

Teaching Moves out of the Classroom and into the Community

The University of Alberta's annual Festival of Teaching is changing, becoming a year-round celebration of excellence and innovation in teaching. The goal is twofold: first, to open multiple avenues for the U of A community to engage in a broad exploration and discussion of teaching and pedagogical methods, and second, to work in partnership with groups and units across campus to create and augment stimulating events with a pedagogical focus.

The Festival of Teaching theme for 2013 is "Teaching Moves," highlighting the action of teaching, and the various ways in which teaching practices and teachers continuously evolve, pushing traditional boundaries while always striving to motivate, inspire, and move students.



Tara Fenwick,
University of Stirling Chair
in Professional Education

On March 6th, the Festival of Teaching is joining with the Department of Human Ecology to present a series of three events with special guest **Tara Fenwick**, Chair in Professional Education and expert in experiential learning at the University of Stirling. The first event is the annual Empey Lecture, delivered in honour of Dr. Elizabeth Empey, Dean of Home Economics at the University of Alberta from 1960 to 1976.

After a long history of experiments and refinements, experiential or 'practice-based' learning seems now to be a breaking wave—a core part of undergraduate and professional education across campuses in North America and Europe. But what is being learned? And what are communities gaining from all these well intended efforts? What knowledge is at stake and what futures?

Tara Fenwick's talk, *Breaking Waves: Rethinking Experiential Learning for Community Engagement*, will explore key debates in experiential learning, persistent tensions in the practices, and new directions for consideration by those interested in promoting more thoughtful community engagement through practice-based learning. Two additional events with Tara Fenwick are also planned to stimulate further discussion on other aspects of experiential learning (listed in the sidebar).

Tara Fenwick has written extensively about experiential and practice-based learning and is director of ProPEL, an international research network in professional practice, education and learning. She completed her PhD at the University of Alberta and took up her first tenure-track academic post here in the Department of Educational Policy Studies from 1999-2007, before moving on to the University of Stirling.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome. To register for any or all events, please visit fot.ualberta.ca.



EVENT #1 (EMPEY LECTURE):

BREAKING WAVES:
Rethinking Experiential Learning for Community Engagement

TARA FENWICK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Light refreshments to follow from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Maple Leaf Room, Lister Hall

EVENT #2:

CAMPUS-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR LEARNING:

A Panel Discussion moderated by Tara Fenwick and Sheree Kwong See

ALISON TAYLOR

(Director, Community Service-Learning)

MORTEN ASFELDT

(Associate Professor, Augustana)

TANIA KAJNER

(graduate student)

NEIL BRETT

(undergraduate student)

BEN WEINLICK

(community partner)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Maple Leaf Room, Lister Hall

EVENT #3:

Experiential Learning Salon with Tara Fenwick
(co-hosted by the Faculty of Extension)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Triffo Hall foyer

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

CAFA DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARDS

The annual Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations (CAFA) Awards, the Distinguished Academic Award and the Distinguished Academic Early Career Award, are specifically designed to honour excellence and raise awareness of the many ways in which research and/or scholarly, creative or professional activities have made outstanding contributions to the wider community beyond the universities.

Nominees must be current members of one of the academic staff associations within CAFA (e.g. AASAU). For a group nomination, a majority of group members, including the primary researcher or group leader, must be current members of one of the CAFA academic staff associations. Nominees for the Distinguished Academic Early Career Award must be no more than eight years beyond the completion of a doctoral degree or equivalent qualification. The deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, April 19, 2013**.

CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR

The title of Centennial Professor was created to recruit, and in exceptional circumstances to retain, outstanding Professors to the University of Alberta. Centennial Professor is bestowed on members of the academy who have achieved outstanding distinction in their area of research and scholarship, teaching, and who have earned favourable regard from the community.

Any individual new to the University who is eligible to be appointed as a full-time member ranked as Professor of the Faculty (Categories 1.1 and A1.5) and in exceptional circumstances, for purposes of retention, may be nominated for the title of Centennial Professor. Nominations are accepted on a continual basis.

UNIVERSITY CUP

The University Cup is the highest honour the University of Alberta can bestow on a member of its academic staff and is granted only to those individuals who have achieved outstanding distinction in each of the areas of scholarly research, teaching, and service to the University and the community at large.

Any full-time member of the academic teaching staff with 20 years of service as a faculty member in a university community and at least ten years of service as a faculty member at the University of Alberta may be nominated for the University Cup. The deadline to submit nominations is **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**.

VARGO TEACHING CHAIR

The Vargo Teaching Chair was created to foster excellence in teaching at the University. This program is committed to support individuals demonstrating innovative and creative teaching methods which enhance learning by undergraduate and graduate students. Any full-time Associate Professor or Full Professor at the University of Alberta may be appointed as a Vargo Chair. The deadline to submit nominations is **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**.

ORDER OF CANADA

The Order of Canada recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community, and service to the nation. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country.

All Canadians are eligible for the Order of Canada, with the exception of federal and provincial politicians and judges while in office. Any person or group is welcome to nominate a deserving individual as candidate for appointment to the Order of Canada. There is no deadline for nominations as it is an on-going process.

OTHER UPCOMING DEADLINES

Submission deadline for the following is **February 22, 2013**:

- Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching
- Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- Teaching Unit Award
- William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Nomination information and eligibility criteria for these awards are available online at <https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/PoliciesProcedures/Pages/DispPol.aspx?PID=17>

For more information, visit ualberta.ca/academicawards and use the search tool or navigate to the award you are interested in. For discipline specific awards, select the appropriate field of study and determine which award(s) are applicable to you.



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