Winter 2017 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. Find more information on the certificate here: https://www.uwo.ca/tsc/graduate_student_programs/western_certificate/

Teaching Essay Writing
January 27th, 1:30-3:00 p.m., AHB 2R21
- Teaching writing is one of our most important jobs as English TAs. This is the area where you can make a lasting, positive impact on your students. Yet our supervisors only have so much time to help us develop this crucial skill. This workshop, featuring doctoral candidate and former LGTA Kevin Shaw as guest speaker, will offer tips, activities, and pedagogical theory that will help you make your students into better writers.

The Teaching-Research Nexus
February 17th, 1:30-3:00 p.m., AHB 2R21
- Most TAs in the English Department are both researchers and teachers. In terms of time management and robustness of productivity, it is in the interest of instructor-researchers to cultivate a symbiotic relationship between teaching and research. This workshop, featuring the English Department’s Professor Kate Stanley as a guest speaker, offers strategies and activities to help you productively synthesize your teaching and research practices.

Course Design
March 10th, 1:30-3:00 p.m., AHB 2R21
- This workshop is geared towards graduate students interested in designing their own course or syllabus. If possible, bring an idea for a course you’d like to teach one day (it can be as simple as “intro to English literature”). After going over the fundamentals of English literature course design, you will create a rough draft of a syllabus in your field. This will be useful for people applying for sessional work and completing the written component of the Certificate in University Teaching.

Teaching Symposium
April, further details TBA
- I invite expressions of interest from graduate students who would like to give a 5-10 minute panel presentation on a teaching-related topic of their choice at an April 2017 departmental teaching symposium. Come for the great teaching line on your CV, stay for the genuine conversation about teaching. Please email queries and expressions of interest to dhuebert@uwo.ca.