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Dear Colleagues,

Nzönî finî ngû! - "Happy New Year!" in Sängö (Central African Republic).

We hope you got some true-blue TLC over the holidays because...here we go again!
Welcome back.

Are you feeling a bit overwhelmed by the tasks at hand? Are you wondering how in blazes you'll manage to cover all the material you need to cover in your courses, how you'll get the students to understand certain fundamental notions, how you'll get them to do the reading and take writing assignments seriously, etc.?

Hank shared an interesting series of essays with us, written by David Gooblar (thanks Hank!). If you're feeling any of the above (or not), we recommend reading Gooblar's essay, "Reeling them in early". What is the most important objective to aim for in the opening weeks of the semester?

<https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1886-reeling-them-in-early>

We look forward to discussing these and a range of other topics in the next few months. For the moment, we have the following events planned:

***TLC lunches:* Wed. 12:15-1:15 (G-102)**

31 January

During this TLC website launch lunch, we will show you our new website and encourage feedback (leave tomatoes at home please). We invite you to a real lunch (yes, a **free hot lunch**, enfin!). Please RSVP by accepting the calendar invite, to follow shortly.

21 February

Tomer Libal, professor of Computer Science, will lead a discussion on AUP LMS (Learning Management Systems, e.g. Blackboard, MS Teams) and systems for networking (e.g. Slack). Bring your mobile phones to experiment!

Other TLC lunch dates (topics TBA – feel free to suggest a topic or volunteer to lead a discussion):

14 and 28 March

11 and 25 April

First Mellon Seminar of the semester:

Monday, 12 February, 5-6:30

Teaching with the Shoah archive: creative, compassionate, pedagogically rich ways to look closely, deepen research and create a community of witness in the classroom, facilitated by Marie Regan.

More events will be announced as we move forward in time.

Enjoy the week and good luck reeling them in early!

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