ There's also the [National Teaching Repository](#) from the UK.

Plans for the New Year

Following the holiday break the Teaching & Learning Centre & the E-Learning Office will be ready to assist faculty & instructional staff with preparations for remote teaching & learning. Watch for another update in January.