

Connections 2011 – Workshop Schedule

Note: The session schedule differs on each of the two days; please choose the correct session based on which day you plan to attend

Tuesday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 24

LOCATION	TIME		
9:00 – 10:00 am			
Main South Entrance CofE	9:00 – 10:00	PICK UP your registration package and join your colleagues for morning coffee	
10:00 – 10:45 am			
GYM PC145	10:00 – 10:45	<u>Plenary Session</u>	OC Video President's Welcome
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11:00 – 11:45 am			
Main South Entrance CofE	11:00 – 11:45	A1: Centre of Excellence Tour Take a brief but comprehensive tour of the Centre of Excellence, where you learn about the innovative design features, leading-edge building technology, and its student centred learning spaces. The Centre of Excellence will be one of Canada's most environmentally friendly and sustainable facilities that has set its sights on achieving the very height of sustainable building practices – the Living Building Challenge. Offered in each of the three sessions, capped at 20 participants.	Tour Guides
Fitness Centre PC148	11:00 – 11:45	A2: The Thinker – A Beautiful Statue, But a Terrible Posture The greatest oxymoron of my Academic career is that I'm a professor in Human Kinetics and spend 8 hours a day sitting at my desk! This chronically flexed position has numerous deleterious effects on health and performance. If you're looking for some practical information and experiences to help with posture, performance or you just want 6-pack abs, come to this interactive and participatory session on abdominal and "core" exercises. Come see why Jane Fonda and Richard Simmons may have had it wrong! The session is capped at 24 participants and will take place in the College's new fitness centre, so participants must come with active wear and indoor shoes and be prepared to participate in physical activity (change rooms and showers are available). We will explore practical and novel ways to train the core musculature for improving posture and activity performance.	Greg duManoir
	11:00 – 11:45	A3: Larger than Life Presentations Okanagan College has selected wall mounted projector technologies as the standard for the new Center of Excellence in Penticton. In this session, we'll investigate some immediate benefits of this presentation technology and explore the added versatility of an interactive display system in the classroom, in meetings and everywhere in between.	Cliff Nelson
	11:00 – 11:45	A4: Grabbing Students by the Brain: Questioning techniques that lead to higher student comprehension (TUESDAY ONLY) Posing questions in the classroom is a powerful strategy to engage students and promote higher order thinking. Research tells us that instructors use 1/3 of teaching time asking questions, however in many cases instructors answer their own questions, do not allow sufficient "wait time" for students to respond, or involve too few students in the process. Why is it so hard to use questions effectively? What are the various levels of questioning which lead to Socratic dialogue? In this interactive workshop/discussion we will provide opportunities for participants to explore, and practice overcoming the challenges of delivering the right question, at the right time, in the right way.	Rob Kjarsgaard, Carl Doige
	11:00 – 11:45	A4: Embracing Cultural Diversity in the Classroom (WEDNESDAY ONLY) The increasing diversity in our classrooms affect the way we teach and the way our students interact. Participants in this interactive workshop will: be exposed to some non-verbal differences, discuss how classroom norms and behaviours are affected and enriched when students from different cultures join our classes, and compare North American teaching methods with those found in some other cultures. They will learn about the sources of cross-cultural misunderstanding and build skills in bridging some of the gaps.	Dini Steyn
	11:00 – 11:45	A5: Data what's it good for – absolutely everything This session will introduce you to the data and statistics resources and services available through OC Library Services and will cover how to access data sets and statistical information licensed by the library for the use by students, faculty and staff. Products to be covered include - E-STAT, CANSIM II, SDA, and DLI.	Gilbert Bede
PC219	11:00 – 11:45	A6: Microsoft Office 2010 Workshop Here is your chance to brush up on your Microsoft Office skills. Professionally formatted Word documents, functional and professional Excel workbooks, impressive PowerPoints. All of this can be yours. You can impress your students, coworkers and even your Dean! This class will focus on the needs of those who attend and will range from improving the skills of newer users to challenging the boundaries of experts.	Alan Rice
	11:00 – 11:45	A7: Surviving the Early Years (TUESDAY ONLY) OK, so you've been given the course outlines, texts and your classroom assignments, Ready, Set, Go!... Now what? The first few years of teaching can seem like a rollercoaster ride from class to class, assignment to assignment and semester to semester, culminating in evaluations. Calm the madness and settle your manic semester with some tips from the seasoned, well seasoned, and lightly marinated. Practical suggestions on what we've experienced will be liberally mixed with anecdotes and suggestions from participants.	Kerry Rempel, Norah Bowman-Broz
