



The official newsletter of Humber's Innovative Learning Team

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# Happy Holidays from Humber Innovative Learning

Humber College is located within the traditional and treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. Known as Adoobiigok, the "Place of the Alders" in Michi Saagiig language, the region is uniquely situated along Humber River watershed, which historically provided an integral connection for Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat peoples between the Ontario Lakeshore and the Lake Simcoe/Georgian Bay regions. Now home to people of numerous nations, Adoobiigok continues to provide a vital source of interconnection for all.



# 2021 League Excellence Award Winners



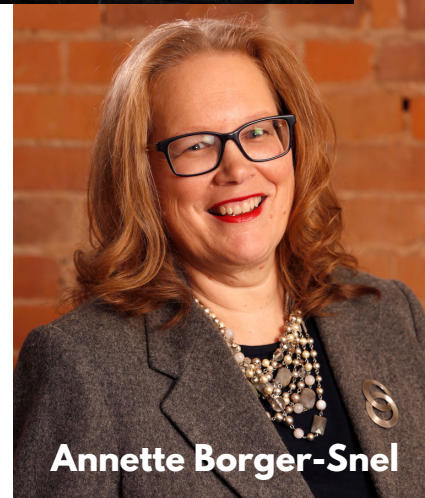
Congratulations to **Pamela Adams**, **Annette Borger-Snel**, and **Michael Guido** on each receiving the 2021 League Excellence Award!

The League for Innovation has been dedicated to informing, inspiring, and celebrating innovation in learning, teaching, staff development, and student success.

**This award specifically celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by our faculty.** [View Communique Announcement here.](#)

Thank you to the three recipients for your dedication and commitment to students. Your leadership and passion for lifelong learning inspires change and innovation.

**We are very proud of your work and your accomplishments!**



League Excellence Awards



# Countdown to Blackboard Ultra!



The Move to Blackboard Ultra is in full swing and Humber College will be running most courses in Blackboard Ultra starting January 2022. Humber Innovative Learning is here to remind you of the help available.

As you prepare your courses for moving to Ultra, keep in mind:

1. It's not possible to simply export your Blackboard Original course and import it into Blackboard Ultra. Nor can you copy from Original to Ultra.
2. You must use either the Starting Fresh Method or the Ultra Course Preview Method to move your course to Blackboard Ultra.
3. **The Instructional Support Studio will close for the holidays** December 24, 2021 and re-open January 4, 2022. You can find lots of help in our self-directed resources detailed in the sidebar to the right.

If you need additional support migrating your course to Ultra, **please connect with the [Instructional Support Studio](#) before the holiday break.**

## [Move to Ultra Kit](#) >

- [Main Page Instructional Videos](#)
- [About Project Page / FAQs](#)
- [Training and Help Resources](#)
- [Step-by-step Guides](#) to the two methods of moving

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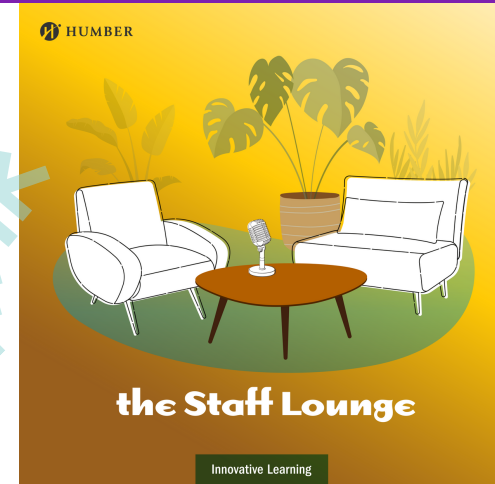
- [Self-help Portal](#)
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## [Further Self-directed Resources](#)

- [Blackboard Learn Help for Instructors](#): Built by Blackboard. Scroll to the bottom to choose the version you want.
- [YouTube Playlist for Blackboard Ultra](#): Short 1-2 minute videos on various topics.

The Instructional Support Studio re-opens January 4, 2022. Please note, the start of semester is peak season and there will be longer than normal wait times for individual support.

# Season's Greetings from the Staff Lounge podcast



We thank our Humber Faculty, Staff, and Community guests for sharing their work in Season 2. **We're back in January 2022** for more fascinating discussions: casual chats; teaching tips; and in-depth interviews.

**Please enjoy all six episodes so far!**

**#1 - Meet ED-Venture Days Keynote Speaker, Anthony McLean**

The Staff Lounge podcast producer, Fiona Tudor Price, chats with Anthony about his early school experiences, hip hop and creating a safe environment for learning.

