

- A monthly listing of teaching and learning news and events, published by the Centre for Leadership in Learning (CLL) -

**Exciting news!**  
The Centre for Leadership in Learning (CLL) is now on Twitter. Follow us at @McMasterCLL to get up-to-date information about CLL events and teaching and learning.

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**“Education 750: Principles and Practices of University Teaching”**

is a credit course in university teaching offered three times per year to McMaster graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

The focus is on honing essential pedagogical and practical teaching skills including: curriculum design, teaching and assessment strategies, and developing a teaching portfolio.

Education 750 is full for the January, 2013 term.

The next course will begin May, 2013.

It is tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, May 7, 2013 - July 30, 2013.

Registration will open in March, 2013 through SOLAR. For more information, contact Catherine Swanson ([swanson@mcmaster.ca](mailto:swanson@mcmaster.ca)).

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### Important Dates: Fall 2012

- **December 6, 10, & 13, 9:00am to 5:00pm each day** - Instructional Skills Workshop for graduate students. For more information or to register, contact Kris Knorr ([knorrk@mcmaster.ca](mailto:knorrk@mcmaster.ca)).
- **December 10-14, various times** - Avenue to Learn Training. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. Register at <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/help/form-training.php>.
- **December 11 & 14, 9:30am to 1:00pm each day** - Course Design Workshop. This two-part, two-day workshop will provide participants with an overview of key components of course design including: creating intended learning outcomes, navigating institutional policies (such as ordering bookstore materials and understanding academic integrity responsibilities), selecting teaching activities and methods of assessment, and learning how to gather feedback on teaching. Participants will leave the workshop with a working draft of a course outline, receive feedback on their materials, and learn how to access existing services and supports across campus. This workshop is open to all faculty, instructors, postdoctoral fellows, and senior doctoral students. Participants will attend both days. The workshop will be held in the General Sciences Building, 101. Please register at <http://cll.mcmaster.ca/events/>. For more information, contact Marie Vander Kloet ([vandema@mcmaster.ca](mailto:vandema@mcmaster.ca)).

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### Important Dates: Winter 2013

- **January 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, & 11, various times** - Avenue to Learn Training. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. Register at <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/help/form-training.php>.
- **January 16 (and each Wednesday thereafter), 2:30pm to 3:30pm** - Pedagogy Community of Practice Meetings. The location of the meetings will be posted in the January, 2013 CLL Update. For more information, contact Chris Teeter ([teetercj@mcmaster.ca](mailto:teetercj@mcmaster.ca)).

**The CLL Teaching and Learning Grants application deadline for grants up to \$10,000 is February 1, 2013.** Visit <http://tinyurl.com/cllgrants> or contact Erin Allard ([allarde@mcmaster.ca](mailto:allarde@mcmaster.ca)) for more information.

### **McMaster Seminar on Higher Education: Practice, Policy, and Public Life**

The aim of this lecture series, presented by the Office of the President, is to encourage dialogue and inspire critical thought within the McMaster and broader Hamilton communities. Two upcoming events for the series are:

#### **“Building Transnational Research and Learning Cultures”**

Dr. Diana Brydon  
(University of Manitoba)

January 10, 2013  
2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Council Chambers,  
Gilmour Hall, 111

#### **“Class Action: Human Rights, Critical Activism, and Community-Engaged Learning”**

Dr. Ajay Heble  
(University of Guelph),  
with responses from  
Dr. Amber Dean &  
Dr. Walt Peace  
(McMaster University)

January 24, 2013  
1:00pm to 3:00pm  
Council Chambers,  
Gilmour Hall, 111

- **January 18, 1:00pm to 3:00pm** - Social Justice and Critical Pedagogy Community of Practice Meeting. This **NEW** Community of Practice will consist of faculty, students, and staff interested in pursuing social justice through teaching and work in higher education. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. For more information, contact Marie Vander Kloet ([vandema@mcmaster.ca](mailto:vandema@mcmaster.ca)).
- **January 21, February 25, & March 25, 11:30am to 1:00pm** - Accessibility Community of Practice Meetings. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. For more information, contact Bonny Jung ([jungb@mcmaster.ca](mailto:jungb@mcmaster.ca)).
- **January 23, 12:30pm to 1:30pm** - Level 1 Instructors Community of Practice Meeting. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. For more information, contact Lovaye Kajiura ([kajiura@mcmaster.ca](mailto:kajiura@mcmaster.ca)).
- **January 24, February 28, & March 21, 1:00pm to 2:30pm** - Community Engaged Education Community of Practice Meetings. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. For more information, contact Adam Kuhn ([akuhn@mcmaster.ca](mailto:akuhn@mcmaster.ca)).
- **January 24, March 6, & April 16, 12:30pm to 1:30pm** - Research on Teaching and Learning Community of Practice Meetings. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. For more information, contact Sarah Symons ([symonss@mcmaster.ca](mailto:symonss@mcmaster.ca)).
- **January 28, 12:30pm to 1:30pm** - Teaching Professors Community of Practice Meeting. CLL Teaching Commons Inquiry Classroom, Mills Library 504. For more information, contact Elzbieta Grodek ([grodeke@mcmaster.ca](mailto:grodeke@mcmaster.ca)).
- **February 15** - Paul R. MacPherson Teaching Fellowships application deadline. The program seeks to identify, through a peer-reviewed application process, faculty members who have demonstrated exemplary teaching practices and who show promise of becoming outstanding educators. The fellowship consists of: lifetime appointment as a McMaster Teaching Fellow, up to \$40,000 to work on a project leading to a tangible outcome that will enhance teaching and learning, and release from a portion of the Fellow’s typical faculty responsibilities to allow time to work on the project. Submit nominations to the CLL. For more information, visit [http://cll.mcmaster.ca/awards\\_and\\_grants/macpherson\\_fellows/index.html](http://cll.mcmaster.ca/awards_and_grants/macpherson_fellows/index.html) or contact Beth Marquis ([beth.marquis@mcmaster.ca](mailto:beth.marquis@mcmaster.ca)).

**CLL Update will be circulated monthly in order to alert the McMaster community to CLL news and events. If you have questions/comments about the Update, please contact Erin Allard ([allarde@mcmaster.ca](mailto:allarde@mcmaster.ca)). For further information about the CLL and its services, see: <http://cll.mcmaster.ca>**