The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center (LTEC) had a busy year of events, presentations, and workshops with 93 individual participants. Our SUNY Potsdam faculty enjoyed a variety of different guest speakers and workshop facilitators. Below are the descriptions of the events as they were publicized across campus through email announcements and posters:

August

**LTEC Day of Celebration**
**HELP: Hands on Easy Learning Practices**
August 28, noon to 4:00

An afternoon of quick and easy ways to invigorate your teaching and enhance student learning for 21st century skills will be our focus. Topics include cross-campus collaborations, student research projects, student blogs, individualized instruction, using Skype for a broader classroom, instructing with technology tools such as Clickers, Poll Everywhere, Today’s Meet, and Smartboard. The event begins with a noon luncheon with President Kristin Esterberg as our Keynote Speaker. Go to our LTEC Day of Celebration website to read more about our event and to register at: [http://ltec-celebration.weebly.com/](http://ltec-celebration.weebly.com/)

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12:00 to 12:30 lunch  
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| 1:00  | **Panel Presentation 1: HELP with innovative approaches:**  
(1) at 1:00 pm cross-curricular collaborations;  
(2) at 1:20 pm research projects in the classroom,  
(3) at 1:40 pm beyond blogs and individualized instruction | 107      | (1) Caron Collins and Carol Rossi-Fries;  
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**September**

*Brown Bag Session: Obtaining IRB Approval for Class Projects and Assignments*  
Wednesday, September 17 from noon to 1:00 pm

Bring your lunch and learn more about our IRB procedures. This workshop will identify the types of classroom projects and class assignments that require IRB review. The process for requesting IRB review for a classroom project or class assignment will be reviewed and discussed. Presented by Johanne Sullivan.

*Brown Bag Session: Finding Grant Opportunities*  
Wednesday, September 24 from noon to 1:30 pm
Bring your lunch and join Catherine Sajna from the Research and Sponsored Programs. Hands-on training in finding grant opportunities through the databases, which the university subscribes to, and which are free to faculty. The /Community of Science/ site allows customization of search strategies, individual profiles and regular updates on changes to those opportunities of greatest interest.

October

**Teaching for Engagement:**
**Wednesday, October 15th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

Learning Communities workshop. Join this year’s common read author, Paul Loeb, in the LTEC for a discussion about how to teach civic engagement to your classes.

**Mentoring in the Academy- A Feminist Roundtable:**
**Wednesday, October 22nd from Noon to 1:00 pm**

*Bring your brown bag lunch* and join Christine Doran (English and Communication), Libbie Freed (History), Kristen Van Hoorweghe (Sociology and Environmental Studies), Rebecca Lehmann, (English and Communication), and Bethany Haeseler (Art). They will discuss their experiences being faculty mentors and mentees as a small group that has done informal mentoring for the last three years. This roundtable will share teaching concerns and solutions, how they workshop their writing, and helping new members acclimate to SUNY Potsdam.

**Physics and Chemistry Seminar: Nano Science and Technology Research**
**Wednesday, October 22 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for an engaging presentation on the world of nano science and technology. Dr. Linghong Li will discuss her research on micro-electro mechanical systems. Dr. Maria Hepel will present her research on nanomaterials for bioanalysis, nanomedicine and energy conversion. Freshman student Liyuan Ji will present an intern research report from Beijing University. Refreshments provided by PACES.

November

**Ethics in Research: Tips for Making it through the IRB**
**Tuesday, November 4 Noon to 1:00 p.m.**

This IRB Brown-Bag Lunch Workshop is designed for faculty and students conducting research with human subjects. The goal of the workshop is to guide participants through the application process. Bring your lunch and enjoy this informative workshop with Joanne Sullivan, IRB Chair.

"Creativity"
Dr. Sandra Stauffer, Arizona State University
Thursday, November 6th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Sandra Stauffer, Professor of Music Education and Associate Dean at Arizona State University, is the 2014 Joy Douglass Visiting Master Teacher. She will be on campus on November 7th and 8th and we hope you will take part in the many sessions she will be offering, including this LTEC All-Campus Talk. Topics at this event will include: Creativity as a practice or a way of living Changing ideas about creativity Supporting and developing habits of a creative mind  Dr. Stauffer is a leading scholar in creativity and teacher education. Her research interests include creativity, composition, and music teacher preparation, using narrative inquiry, arts-based educational research, and qualitative research designs. She is a popular guest lecturer, clinician, and consultant for music education and arts education organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

