Fall 2016 English Dept. Lead TA Workshops – Schedule & Descriptions

All sessions listed below fulfill credit requirements for the Western Certificate in University Teaching and Learning offered through the Teaching Support Centre. Register for workshops here: https://www.lib.uwo.ca/tsc/calendar/view_program.php?id=693

**Leading Tutorials:**
Friday September 16th, 10:30-12:30, AHB 2R21
- This workshop, run annually in the department, is a mandatory training session for teaching assistants responsible for leading tutorials at Western’s English Department for the first time. All TAs are encouraged to come out and share their experiences.

**Effective Marking Practices:**
Friday September 30th, 10:30-12:30, AHB 2R21
- This workshop, run annually in the department, is a mandatory training session for all new TAs in the English Department. We discuss marking strategies and familiarize ourselves with departmental guidelines and policies for marking.

**Delivering Dynamic Lectures:**
Friday November 4th, 1:30-3:00, AHB 2B02
- Teaching assistants are often invited to deliver guest lectures, but the task often seems enigmatic and daunting. This workshop will help beginning lecturers prepare with practicable strategies for preparation, structure, and delivery. Participants will receive tips for how to get beyond the script, mitigate lesson anxiety, deploy active learning strategies, and manage classroom time. Also, of course, yummy snacks!

**Team Teaching and the Collaborative Classroom:**
Friday November 25th, 1:30-3:00, AHB 2B02
- Your TAship can seem isolating, but this workshop stresses the fact that TAs are always part of a teaching team—professors, TAs, and students form part of a multi-directional nexus of collaborative teaching and learning. This workshop features helpful advice from guest speakers Dr. Joel Faflak and Josh Lambier, who have co-designed innovative course content in their course, “The Culture of Leadership,” and beyond. This workshop will offer strategies, participant-led explorations, and hands-on tips for cultivating creative collaborative classroom pedagogy.