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Thompson Rivers University Campus, Kamloops, B.C.

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Conference Schedule

The conference will be held on the 1st and 2nd floor of **Brown Family House of Learning (HL)**.

Address: [965 College Drive, Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8](#)

Day 1

8:00 – 8:30 am

Registration & Coffee

Room: Lobby by HL 102/104

8:30 – 9:00 am

Opening Remarks (Dr. Brett McCollum) & Elder's Welcome

Room: HL 190

9:00 – 10:00 am

Keynote by Dr. Melanie Hamilton

Title: Nurturing Curiosity: The Role of Reflective Practices in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Room: HL 190

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break with coffee and snacks

Room: HL 102/104

10:15 – 11:15 am (Concurrent Session 1)

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Student Voices on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion

Room: HL 204

Chair: Tanya Manning-Lewis

Presentation 1 (10:15-10:40)

Title: *Who Inspires Future Chemists? Examining Role Models in First-Year Chemistry*

Presenters: Lindsay Blackstock; Jessica Allingham

Presentation 2 (10:45-11:10)

Title: *Beyond Performative EDI: Using Students' Narratives to Drive Change*

Presenters: Olubukola Bosede Osuntade; Tanya Manning-Lewis; Leticia Kanywuiro; Olabisi Ale Olorunfemi

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Addressing the Academic Challenges of AI

Room: HL 269

Chair: Shailoo Bedi

Presentation 1 (10:15-10:40)

Title: *Partnership on University Plagiarism Prevention (PUPP): Teacher Strategies to Prevent Plagiarism and AIgiarism*

Presenters: Jim Hu; Mia Xie

Presentation 2 (10:45-11:10)

Title: *Generative AI in Graduate Work: From Concerns to Competence*

Presenters: Christian Bock; Shailoo Bedi

Workshop 1: Understanding faculty ambivalence: Exploring faculty lived experiences with Universal Design for Learning implementation

Room: HL 210

Chair: Melanie Latham

Workshop 1 (10:15-11:05)

Title: *Understanding faculty ambivalence: Exploring faculty lived experiences with Universal Design for Learning implementation*

Presenters: Frederic Fovet ; John Paul Vallente; Xinyuan Li; My Huynh

11:15 – 12:15 pm (Concurrent Session 2)

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Belonging and Identity in STEM

Room: HL 204

Chair: Jessica Allingham

Presentation 1 (11:15-11:40)

Title: *Factors Influencing Identity and Belonging Among Second-Year Science Students*

Presenter: W. Stephen McNeil

Presentation 2 (11:45-12:10)

Title: *Soapbox Science in Kamloops: Inspiring Curiosity and Connection Through Inclusive STEM Engagement*

Presenters: Ayisha Kunhipurayil; Chovvakkaranork Atteriyil ; Jessica Allingham

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Innovative Scholarly Teaching Practices

Room: HL 269

Chair: Amanda Brobbe

Presentation 1 (11:15-11:40)

Title: *Beyond Flipped: Lessons Learned from Hybrid Delivery of a Year One Communication Course*

Presenters: Jannik Haruo Eikenaar, Graeme Webb

Presentation 2 (11:45-12:10)

Title: *Fostering a “culture of relationality” in Academic Integrity*

Presenters: Rina Garcia Chua, Amanda Brobbel

Workshop 2: Connecting with Indigenous Ways of Knowing – Settler Educator Journeys

Room: HL 210

Chair: Riley Petillion

Workshop 2 (11:15-12:05)

Title: *Connecting with Indigenous Ways of Knowing – Settler Educator Journeys*

Presenters: Bhuvinder Singh Vaid; Bettina Boyle; Shawn Xiong; Kate Thompson; Monica Palkowski

12:15-1:15 pm

Lunch

Room: HL 190

1:15 – 2:15 pm (Concurrent Session 3)**Concurrent Presentations Theme: Innovative Pedagogies**

