

Pedagogical Day ■ Tuesday, November 11, 2008

A number of workshops may be of interest to **non-teaching personnel**. The College encourages as many as possible to participate in the workshops. Non-teaching staff should arrange their schedules with their immediate supervisors to ensure that necessary services are available.

Keynote Address



**A. Keynote Address:
"Teachers Making a
Difference"**
By Taylor Mali
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
in the Auditorium

Taylor Mali is a teacher and poet, who is generally considered to be the most successful poetry slam strategist of all time. Mali was one of the original poets to appear on the HBO original series "Russell

Simmons Presents Def Poetry." He was also the "golden-tongued, Armani clad villain" of Paul Devlin's 1997 documentary film "SlamNation," which chronicled the National Poetry Slam Championship of 1996, the year of Mali's first national team championship.

Anative of New York City and vocal advocate of teachers and the nobility of teaching, Mali himself spent nine years in the classroom teaching everything from English and History to Math S.A.T. test preparation. He has performed and lectured for teachers all over the world. Mali received a New York Foundation for the Arts Grant in 2001 to develop "Teacher! Teacher!" a one-man show about poetry, teaching, and math

which won the jury prize for best solo performance at the 2001 U. S. Comedy Arts Festival.

Taylor Mali's Mission Statement:

"I want to help reform education ... from top to bottom. I want to be part of the movement that makes an entire generation of college graduates consider teaching before business or law school. I want to help support responsible alternative paths to certification so as to make it easier for smart, successful, and qualified people in their 30s and older to become teachers ... But most of all, I want to be a spokesman for teaching's nobility, one of the poets laureate of passion in the classroom."

Morning Workshops

B. Teaching for Understanding by Steve Hreha, Teacher, Champlain College - St. Lambert and PERFORMA Master Teacher Program 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., A-401

Planning a course usually leads us to consider our aims, objectives and assessments. Being clear about these, we believe, will help us prepare a more meaningful and rewarding classroom experience for our students. While thinking in this way contributes to better planning, there is an additional element which is all too often overlooked, helping students understand. What does achieving "understanding" mean? How can we teach for "understanding"? How do we recognize it when it occurs? In this workshop participants will be introduced to the ideas and strategies connected with teaching for understanding. How understanding is achieved and how it can be assessed will be the principal focus of the workshop.

C. Queering Up the Curriculum: Incorporating LGBTTIQ into your Discipline by Jacky Vallée and Judy Ingerman 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, A-314

This workshop will provide you with the tools that can be used to incorporate LGBTTIQ (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/transsexual/intersex/queer) issues into your course curriculum in pedagogically sound ways. The workshop format will allow participants to work on ways to achieve this in their different disciplines. It is aimed at people who have a basic understanding of these terms either from an Open Door Network sensitization workshop or from previous exposure to the LGBTTIQ community. (max. 20 participants)

D. Workshop on Sustainability by Robert Isabelle 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, A-342

If you are interested in learning more about the sustainability project at Vanier or if you would like to participate in it, come and join us at this workshop. Here are some of the questions we will address:

- What is sustainable development?
- What has Vanier done so far in terms of sustainability?
- What are the objectives for 2008/2009?
- What is the certification Cégep Vert du Québec?
- What are the 4 R principles?

E. Workshop on Learning Disabilities by Cindy Blauer and Katia Giannikakis, Teacher, Special Care Counselling, Lasalle College 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, A-311

This workshop will provide information about learning disabilities (definition of the terms, related symptoms and subtypes). Reasonable accommodations (ways to help level the playing field for students with disabilities and promote student success) will be suggested and expanded upon. Ambassadors will share their life stories about surfing the educational system and succeeding against the odds. An emphasis will be placed on encouraging the young adult with learning disabilities to self-advocate and access support as required. A question and answer period will follow.

Afternoon Workshops

F. Pedagogical Skills to Convey Mathematical and Abstract Concepts to Students by Anna Sierpiska and Hong Yue (Concordia University Mathematics Department) 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m., A-342

This workshop will tackle the challenge of helping students who come to class with weak algebraic skills and low motivation. Get the knowledge and tools to reach out to more of your students from experts in the field of Mathematics Didactic.

G. Using Poetry in the Classroom by Taylor Mali 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m., Amphitheatre B-223

In this workshop participants will learn tips, techniques and prompts to get students excited about writing poetry. This is an active workshop so come with paper and pen, certainly, but more importantly, a willingness to write honestly and artfully while exploring the benefits of using poetry in the classroom.

