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Fall Workshop 2014 [Registration]

Location BCIT Downtown Campus Vancouver, BC Nov 13 (Thursday) Pub night Steamworks Brew Pub (Gastown). Location. Nov 12 (Wednesday); Let's meet 5:30 pm and thereafter. This is a no host event. Registration Fees \$35 + taxes Includes workshop sessions and continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments for Nov 13th. If you are looking for hotels near BCIT, see info on Accommodations. How to Register ...

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Fall Workshop 2014 [Call for Facilitators]

Call for Facilitators - ETUG Fall 2014 Workshop 1st Unconference! BCIT Downtown, Vancouver Thursday, November 13, 2014 AM: Pitches & PM: Sessions An Unconference asks participants to decide on the topics! Faculty, staff and students: Join us on this journey into "serendipitous learning"! We invite you to prepare your pitch, post-it, promote it and be ready to facilitate a 40 minute ...

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Meet Tannis Morgan of the Justice Institute of BC

Submitted by Tracy Kelly

Tell us a bit about where you work and what you do.

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I work at the Centre for Teaching, Learning & Innovation at JIBC. I'm the Associate Dean of the Centre, where I work with a really fantastic, creative team of 6 that include a Simulation Specialist, 3 instructional designers, a Student and Faculty Development coordinator (who also does instructional design) and a Web Specialist. In addition to projects that come to our Centre from the 4 JIBC Schools, we have a focus on simulations, mobile learning, faculty development, and OERs.

I have to mention that our Centre also works with some really great people in Technology Services, as well as some incredibly innovative faculty and staff across JiBC.

How long been involved in teaching and Learning and ed technology?

Since 1993, as part of my grad studies in technology for language learning. In terms of being gainfully employed in this area, I started in 2001 at UBC's Centre for Distance Education and then became OLT, which has now morphed into CTLT.

What's one thing you really love about the work you do?

JIBC rekindled my love for this work because of the unique character and needs of the institution, which translates into some really interesting projects. Currently, less than a third of our projects are of the LMS vanilla course variety. We are doing a lot of work in video, Wordpress (including our first foray into badges), simulations, and OERs. JIBC is looking to us to suggest creative models of course and program delivery, which is leading us down the path of video conferencing, multi-access learning and micro learning, in addition to what we've been able to do with mobile learning and program delivery.

How long have you been a member of ETUG?

My first ETUG was around 2004 in Comox. My daughter was still a baby and we made a family trip of it and brought her to the conference. (It was her first and hasn't been her last.)

What do you like best about this community and its activities?

I love the connecting with colleagues part of ETUG and all the sharing that happens at ETUG. It's often the best conference I attend during the year and by far the best value!

Do you have a favorite ETUG memory

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For the University of the Fraser Valley ETUG I car pooled with Karen Belfer and she got us there in about an hour or less. That was pretty memorable:-)

What would you like to ETUG provide more of in terms of benefits/value to members? Any input or help you want to ask members to provide?

I love that ETUG is always trying new things and changing it up.

Do you have any special interests/hobbies?

My daughter and I are writing a kid's book together right now using Google Docs. We work together in the same room on separate computers and have a good laugh while creating the characters.

A harvest of good things from BCOER

This past Spring BCOER held a hackfest and today we are delighted to share a few good things that have come as a result of some of the hardwork done in May.

We worked on key ideas for a poster to use as a tool to engage faculty in discussions about Open Education Resources (OER) and open textbooks. Well here it is:

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Pressbooks plugin developed by BCcampus enables truly open textbook publishing

BCcampus has around 70 open textbooks in its collection, and more are being added each day. Once more textbooks are added (following the next phase of the project: 20 skills and trades The ETUG News - October 2014

textbooks), the sustainability of the collection will become more important. That means building technology that allows for the "Five Rs" of openness: reuse, revise, remix, redistribute, and retain.

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