Room: HL 204

Chair: Natasha Ramroop Singh

Presentation 1 (1:45-2:10)

Title: *Improving Chemistry Education for Biology Students*

Presenter: Natasha Ramroop Singh

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Learning through Artmaking

Room: HL 269

Chair: Naowarat Cheeptham (Ann)

Presentation 1 (1:15-1:40)

Title: *From Algorithms to Art: process, creation and perception of students using Artificial Intelligence in post-secondary art making*

Presenter: Twyla Exner

Presentation 2 (1:45-2:10)

Title: *Microbiology Literacy Outreach Through Public Kinetic Sculpture Art Exhibitions*

Presenters: Naowarat Cheeptham (Ann); Lily Dalley

Workshop 3: Designing Assessment As, Of and For learning with GenAI tools

Room: HL 210

Chair: Brett McCollum

Workshop 3 (1:15-2:05)

Title: *Designing Assessment As, Of and For learning with GenAI tools*

Presenter: Gwen Nguyen

2:15 – 3:00 pm**Poster Sessions & Snack Break**

Room: HL 102/104

Poster Session Descriptions

- *Personal Responsibility: An Expected Outcome of Undergraduate Science*
by Megan Lochhead
- *Gamifying Carbon Footprint Education for Engineering Students*
by Anber Rana, Humera Mughal
- *Exploring the SoTL Landscape at UBC Okanagan*
by Riley Petillion
- *StudyHub Pilot Project: Focused Learning and Connection in a Virtual Space*
by Catherine Tataraniuk, Sina Keshvadi
- *Charting New Waters at TRU: Reflections of the First SoTL Scholars Cohort at TRU*
by Jessica Allingham, Alexis Brown, Robin Westland, Leanne Mihalicz, Natasha Ramroop Singh, Diane Janes, Tanya Manning-Lewis
- *SoTL Scholars Showcase: Classroom to Commons: Measuring how student-centered media enhances learning and expands OER use and acceptance*
by Natasha Ramroop Singh, Ayish COK, Olivia Romero
- *SoTL Scholars Showcase: Partnership on University Plagiarism Prevention (PUPP): Teacher Strategies to Prevent Plagiarism and AIgiarism*
by Jim Hu, Mia Xie
- *SoTL Scholars Showcase: Role Models Matter: An Analysis of Who General Chemistry Students Selected and Why*
by Jessica Allingham, Lindsay Blackstock, Sharon Brewer
- *SoTL Scholars Showcase: Teaching Beyond The Classroom in Cooperative Education*
by Leanne Mihalicz, Sarah Gibson, Harshita Dhiman, Mayanthi Bhagya Basnayake, Ilia V. Cazares Garrido

3:00 – 4:00 pm (Concurrent Session 4)

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Trauma-Informed Pedagogies and Inclusive Assessments

Room: HL 204

Chair: Christie Fraser

Presentation 1 (3:00-3:25)

Title: *Evidencing the Impact of Trauma-informed Practices in an EDI-Focused Graduate Course*

Presenters: Tanya Manning-Lewis; Olivia Mendez Romero; Bharti Tomar

Presentation 2 (3:30-3:55)

Title: *Showcasing Unicorn Assessment: Demonstrations of Creativity, Inclusion, and Decolonization in Assessment and Evaluation*

Presenter: Christie Fraser

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Collaborative Programming

Room: HL 269

Presentation 1 (3:00-3:25)

Title: *Whose Literacy is it Anyway? Developing a Librarian-lead Honours College Literacy Course at Thompson Rivers University*

Presenter: Ben Mitchell

Presentation 2 (3:30-3:55) - Withdrawn

Workshop 4: Navigating the SoTL publishing process: a conversation with Journal editors

Room: HL 210

Chair: Jessica Allingham

Workshop 4 (3:00-3:50)

Title: Navigating the SoTL publishing process: a conversation with Journal editors