H. Preventing Plagiarism in an Online World by Marleigh Greaney and Rose De Souza 1:15p.m.-2:45 p.m., A-401

Plagiarism and other forms of cheating are a growing concern in education. Quick and easy access to a variety of resources on the Internet leads many students to produce assignments by simply copying and pasting relevant sections from a few websites. This workshop will look at preventing and detecting plagiarism. A special emphasis will be placed on student assessment and how assignments can be designed to minimize the potential for cheating.

I. The Benefits of Healthy Nutrition by Sandra Grant, Clinical Dietitian/ Nutritionist 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m., A-311

In addition to supplying the basic nutritional needs of the body, good nutrition can increase energy levels, improve concentration, reduce the effects of aging and lessen the risk of diseases such as cancer, heart disease, arthritis and osteoporosis to name a few. All of these benefits can lead to a happier, healthier and more productive life. This workshop will help you to see how different foods affect us in different ways, so you will be better prepared to determine fact from fiction.

J. Tai Chi & Chi Kung Workshop by Sergio Arione 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m., Palestre

This is your opportunity to meet master teacher Sergio Arione and to be introduced to the ancient art of meditation in motion—an integrated mind-body system that gently exercises over 700 body parts. The Tai Chi Workshop will include Traditional Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan exercises to relax and improve balance and concentration. The Siu Lohan Chi Kung exercises are Zen Buddhist practices geared to calm the mind through ancient breathing techniques that go back eight centuries. No need to change into exercise gear: come as you are!

K. From Age-ing to Sage-ing by Henny Feldman, Private Consultant in Social Work 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., A-311

Our extended life span has provided us with unique opportunities to create a new vision of growing older. Come join us in an interactive workshop as we explore issues concerning maturity, aging and our changing role in society.

L. Podcasting Clinic by Raymond Cantin, Project Manager, English Colleges Network La Vitrine Technologie-Éducation 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., A-401

Podcasting is revolutionizing education. More and more teachers use podcasting as a new tool to deliver content to their students. Use it to distribute homework assignments, record books or create language sessions that students can review at their own pace. This podcasting clinic for faculty members is a hands-on experience; it will show the basics you need to start podcasting for education.

M. Microsoft Excel 2007 by Peter Durand 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., D-242

As an introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007, you will learn all about the new interface and how to take advantage of some of the new features. We will look at the basic concepts of Excel 2007, how to format data and how to create simple formulas. Even though this will not be an in-depth presentation, questions regarding Excel 2007 will be answered.

N. Encouraging Student Participation in the Classroom by Carolyn Dellah, Former Vanier College Teacher; Teacher, PERFORMA Master Teacher Program 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., A-342

Most teachers know that when students are engaged with the material being presented in class, they are then able to recall and apply the knowledge they have acquired. The trick is to know how to engage the students. We have either tried or been subjected to many techniques: clever anecdotes, visual aids, dramatic performances, a riveting lecture, or class discussions. It is often a hit or miss experience with some students being "riveted", while others are not. Getting all students in the classroom to actively participate in a meaningful way, as opposed to being a passive recipient, is viewed, by educational researchers and experienced teachers, as the key to success.

The goal of this workshop is to explore the various ways teachers can encourage students to be actively involved in the learning that takes place in the classroom.

O. Retirement Seminar by Peter Deslauriers 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Amphitheatre B-223

This seminar, organized by the VCTA, is open to all members of the Vanier community. Peter Deslauriers, former President of the Dawson Teachers' Union, currently retired, will be giving a brief introduction of the major items with which all soon-to-be-retirees should be familiar, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Lunch

There is a luncheon special for \$5.00 starting at 12:00 noon! Come join your colleagues!

Lunch menu includes choice of soup or tomato juice; pasta or calzone (vegetarian choices available), or roast chicken dinner; dessert and beverage.

Please purchase tickets now at the Print Shop counter or from Judy Martin, H-300.

Buy your ticket early so that we can keep the Cafeteria informed of how many people to expect.

Coffee breaks are courtesy of the College, at 8:30 am, 10:15 am, and 2:45 pm in the Student Mall, F-100.

Happy Hour, 4:30 pm in the Student Mall, F-100
Co-sponsored by the V.C.T.A. and the Academic Dean's Office

Registration

To register for any of the Ped Day activities, please e-mail your choice of workshop(s), including the keynote address, as well as your department and telephone number to academicdean@vaniercollege.qc.ca by the latest on Friday November 7, 2008. A confirmation will be returned via e-mail as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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