

# CTL NEWS

*A quarterly from the Yale-NUS College Centre for Teaching and Learning*

## Experiential Learning Discussion: Oct.15

Come join us for a debrief with faculty who have led Week 7 trips this year and last, and a discussion with Adelle Lim and Trisha Craig from CIPE. We will discuss week 7, LABs and experiential learning and how it might fit into your teaching and research. Coffee+pastries! (East Core, Program Room 2, 4:30-6:00PM).

## Daniel Bernstein, What Does a C Grade Mean? Oct. 22

Dan Bernstein, world-famous expert on teaching, learning and assessment is here in Singapore, and is giving a talk to Yale-NUS College faculty on grading and assessment. You will want to come! Lunch Provided! (East Core, Program Room 2, noon).

## Visiting Scholars of Pedagogy

We will have workshops by Darryl Yong (Harvey Mudd College) Nov. 22, talking about multicultural classrooms and Harry Hubball (UBC), kicking off a workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning or SoTL on Nov. 30. Mark your calendars!



## Teaching and Learning at Yale-NUS College

With the inauguration of our beautiful Yale-NUS College campus, it is a great time to think about the significance of our Yale-NUS “Community of (Teaching) and Learning.”

Our College has a unique curriculum, yes, but also a unique “teaching culture.” Please send us your take on what is the “teaching culture” of Yale-NUS! We are gathering short statements of what is distinctive about our college and its teaching, and developing a set of snapshots of teaching philosophies from our colleagues. Please let us know if you would like to contribute to this effort by being interviewed - and send us your thoughts and ideas to [teaching@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:teaching@yale-nus.edu.sg)! These profiles will appear on our CTL web site at <http://teaching.yale-nus.edu.sg>.

### Teaching Tip:

*To get students engaged in discussions have students nominate topics for discussion at the beginning of a class. These can be problems, confusions, interesting points, or basic ideas in the text. List the nominations and let the group pick those they want to cover. Then break students into small groups to discuss before coming back to the larger group for sharing and debate.*



## Resources for Teaching and Learning

In our small East Core offices we are assembling a collection of the best books on teaching and learning, and some videos of how to teach in various subjects. We also are purchasing complete sets of books that are used in the Common Curriculum, and these will be stages both in the East Core offices and in the shelving in the FSO area. Please send suggestions for additional books and resources!

## Peer Tutoring at Yale-NUS College

We have launched a small pilot program for peer tutoring at Yale-NUS College! At this moment we have 8 peer tutors who can help their fellow students in these subjects:

- Science (Especially SI and FOS)
- Languages (Spanish, Chinese)
- Math (with QR tutors available)

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## Services from Our Teaching and Learning Center:

### **Video-recording of Lectures**

Several faculty have already arranged to have their classes filmed for their own use - and we are happy to help set up video-recording with ERT, to give you a chance to view your teaching from a student-eye view. These recordings can be a great way to learn more about your teaching!

### **Confidential Teaching Consultations**

Another great way to learn more about your class is to have an outside perspective. We can meet with you before your class to discuss your goals, and then after sitting in on the class can meet with you to discuss how the class went in a friendly, and confidential de-briefing. This consult can also include some discussion with students to get additional feedback.

### **Mid-semester assessment**

Within Canvas are a number of pre-loaded mid-semester course evaluation forms. We are happy to help design, deploy and interpret feedback from your classes, to help you optimise your teaching!

### **Course Design**

At the end of the semester we are having longer workshops to help you design your new course with our staff and visiting experts in teaching and learning. We are also happy to meet individually to discuss courses you are working on, and to make suggestions on crafting your learning outcomes and assessments, and aligning them within the class.

### **Showcasing and Publishing of Teaching**

We want to tell some of the stories of the amazing teaching going on here at Yale-NUS College. Let us know what you are doing in your class that is noteworthy! We are also happy to help you publish some of your teaching findings in Scholarly SoTL journals, and can help connect you with resources for this effort to publish new curricular innovations and results.

### **Visiting Scholars of Pedagogy**

We are delighted to work closely with you to bring in some of the leading experts in your field to give talks on how to teach and design courses - email us with nominations and we can work with you to bring them to Singapore!

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