**#2 - Perfect First Day**

What makes a perfect first day back in the 'classroom'? Shirantha chats with Catherine Mitro, Dave Neill, and Mark Promane to hear their experiences of how to make the most of your first day back in class. We explore approaches and helpful strategies, especially if you're new faculty.

**#3 - Etuaptmumk/Two-Eyed Seeing (in the Mi'kmaq language) And Learning From The Land**

We talk to Louise Zimanyi and Lynn Short about Humber's new Early Childhood Education (ECE) initiative that focuses on teaching students, educators and the community to co-learn from the land using Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives.

**#4 - Sustainability Solutions**

As the global climate situation becomes an increasingly urgent, we ask how Humber can be part of the solution. We talk to faculty members Vidya Rampersad, Rossie Kadiyska, and Vladimira Steffek about embedding sustainability into teaching practices. Jennifer Ball introduces the En-ROADS climate simulation tool. Devon Fernandes chats about Humber's innovative approach to sustainability.

**#5 - LMS And The Move To Ultra**

With the astonishing rise of the Learning Management System in higher education, what does this mean for faculty? How has this impacted our teaching practice? As we move to Blackboard Ultra, how can faculty leverage the LMS to increase accessibility and maximize inclusivity? Faculty support digital specialist, Donna Sparkes and Nicole Chuchmach interrogate the latest LMS and share their insights into how to make the most of the new features.

**#6 - Humanizing The Online Learning Experience**

The LMS is now an indispensable tool in higher education. But how do we maintain a human centered approach to pedagogy? Cynthia Young and Mark-Anthony Karam explore strategies to ensure that your LMS design reflects your teaching philosophy and process.



**SUBSCRIBE to the Staff Lounge podcast TODAY at Humber Innovative Learning!**



# Faculty ED-Venture Days Jan 6 & 7, 2022. Registration Opens Soon!



Join us **January 6 and 7** as we explore **flexibility in ways that consider the unique challenges and uncertainties around 'returning to campus' this Winter.** Flexibility in teaching and learning strategies, course design ideas, in-person and on-line learning environments, platforms, toolsets, and more. **Registration opens soon!** Details to come at the [Innovative Learning website.](#)

**Faculty ED-Venture Days** aims to connect Humber colleagues with each other, to foster meaningful interdisciplinary conversations focused on teaching and learning, and to support one another in continued wellbeing.

## SAVE THE DATE! March 25 & 26, 2022 Part-Time Teachers' Conference (PTTC)



PART-TIME TEACHERS' CONFERENCE



# Perspectives

*What We've Learned*

Save the Date  
**March 25 & 26, 2022**

# We got you a little something...

What would any Humber Faculty or Staff want heading into the new year? Something that makes life easier? more fun? more social? We got you.

**We got you** a lifetime of those 'little somethings' with **Padlet™ licenses for Humber Faculty and Staff.**

Padlet is a program that lets you create online bulletin boards, where you and your students (or group members) add posts with all kinds of media and formats, text, and hyperlinks. Padlet is the name of the program, and each Padlet bulletin board you create is also called "a Padlet."

**Engaging, interactive, collaborative, versatile, fun, and productive!** Your group members can share posts, as well as comment on and react to each other's posts.

- **Create mind maps and concept maps** by creating arrows between posts
- **Set up group discussions** under different headings.
- **Use maps** and pin your posts to specific locations, which is helpful when you need to show information about specific places.
- **Set up timelines** so students can see a sequence of events.
- **Create a portfolio** of the work done in class and give students a place where they can ask questions anonymously.

Padlets are very easy to use on a cell phone. **We learned last year that 70% of Humber students use their phone for learning. So Padlets are a teaching technology that considers students' needs.** Padlet is rated 4/5 for ease of use and quickness to learn.

**Request your free Padlet license with this quick online form** to start taking advantage of everything Padlet can do for your class or group.

More questions about Padlet or the licenses? Like to chat and brainstorm ideas? Email us at [edtech@humber.ca](mailto:edtech@humber.ca).

**See you in 2022! –Edtech**

## Help yourself to some Padlet video snacks!



- **[How To Use Padlet In 10 Ways For Teaching - New 2021 Tutorial](#)** (12 minutes).
- Super brief **[Introduction to Padlet](#)** (1:43 minutes).
- If you have more time, enjoy **[this recording of a recent Padlet training event](#)** (90 minutes).
- Share this one with your students! **[How to Use Padlet for Students: the Basics](#)** (4:05 minutes).