TEDx from SUNY Stony Brook in our Learning and Teaching Excellence Center
Friday, November 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Bring your students, drop in anytime and stay as long as you wish to watch TEDx live from Stoney Brook. Speaker and topics agenda: Thomas C. Wilson Jr. "For the Record – the Importance of Taking, Sustaining, and Preserving Critical Measures of Environment and Climate" Charles Robbins "Social Justice – Is it Still Relevant in the 21st Century?" Jeanette Ol Suk Yew "Challenging + Relevant; Re-imagining Antigone" Pooja Reddy "Connecting the Dots... and being that dot for someone!" Morgan DiCarlo "Using Mentorship and Hands-On Learning to Build the Next Generation of Female Engineers" Jon Oringer "Risk, Reward and Entrepreneurship" Michael Poon "Application of advanced cardiovascular imaging and telemedicine for improving the overall outcome and cost-effectiveness of the management of acute chest pain in the region" Anurag Purwar "Machine design innovation through technology and education"

Improvisational Leadership for Complex and Chaotic Environments
Thursday, November 20 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Linda Moerschell, English & Communications, will present a seminar exploring leadership within complex, changing and/or turbulent environments. This seminar will propose the Complexity Change Theory with eight recommendations for leaders. Organizational goals cannot be stable in a dynamic environment and the myth of stability and control must be faced head-on. Organizational leadership must be comfortable with chaos. Combining these processes and implementing the eight recommendations expresses an urgent call for leaders to move beyond the command and control model and embrace the power of the Complexity Change Theory in their organizations. Bring your brown-bag lunch and learn this new approach to leadership.
December

Holiday Open House!
Friday, December 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Open House in the LTEC! On display in the LTEC will be our library collection of fantastic teaching resources for you to check out. We will have our Smartboard up and running for you to use and experiment with it's many features. Holiday music will be playing to get you in the LTEC spirit. Come and relax in the LTEC after a long fall semester.

February

Everything You Wanted to Know About Prior Learning Assessment, and then some!
Wednesday, February 4th 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Provost Margaret Madden presents Nan Travers, Ph.D., director of the Office of College-wide Academic Review at Empire State University. Dr. Travers will present a session on Prior Learning Assessment for all SUNY Potsdam faculty.

Smooth Sailing through the IRB Process
Tuesday, February 10th Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Johanne Sullivan, Institutional Review Board (IRB) chair, will present a workshop to review IRB policies, revisions, and the levels of IRB review. If you or your students are conducting research projects this semester, this event is for you! Bring your lunch and your questions.
**Flipped Out: Meaningful Methods for Student Engagement!**  
Friday, February 20th   Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Caron Collins, Crane School of Music, and Marc Leuthold, Art Department, will share how they have flipped their classrooms with use of self-created videos, websites, forums, social media, Moodle and more! Bring your lunch and enjoy this demonstration and discussion.

**Teaching Students to Cite Sources – Theory and Practice**  
Friday, February 27th   Noon to 1:00 pm.

Jennifer Mitchell, College Writing Center, will present worthwhile strategies for teaching citation and share practical web-based resources on citation. Bring your lunch and join us!

**March**

**Fridays at 12:00**  
Learning and Teaching Excellence Center  
Crumb 107

Bring your lunch to the LTEC on Fridays to watch an intriguing TED Talk then stay to discuss how this might impact us at SUNY Potsdam. Fresh popcorn too!

**March 13: A Call to Reinvent Liberal Arts Education with Liz Coleman:**  
Bennington president Liz Coleman delivers a call-to-arms for radical reform in higher education. Bucking the trend to push students toward increasingly narrow areas of study, she proposes a truly cross-disciplinary education — one that dynamically combines all areas of study to address the great problems of our day.

**March 20: What We’re Learning from Online Education with Daphne Koller:**  
Daphne Koller is enticing top universities to put their most intriguing courses online for free — not just as a service, but as a way to research how people learn. With Coursera (cofounded by Andrew Ng), each keystroke, quiz, peer-to-peer discussion and self-graded assignment builds an unprecedented pool of data on how knowledge is processed.

**March 27: An Ultra-Low-Cost College Degree with Shai Reshef**  
At the online University of the People, anyone with a high school diploma can take classes toward a degree in business administration or computer science — without standard tuition fees (though exams cost money). Founder Shai Reshef hopes that
higher education is changing "from being a privilege for the few to a basic right, affordable and accessible for all."

