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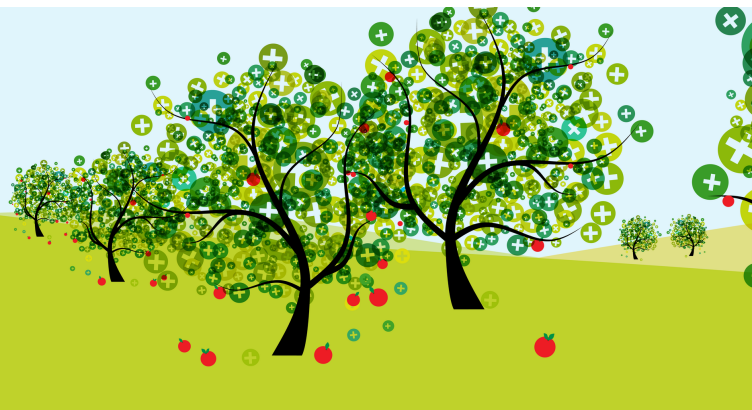


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Welcome to Fall 2021

The Innovative Learning team at Humber has been working steadily to support this year's return to Fall Term activities. Programming is already up and running, such as Faculty Orientation Week, ED-Venture Days, Preparing for the Move to Ultra, and the Instructional Support Studio. Humber's Innovative Learning team endeavours to create and facilitate authentic and meaningful faculty development experiences that promote and support teaching excellence. Explore more on our [Innovative Learning](#) website. We're glad you're here.

Faculty Orientation Week Round-up



All New Faculty Welcome

Thank you to all the presenters, organizers, and attendees. This Live online welcome session for all new full- and part-time faculty was a resounding success! A huge thank you to Humber's executive leadership team for the inspiring video presentation of Humber's core values: Courage, Equity, Innovation, Health & Wellbeing, and Sustainability.

New Full-time Faculty Orientation

Members of the Teaching Excellence team introduced the Teaching Excellence Program (TEP) and facilitated two online workshops focused on teaching methodology and organization in the college classroom.

New Part-Time Faculty Orientation

Members of the Teaching Excellence team shared resources and information about the supports available as instructors start their journey at Humber. We hope everyone benefitted from this opportunity to get to know the Innovative Learning team, ask questions, share ideas, tips and strategies, and connect with your colleagues.

Keynote Address: In Celebration of Educators, Anthony McLean

Anthony is a dynamic and engaging speaker, but he's also a deep listener. Anthony took to heart the concerns of Humber Faculty and truly delivered on that feeling of Connection we strive for. Thanks to all who attended this Live only event. We hope you feel energized.

Faculty ED-Venture Days

Presenters wove their organizational approaches, supports, and opportunities through the theme of **inclusivity and accessibility**. We heard from offices across Humber: Libraries; Office of Research & Innovation; Office of Sustainability; Accessible Learning Services, and our own Ed Tech, Course Design, Creative Studios, and Bb Teams.

Session Recordings Coming Soon!

TOPICS AT A GLANCE

- Go The Distance with Library Assistance
- UDL Tech Tools to Support Inclusion and Engagement
- An Introduction to Research & Innovation at Humber
- Preparing for the Move to Blackboard Ultra
- Making Inclusive and Accessible Videos
- Developing HLO Mindsets Through Interconnections: EDI, Sustainability, and Systems Thinking
- Designing Lesson Plans for Engagement
- Level UP - Academic Accommodations and Accessibility for the Teaching Mindframe
- Faculty Self-Care (not recorded)

THE MOVE TO BLACKBOARD ULTRA

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THE MOVE TO ULTRA

The Move to Ultra

The Move to Ultra: Taking it one step at a time.

Humber began moving to Blackboard Ultra in May 2021 with the new navigation that you see when you log into Blackboard. The move now focuses on courses and will be complete by Fall 2022.

We've heard from faculty that this move to BB Ultra sounds like a lot. That's why we're taking it one step at a time. Our Team has produced [The Move to Ultra Kit](#) to answer questions, share resources, and help you prepare.

the Staff Lounge

Perfect First Day? The Staff Lounge Podcast shares the air.

What makes a perfect first day back? Shirantha chats with Catherine Mitro, Dave Neill, and Mark Promane about making the most of your first day back in class. We explore approaches and helpful strategies, especially if you're new faculty. Shirantha shares a valuable teaching tip on lesson planning for the first day of class.

Listen on the [Innovative Learning](#) website or wherever you get your podcasts.

We're scheduling lots of workshops to support the move to BB Ultra.

Check out our upcoming September workshops to learn about the new, mobile-friendly, accessible version of Blackboard!

[September Dates Here](#)

Humber Press: New Project Launches

Introducing a new podcast from the Office of Research & Innovation, ***Demystifying Innovation!*** Every week, our host Nathan Whitlock will talk to academic leaders about the setbacks, challenges, obstacles, and mistakes they have faced in their careers, and the important lessons they've drawn from those moments.

In our first episode, we sit down with Frank Cappadocia, Humber's Dean of Continuous Professional Learning. What did Frank do when a student brought up a major flaw in his student orientation plan at York University? How did he innovate to improve student engagement? Tune in to find out!

Subscribe to ***Demystifying Innovation*** wherever you listen to podcasts. Learn more on the [Humber Press website](https://humberpress.com/demystifying-innovation).



The Office of Research & Innovation and the Humber Press invite you to read the inaugural issue of ***SPARK: Humber's Research & Innovation Quarterly***.

SPARK answers the question: How can we capture not only the breadth of the incredible research we do here at Humber but also the feeling of discovering the perfect research area to explore?

Issue 1 of SPARK is devoted to our rock star researchers, students, and industry partners. It highlights the value of conducting research at Humber, a STEAMS-based education, impactful COVID-19 research projects, and offers tips on how to craft powerful data stories from data.

Read the full experience: [SPARK: Humber's Research & Innovation Quarterly](https://humberpress.com/spark).

If you have an applied or SoTL research story you'd like to share with the Humber community, let us know at humberpress@humber.ca