	11:00 – 11:45	A7: Current and recent research in geography, earth and environmental science (WEDNESDAY ONLY) This session consists of a series of illustrated brief presentations on recent research on topics such as the green roof water balance, the effects of global warming on landslides, and other environmental topics. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet your colleagues and to ask questions of Stephanie Bunclark, Terence Day, Arthur Green and Todd Redding. Maybe a few surprises as well!	members of the GEOG and EESC department
	11:00 – 11:45	A8: Dual Credit Students: Supporting students in the classroom, the why's and how's of Dual Credit, and 700 hours equals 6 PSIQ courses explained Join an informal presentation by two presenters, from the College and School District No. 67, who work to support secondary students who start their College program before graduating from high school. Learn how the College and School District partners work together to support Dual Credit students, what some of the issues are from both an administrative and pedagogical perspective, and how to solve them. This session will be of interest to instructors who regularly have Dual Credit students in their classroom, and those who are interested in learning more about it.	Diana Thomson David Kalaski
	11:00 – 11:45	A9: Ever wondered what safety and chocolate have in common?... Then the (new) Employee Health and Safety Orientation is for you. Actually, it's not just for you, it's about you – it's all about you. Employee Health and Safety ... Integrating People, Safety, and Knowledge in all we do at Okanagan College.	Matt Robertson
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	12:45 – 1:30	B2: Taking the Panic out of Public Speaking Do you start to sweat just thinking about public speaking? Do you dread having to make a presentation in front of colleagues, or introducing yourself at an event, or even leading a meeting? This workshop is for you! Learn some strategies and techniques that you can start implementing right away about how to take your speaking performance to the next level.	Kyleen Myrah, Laura Thurnheer, Michelle Tremblay
GYM PC145	12:45 – 1:30	B3: Working together to achieve excellence This workshop will explore principles and practices from high performance team sport that can be applied to the classroom or work environment. It will focus on individual motivation and group dynamics. Specific strategies will help your team to achieve more together and to avoid common pitfalls. Participants should come prepared to do 20 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity with non-marking athletic shoes (no sandals please) and comfortable clothes. Participants with mobility limitations, due to injury or disability, are also welcome and may choose to observe that portion of the presentation.	Wendy Wheeler
	12:45 – 1:30	B4: Event Planning & Protocol Organizing an event can be a daunting task. How do I find the best location? How do I get press involved? An event plan – what's that? For any employee responsible for organizing events big and small this workshop will review the new Event Planning and Protocol section of the Okanagan College website and answer participants' questions.	Joanna Campbell, Christine Ulmer
	12:45 – 1:30	B5: CopyWHAT? Copyright! Ubiquitous access to online information has radically changed the way educators and students find and use educational materials. But just because it's easy to scan an article or download an image for use in your classes doesn't make it legal to do so. Copyright applies in the digital world as it does in print. Come to this session to learn about some of your copying rights and responsibilities.	Ross Tyner
PC219	12:45 – 1:30	B6: More than 'Add-On': Technology as a Teaching and Learning Tool (TUESDAY ONLY) E-texts, social networking, mobile, blended learning...Are you considering integrating some new information and communication technologies in your classes but are unsure where to start? In this session, participants will learn about some new technologies and trends in teaching and learning, assess some of the benefits and challenges, and share ideas about effective technologies for the specific and unique pedagogical goals of participants' own disciplines. Flexibility and customization are the name of the game, so there is something here for everybody!	Rosalind Warner
	12:45 – 1:30	B6: Developing Innovation and Applied Research at Okanagan College (WEDNESDAY ONLY) This session is for those who are interested in further developing innovation and applied research. Canadian colleges are playing an increasingly important role, so we'd like to explore various strategies to grow in this area. Join VP Education Andrew Hay and others in this working session and come prepared to share your ideas. We'll take a look at the Long Term Education Plan and what it has to say about this topic, then discuss the best ways to develop our innovation and applied research agenda.	Andrew Hay
	12:45 – 1:30	B7: TEDTalks Education Educational paradigms, learning philosophies, and pedagogical theory ... as the world of education continues to evolve in support of student learning, have we been right along or should we consider a radical rethink of how we educate students? Using several creative thinkers on the subject of education as a starting point, participants will be asked to do some "homework" before coming to this session by viewing a few TEDTalks videos – then come with their thoughts and opinions to engage in a discussion on how we can/we dare we change how we approach educating students for the 21st century.	David Williams, Kaya Forest
