



## BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

### Hats Off

The LAR team would like to tip their hat to Stephen Brown for his impressive work in developing **MOM** (My Okanagan Math) This comprehensive database of questions provides a wide range of calculations using randomized variables, and spans multiple disciplines including calculus, physics, and accounting. Providing this type of low stakes practice with immediate feedback for students is sure to foster learner success. If you are interested in learning more about this robust resource, Stephen has kindly volunteered to facilitate a workshop on November 7 from 11 – 12. [Register here.](#)

### Points of Note:

#### COOL TOOL ALERT: iNaturalist

Fall is a great time to get out in nature and the iNaturalist app is a wonderful way to become more familiar with the natural world around you. Maybe you wonder what that huge caterpillar is on your tomato plants, or the identity of that duck along the shore. While in London, UK this summer, my daughter sent me a photo of the raspberry-like fruit on a giant tree in Canterbury. She had never seen anything like it. I submitted the photo to the iNaturalist app and not only did it identify the tree as a mulberry tree, but it showed where other users of the app had reported its location around the world. I was then able to surprise her by telling her exactly where she saw the tree! To learn more about the use of this app, check out the iNaturalist [video tutorials](#).

### Upcoming Events:

Planting the Seeds	Aug. 29-30	
Moodle Quick Start	Sept 12	1-2 pm
Research Ethics Board: Everything You Need to Know	Sept. 14	10-11 am
Open Education	Sept. 19	11-12 pm
Moodle Quiz Development	Sept. 26	9-10 am
The 10 Step Process to Curriculum Design	Oct. 18	9-10 am

And more! Visit our entire schedule and register [here](#)



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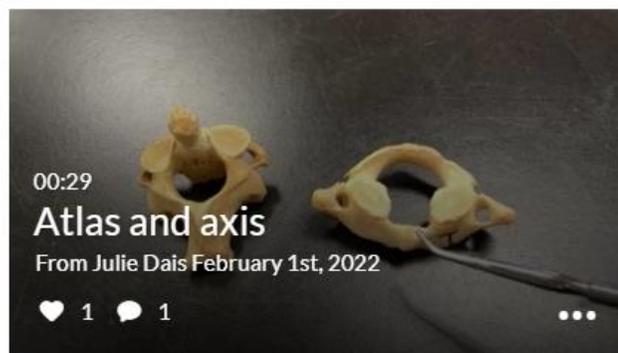
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### Kaltura

Now that Collaborate has officially left the building, you may be interested in learning more about Kaltura, both its virtual classroom and video hosting capabilities. We are offering a number of online training sessions for those who would like a general tour and for those who prefer to dive in a bit deeper. [Register here](#).

If you would like a brief orientation video to share with your students, we invite you to post [Accessing Kaltura](#) in Moodle.

Below is an example of a video created by students (posted by the instructor for confidentiality reasons for this newsletter) and posted to the Kaltura Media Gallery embedded in the Moodle course. The instructor and students in the course can then “Like” and “Comment” on the videos.



### [BCcampus:](#)

FLO Friday: Designing for Authenticity – Aligning Assessment with Intended Learning Outcomes  
Aug. 30 @ 10:30 am – 11:00 am [Register here](#)

FLO MicroCourse: Hybrid Learning  
Sept. 19-25 [Register here](#)

Research Speaker Series  
Oct. 4 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm *Registration Coming Soon!*



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### Interesting [Podcasts](#)

Please check out our new podcast section of the Bi-weekly. The podcast is called “Our Teaching Practice” and explores the experiences of Okanagan College instructors and faculty associated with their day-to-day teaching practice. Please visit [here!](#)

### Respondus 4.0 Annual Installation Password Update

Each year the password for Respondus 4.0 is updated. Contact [edtech@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:edtech@okanagan.bc.ca) to receive the new one. Respondus 4.0 is used for question bank imports.

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# LEARNING & APPLIED RESEARCH

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## Meet the BC BTAC team (British Columbia Beverage Technology Access Centre)



### WESLEY PETERSON

*General Manager, BC BTAC*

Wes leads the Centre to support research, development and innovation for the beverage sector across Canada as part of its joint mandate between Okanagan College and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) in Ottawa.



### CATHERINE KUBIS

*Executive Assistant BC BTAC*

Catherine Kubis joined the BC Beverage Technology Access Centre in 2019 as the Executive Assistant, and is excited to continue advocating and learning more about the fermented beverage industry in the beautiful Okanagan Valley.



### BEN ISAKSEN

*Laboratory Technician*

Ben is the most recent addition to the team at BCBTAC but that doesn't mean he's a stranger to wine. He has for the last 20 years been involved in the Okanagan wine industry in varying capacities – from Sommelier to vineyard supervisor/cellar assistant to Lab Technician at Okanagan Wine Lab.



### DR. LEONARD LERNER

*Chemistry Chair, Okanagan College*

Leonard Lerner was involved with the initial application for the BC BTAC and continues to stay on as a researcher. He has been both teaching organic chemistry and involved in many interdisciplinary research projects for more than 20 years.



### JANICE ACIO

*Laboratory Technician*

Janice Acio is a Laboratory Technician who uses her knowledge of chemistry and instrumentation to perform analysis on fermented beverages at BC BTAC. Following her BSc in Chemical Engineering from University of Negros Occidental Recoletos, Philippines, Acio worked with well-established beverage companies such as Arterra Wines Canada and Coca Cola Bottlers



### DR. SONJA LLOYD

*Laboratory Technician*

Sonja Lloyd recently joined the BC Beverage Technology Access Centre as Laboratory Technician where she handles all things microbiology. Sonja has worked with microbes in one form or another for the past twenty years.



### SAVANNA MADDOX

*Microbiology Lab Technician*

Savanna Maddock is a recent hire of BCBTAC working on microbial testing and research on beverages. She has a background in microbiology and horticulture and is currently working on her master's degree studying Cannabis genetics.



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Our LAR and Ed Tech team is here to help you with your instructional questions using Moodle and innovative ways to teach online, and we look forward to working with you to show you how to get the most out of the experience. Reaching us by our emails at [LAR](#) / [Ed Tech](#) is the **very best** way to connect with us. We aim to respond as soon as we are able so that we can support you in finding good solutions to your questions. Please ensure you include the detailed course name and as much information as you can when making an inquiry.