Presenters: Brett McCollum; Jannik Eikenaar

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Social

Room: HL 190

Day 2

8:00 – 8:30 am

Registration & Coffee

Room: Lobby by HL 102/104

8:30 – 9:30 am (Concurrent Session 5)

Concurrent Presentations Theme: Developing Educational Models

Room: HL 204

Chair: Sally Stewart

Presentation 1 (8:30-8:55)

Title: *An Online Safety and Privacy Awareness Module for Post-Secondary Students*

Presenters: Sina Keshvadi; Catherine Tatarniuk; Shaylee Broadfoot; Raiden Yamaoka

Presentation 2 (9:00-9:25)

Title: *EMPHASize; Curriculum modules for health profession programs on eating disorders*

Presenters: Sally Stewart; Jill Gerlof; Sarah Purcell; Maya Libben; Dennis Jasper

Concurrent Presentations Theme: AI in teaching and learning

Presentation 1 (8:30-8:55)

Title: *First Steps in Indigenizing Scientific Brain Based Content Using AI*

Presenter: Chris Montoya

Presentation 2 (9:00-9:25)

Title: *Is using AI for class prep an efficacious option? A post semester review of AI teaching tips, trade-offs and tactics.*

Presenters: Rhonda McCreight, Lisa Dyck, Patti Boyd, Dallas Hengstler

Workshop 5: Celebrating teaching and learning with the 2025 recipients of the West Coast Teaching Excellence Award

Room: HL 210

Chair: Brett McCollum

Workshop 5 (8:30-9:20)

Title: *Celebrating teaching and learning with the 2025 recipients of the West Coast Teaching Excellence Award*

Presenter: Brett McCollum

9:30 – 10:00 am (Concurrent Session 6)

Concurrent Presentation: Professional Development for a Shifting Post-Secondary Environment

Room: HL 204

Chair: Wei Yan

Presentation (9:30-9:55)

Title: *Professional Development for a Shifting Post-Secondary Environment*

Presenters: Helena Prins

Concurrent Presentation: Support outside the classroom: The impact of 24/7 assignment and study support on critical thinking skills and student confidence

Room: HL 269

Chair: Diane Janes

Presentation (9:30-9:55)

Title: *Support outside the classroom: The impact of 24/7 assignment and study support on critical thinking skills and student confidence*

Presenters: Chris Helsby, Roberta Jenkins, Alicia Chin, Jared Steuernol

Concurrent Presentation: Teaching Outside the Box

Room: HL 210

Chair: Rhonda McCreight

Presentation (9:30-9:55)

Title: *Teaching Outside the Box*

Presenter: Erin Koorbatoff

10:00 – 10:20 am**Break with coffee and snacks****Room:** HL 102/104**10:20 – 10:50 am (Concurrent Session 7)****Concurrent Presentation: Reducing complexity of the Differential Calculus courses****Room:** HL 204**Chair:** Carolyn Ives**Presentation (10:20-10:45)****Title:** Reducing complexity of the Differential Calculus courses**Presenter:** Peter Smoczynski**Concurrent Presentation: Open pedagogy as an ethical leadership praxis****Room:** HL 269**Chair:** Alexis Brown**Presentation (10:20-10:45)****Title:** Open pedagogy as an ethical leadership praxis**Presenters:** Alana Hoare, Olubukola Bosede Osuntade, Rumana Patel**Concurrent Presentation: Integrating Scholarly Teaching into BCcampus Research Fellows Program****Room:** HL 210**Chair:** Brad Forsyth**Presentation (10:20-10:45)****Title:** *Integrating Scholarly Teaching into BCcampus Research Fellows Program***Presenters:** Leva Lee, Gwen Nguyen**10:50 – 11:50 am****Invited Panel – From Practice to Possibility: Faculty Voices on Open Education**

Room: HL 190

Panelists: Marie Bartlett, Jamie Drozda, Natasha Ramroop Singh, Peter Tsigaris

Moderator: Brenda Smith

11:50 – 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Room: HL 190