



OD Learning Workshops

Spotlight on Belonging: Focus on Belonging in the Classroom

Hosted by: The EDI Task force & HR/OD

When: Monday, May 10th to Thursday, May 13th

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Event Description:

Join the Belonging + EDI Task Force in partnership with HR/OD the week of May 10th as we focus on spotlighting four sessions where six SLC faculty will highlight how they are fostering belonging in their classrooms! Many of these sessions will also include students. All of the sessions will take place over the lunch hour. Please join us in learning from and celebrating the work of these amazing educators.

Monday, May 10th: **EDI and Belonging From a Student Perspective**

Presented By: **Wendy Whitehead and Adam McGregor**



Wendy Whitehead

Wendy Whitehead is a Professor and Coordinator in the School of Business at St Lawrence College. Wendy has taught across a number of programs including the Business Program and Human Resources for both Laurentian University and St Lawrence College. In her 14 years at St Lawrence College, Wendy has contributed to a number of different areas in the college including actively participating as a member of the EDI & Belonging Taskforce and a Internationalization Advisory Group member. As a strategic priority for the college, Wendy also worked with a School of Business team to conduct an international education research project for which she was recognized with the Award of Merit. In addition, Wendy has been a part of the Leadership Development Program and recently hosted a tri-campus workshop on Gratitude and Culture in a time of COVID-19.



Adam McGregor

Adam McGregor is a Professor and Program Coordinator in the School of Business at St. Lawrence College. Prior to working here, he has worked in education with Queen's University, Ontario Tech University, the Limestone District School Board, and the Caribbean International Academy. Recently, Adam has been fortunate enough to participate in the Leadership Development Program, receive the Award of Merit as part of a research team supporting the internationalization of the college, and contribute as a workshop facilitator to the tri-campus community. Adam holds an Honours Bachelor of Commerce from McMaster University, a graduate diploma in education from the University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia), and a Master of Education from Ontario Tech University. His thesis work looking at internationalization in Ontario colleges was recently featured in the Journal of Education Informatics.

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Tuesday, May 11th: **Creating a Sense of Belonging in the Classroom**

Presented By: **Karen Ducharme**



Karen Ducharme

Karen Ducharme is a Communications professor and Coordinator on the Kingston campus. Before joining the SLC family, Karen was a high school teacher and leader, where she worked with at-risk students. Her role as a high school English teacher, coop teacher, school leader in assessment, and consultant for the Ministry of Education have allowed her to develop a strong understanding of the unique needs of students. Since joining SLC eight years ago, Karen has continued to be a strong advocate for students with diverse needs and seeks ways to support her students and foster a sense of belonging in her classroom. In recent years, she has pursued a Master of Education with a focus on inclusion that has further deepened her commitment to removing barriers by applying universal design for learning principles.

Wednesday, May 12th: **EDI and Ally-Ship within your Program and Beyond**

Presented By: **Ian Simpson, Deanna Cormier & SLC Student Guests**



Ian Simpson

Ian has performed across Canada, the U.S., Mexico and as far as Japan and Taiwan. Most recently Ian was seen at The Capitol Theatre as Arvide in *Guys and Dolls* and as Father Delisle in the new Canadian Musical *The Hockey Sweater* at the NAC and Segal Centre. He has spent five seasons at the Stratford Festival and three seasons at The Shaw Festival. Selected credits: John Hancock (1776, ACT, San Francisco); Harry Bright (*Mamma Mia!*, U.S. National Tour); Walter Hobbs (*Elf*, The Grand); Georges (*La Cage aux Folles*, Neptune); George Banks (*Mary Poppins*, Capitol); Hucklebee (*The Fantasticks*, VPP); Anne of Green Gables, Emily (Charlottetown Festival) Enjolras (*Les Misérables*, Royal Alexandra), New Musical Workshops: Reverend Miller in *Pollyanna* (Toronto) and Mr. Tetley in *Something Wicked This Way Comes* (Theatreworks, California). Ian is an Adjunct Professor at St. Lawrence College in the Musical Theatre Department, Canadian Regional Director for Musical Theatre Educators' Alliance, and has studied vocal pedagogy at Queen's, Penn State, and Boston Conservatory.



Deanna Cormier

Deanna's dance education started in 1989 when she took her first ballet class. Since then, she has pursued training opportunities to achieve mastery in dance and in 2003 made the decision to share her passion and expertise with others. She is a highly experienced and creative dance educator, adjudicator, and choreographer with years of experience working with dancers of all abilities. She is currently a Professor of Dance with the Musical Theatre department at St. Lawrence College. Most recently Deanna choreographed for the movie "Christmas Stray" to be released December 2021 on the Oprah Network. This year, she also choreographed the music video for the song "Broken By You", by Jessica Pearson and the East Wind Band. Deanna was a member of the Ottawa Renegades Dance Team and performed with the Black Eyed Peas during the Grey Cup. Deanna is currently working towards her Master of Education through the University of Prince Edward Island with a focus on 21st Century teaching and learning.

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Thursday, May 13th: EDI in a Nursing Classroom

Presented By: Sara Craig



Sara Craig

Sara Craig is a Registered Nurse (Queen's University) with a Masters in Nursing with an Educator focus (University of Victoria). She has been a member of the St. Lawrence College Community since 2004 in the Practical Nursing program. Outside of experimenting in the classroom, Sara enjoys time outdoors on the farm and travelling to experience different cultures.

About the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Task-Force

St. Lawrence College believes honesty, inclusivity and accountability are the pathways to success. As its communities evolve, it looks to create a sense of belonging for our students, team, and partners. SLC celebrates diversity, respects everyone's differences, values contributions, and fosters an environment where everyone feels they can participate without discrimination in the College community.

The EDI Task-Force's Mandate is "Through a consultative and collaborative process, members of the EDI Taskforce will utilize an intersectional equity lens to establish and implement a College framework and recommendations for equity, diversity, and inclusion to address the needs of the tri-campus SLC community, internal and external."

Click Here to Register.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Brian or Ashleigh at ODLearning@sl.on.ca