TLC News: Upcoming Workshops, Interesting Readings, and other news...

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Dear Teaching and Learning Center,

Our first TLC Mellon Workshop in 2020, *Liberal Education and Reflective Practices*, will take place **tomorrow (Wednesday)**, **January 29th**, **4-6:30pm** in **Q-704**.

Workshop facilitator, Michael Bamberg, will redress the role of 'reflection' for teaching and learning in Higher Education. More specifically, he will guide workshop participants through a number of reflective practices that are said to serve deep and life-long learning, drawing on a number of pedagogic experiments - such as working with portfolios, peer-learning assistants, and attempts to empower student learning through self-grading.

Michael is currently at the <u>Adam Mickiewicz University</u>, <u>Poznan</u> as <u>Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences</u>.

More information about Michael can be found here:

https://wordpress.clarku.edu/mbamberg/

In preparation for this workshop (and for your reading pleasure in general), we highly recommend an article by philosopher <u>Harry Brighouse</u>, "<u>Becoming a Better College Teacher (If You're Lucky)</u>", shared by our colleague Julian Culp (thanks Julian!). One of Brighouse's suggestion is having a student as a personal coach, an idea that Michael Bamberg will be addressing as well.

Brighouse describes how his student assistant/coach provided two things that made a difference for his teaching: a student-centered perspective and a sounding board. He also suggests ways to develop a common language amongst faculty for discussing instruction and standards of practice, and he gives excellent tips for leading effective in-class discussions. You can find the article here.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 3 March, 3:30-5 TLC Mellon Workshop on Digital Literacy with Michael Stoepel and Martin Dege
- Monday, 9 March, 10:15-11:15 TLC Breakfast (coffee and pastries) - topic TBD
- Tuesday, 17 March, all day **Faculty Retreat**
- Tuesday, 24 March, 3:30-5 Workshop on participatory teaching methods with facilitator Niklas Chimirri (Roskilde University)

Stay tuned for a new TLC News publication and updates the week of 10 February.

Best wishes,

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