April

“Identities and Microagressions in the College Environment”
Friday, April 10th  1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Kellas Hall Room 106

This special event will feature guest speaker Dr. Margaret Bass, Associate Professor of English, Teaching Professor Emerita at St. Lawrence University. She has a longstanding career as college professor, writer, and college administrator. This event is co-sponsored by SUNY Potsdam Diversity in Action Coalition and the LTEC. An open discussion will conclude the presentation.

Lunchtime Video and Discussion
“Active Learning in the Lecture Hall”
Friday, April 17th  Noon to 1:00 p.m.
LTEC Crumb 107

Ray Bowdish, Biology instructor and 2013 LTEC Award of Excellence recipient, will share a video by Eric Mazur presenting active learning in the lecture hall. Bring your lunch, watch this intriguing short video, and stay for an engaging discussion.

LITEC-niques: Faculty Reflections on Learning and Teaching Excellence!

This is a new online collection of ideas and articles written by our faculty for our faculty. Here you will find full length featured articles, experiential articles, and brief "take-aways" from SUNY Potsdam faculty who have been granted LTEC Facul_TE awards for professional development. These online articles will share ideas, approaches, and information they gained from their Facul_TE professional development experience and how it has their improved their teaching and enriched their students' learning in the classroom. We launch this website with three articles and more will be posted in the near future. This month we feature "Learning from Teachers and Students" by Dr. Robin Collen sharing her experiences from the National Dance Education Organization Conference and innovative pedagogical ideas that can be applied to any discipline. Dr. David Kistler’s article shares his experiences from a recent "Federal Individual Taxation Seminar" and how real life cases can engage student learning. The "Take-aways" column shares quick ideas from "Attending Conferences with College Students" by Christine Rohde. To read
the full articles, go to our LTEC-niques website at http://ltecniques.weebly.com/ 
This website can also be accessed from the menu on our SUNY website at 
http://www.potsdam.edu/faculty/teachingresources/ltec/index.cfm  If you have 
been granted a Facul_TE award and wish to share teaching discoveries, please send 
your article to Caron Collins at collincl@potsdam.edu

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Professional Development Funding

In promoting and encouraging fine faculty development for improving teaching and 
learning, the LTEC awarded 15 Facul_TE awards totaling $7,359.25 to the following 
recipients:

Trevor Blank (9-23)  $500  
David Kistler (9-23)  $500  
Ching-Chun Lai (10-3)  $500  
Nataliz Veinott (10-9)  $465  
Marc Leuthold (10-21)  $500  
Becky Duprey (10-22)  $484.25  
Robin Collen (11-21)  $500  
Jenna Del Monte (12-2)  $500  
Janet Sussman (12-11)  $500  
Derek Maus (12-12)  $500  
Alexis Foster (1-12)  $500  
Ashley Guerry McLaurin (1-20)  $500  
Todd Canedy (1-23)  $495  
Janelle Jacobson (2-2)  $415  
Ningyun Cai (3-23)  $500

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LTEC Award

The LTEC is pleased to announce the 2015 recipient of the LTEC Award of Excellence in 
Promoting Learning and Teaching at SUNY Potsdam to Dr. John Youngblood.

Dr. Youngblood has numerous qualities that make him uniquely qualified to be 
the recipient of this award. His most important quality is his excellence and 
passion for teaching through informal education. His ability to present and 
effectively communicate to his colleagues with great passion allows continuous 
questioning on the receiving end. Through having one-on-one conversations with 
Dr. Youngblood, he is able to persuade you to question your thought process and 
continuously want to grow and learn more. He has modeled how to be selective 
when explaining one self because not everyone is as passionate about your views. 
He leads with passion and honesty, which makes him a successful mentor.
He is currently sitting on the Diversity in Action Coalition (DIAC) group as the elected chair. This group allows him to effectively guide his colleagues to understand diversity. His scholarship in diversity is ingrained into his courses and workshops that have been presented at SUNY Potsdam for years.

Dr. Youngblood shares his teaching work daily with colleagues in an inspiring, challenging, and informative way. He tells colleagues what his students are doing, how they impress him, and what their needs are. Dr. Youngblood's classroom pedagogy is thus a public one in that he regularly engages in informal discussions with colleagues about his pedagogy and his students, in order, it seems, to be sure that we understand what is on his students' minds.

Congratulations to Dr. John Youngblood who is honored with a $500 award to be used for materials to enhance his teaching and his name on our award plaque located in the Learning and Teaching Excellence Center.