	12:45 – 1:30	B8: The Other F Word - Fundraising The Okanagan College Foundation acts as a connector between donors and students. Last year, 2,122 scholarships, bursaries and financial awards were distributed, totaling more than \$1 million. Fundraising is more than merely asking for money – it's about discovering, establishing and enriching connections. Join us to learn how financial awards are established and how together we can improve access to education for Okanagan College students. We will also talk about how to attract support for College programs through donations and sponsorships. We'll also talk about how you can get involved through your network, program advisors, a planned gift or through the 50/50 Staff Lottery.	OC Foundation Team
1:45 – 2:30 pm			
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	1:45 – 2:30	C2: Backyard BBQ Fantasies a Different Way! Check out BBQ tips from 'another planet' for your backyard entertainment! We will explore a BBQ dish from Thailand, Korea, Japan and a delicious vegetarian BBQ dish. Recipes and hands-on advice included. And of course you will have to eat your product!	Reinhard Foerderer
GYM PC145	1:45 – 2:30	C3: Core And More Yoga A lively, energetic class that focuses primarily on core strength and stability. Taught in an Ashtanga style of yoga, this class will build strength, flexibility and concentration. The session will take place in the gymnasium, so participants must come with active wear and indoor shoes and be prepared to participate in physical activity (change rooms and showers are available). Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats.	Jenn Naiman
	1:45 – 2:30	C4: E-ddictions – Are our students simply plugged in or are they tuned out? (TUESDAY ONLY) It is a familiar scene in my classroom – a student's head is down and their hands are typing some message on a digital device. Is this a problem? Some instructors take the hard line and ban cell phones from the classroom. Others advocate that we must adjust our classroom strategies to match our students' habits and interests. Some have even integrated into the classroom practice the use of digital applications for mobile devices that allow students to access relevant resources. Another issue, however, is looming over this debate. A recent study has shown that students who abstained from cell phone use for 24 hours showed the same withdrawal symptoms associated with narcotic addictions. What are the implications of this for our classrooms? In this workshop/discussion we will offer opportunities (in a technologically neutral environment) for TWITs1 and tweeters alike to express their interests and concerns about these important issues.	Carl Doige
	1:45 – 2:30	C4: Learner Centred Teaching (WEDNESDAY ONLY) Educators are reexamining the traditional model of lecture based classroom sessions where the majority of learning activities are dominated by the instructor. Questions are being asked. How can we increase student engagement and increase students ownership of their own learning? How do we move from being the sage on the stage to the guide on the side and let students become the center of the educational experience? In this interactive workshop/discussion we will provide opportunities for participants to try out some of the activities of the new OC Learner Centred Instructor Certificate program. This new 60-hour, online program is designed to help novice instructors develop and move past content delivery towards becoming learner centred expert instructors.	Rob Kjarsgaard, Dini Steyn
	1:45 – 2:30	C5: One box to search them all: Introducing the Library's new discovery search service The Library has gone a little Google with the introduction of its new discovery search service that will change the way students and instructors find information. Using a simple "Google-like" search box, users can simultaneously search across licensed databases and the Library catalogue to get a list of relevancy-ranked results that match their search query. The introduction of this new search tool will include a walk-through of its search capabilities and a demonstration of its features, such as subject specific search limiters and a mobile interface.	Roën Janyk
	1:45 – 2:30	C6: Responsible Energy Use People often think that energy conservation means working in the dark with a sweater on. Not true. Most people will gladly save energy if they are shown how to do it without sacrificing large amounts of convenience. The college spends over \$1,000,000 every year on energy and if we can find ways to conserve, we will have more budget available for everything else. The startling reality is that we can reduce our bottom line significantly through some basic changes to the way we view our most precious resources. This session will begin by showing us where all of our energy goes and then will conclude by identifying the ways we can make the biggest impact.	Rob St. Onge
	1:45 – 2:30	C7: The End of Civilization and other Fun Group Scenarios for the Classroom This session is about how to design and use group scenarios in the classroom in order to bring out key concepts, change mindsets, shift paradigms, and get students to talk to each other.	Howard Hisdal
	1:45 – 2:30	C8: Okanagan College Works @ Connections Calling all Okanagan College/OCU Alumni – we want to celebrate YOU!!! Did you know that one of the largest employers of Okanagan College alumni is Okanagan College? Join us to connect with your fellow alumni by attending our first ever Okanagan College Works event. Share some wine & cheese with your colleagues, get a great keeper gift pack and learn about all the services and benefits available to you as an alumnus. We'd also like to hear your thoughts on how to better serve you as an alumnus as well as how to enhance the working relationship with your department. Working together, we can improve services for Okanagan College's largest single permanent stakeholder – our Alumni.	Katerina Hay
Main South Entrance CofE	2:30 – 4:00	SOCIAL event	