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President's Message and Conference Invitation

by Anna Beukes



Can you believe the 2020 Conference is just over 3 months away? We can feel the excitement building as we are getting ready for another excellent conference. As you can see from this newsletter, we will have the benefit of interesting keynote speakers, both from Alberta's post-secondary system who understand the challenges of today's faculty, high quality presentations from ACIFA members, scrumptious food, and wonderful entertainment and activities. All of this is in the idyllic setting of Jasper at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. As the entertainment will include karaoke, bring your singing voice! There will also be music bingo – an interesting twist on this well-known game – and a photo booth to capture the enjoyment of the evening and time with friends, and for you to share photo memories.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Keyano College Faculty Association Hosting Committee, and particularly the chair Pratik Tripathi, in working with the ACIFA office to get ready for another exceptional conference. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Victoria Kirchner, ACIFA's Executive Assistant; her event management skills and attention to detail have been assets in the planning of this conference.

We will again have the benefit of having two guided walks available under the knowledgeable guidance of Laurie Hunt Chris Olsen, and Caroline Crebas, so remember to bring your hiking boots! Also, make sure your phones are charged for the digital scavenger hunt hosted by Garry Wilson – an activity that can be applied in the classroom as an ice breaker or to build student interaction.

Our registrations are strong, so if you have not done so yet, make sure to register soon. Registrations will stay open until April 30; however, we have a limited number of hotel rooms available at the negotiated discount rate for our ACIFA delegates. If you plan to bring a guest or your family along, you can also buy meal tickets for them. Registration and meal ticket purchases are completed through the ACIFA website.

We look forward to seeing you at **ACIFA's 43 Annual Professional Development Conference**. This is a tradition that we are proud to continue, and it is only possible through the continued support of faculty members like you!

See you at the Conference! Anna.

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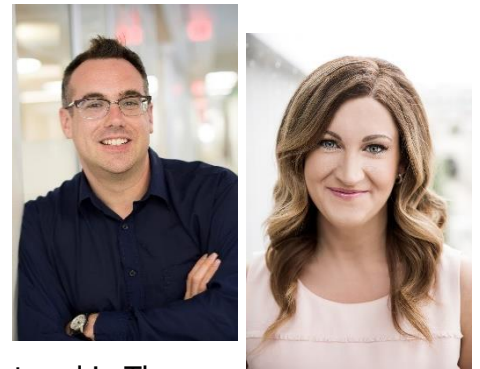


2020 ACIFA Conference hosted by Keyano Faculty Association

Keynote Speaker Preview

Be Mindful About Your Mindset: Why Commitment to Learning Creates Clarity of Vision

Dr. Alex Clarke and Bailey Sousa



Alex Clark is the Associate Vice President (Research) and Bailey Sousa is the Director of Operations at the Peter Lougheed Leadership College, both at the University of Alberta. Their work on academic skills has been featured in The Guardian, Times Higher Education, and various professional journals. They have spoken and led interdisciplinary workshops throughout Canada and all over the world on aspects of academic work, including incorporating values, developing success indicators, successful failure, writing publications for impact, grantsmanship, and much more. Founders of **The Effective, Successful, Happy Academic**, they share a passion for effectiveness and aspiration in academic work.

Vision and values are vital assets to navigating the challenges and tensions of academic workplaces. Yet too often, work in our academic settings is reduced to mere tasks. Leadership becomes management, and workload, disengagement and high stress seem to dominate everyone's horizon.

In this participatory keynote, drawing on the latest research on learning and the growth mindset, they will revisit what learning really is and should be for our lives and academic workplaces. Come to share and learn about why your daily commitment to learning from what challenges you most can make the biggest difference for yourself, your work, and your workplace.

Breakout Sessions Preview (subject to change)

In addition to sessions from our award winners and keynote speakers, the following sessions will be available on Monday and Tuesday. The finalized conference schedule will be available mid-April.

Ask Google: Online Communication About Academic Integrity in Alberta
BOG Current Issues and Academic Member Perspective
Bringing Learning Supports Into Focus
Creating Digital Stories and Gamification of Videos

Critical Thinking – It's critically important!

Disruptive Pedagogy in Higher Education: Experiences with *Guerrilla* Instructional Strategy

e-Learner Mental Health: What Women with Depression Can Teach Us

Finance 201: Clarifying Personal Financial Strategies

Fostering Perspective and Present-Moment Awareness in the Climate Crisis

Helping International Students to Own Their Share

Helping Students Overcome their Lizard Brain

Hosting a Conference

Improving the State of Education: Faculty Action, Engagement, and Evaluation

Internationalizing and Indigenizing the Curriculum

Joyful Collaboration 20/20: Seeing Clearly to Team Teaching

Learning from the Edge: Towards Deeper Student Engagement

Labour Relations Officer Session

Mental Health and Wellness: Fostering Perspective and Present-Moment Awareness in The Climate Crisis

Nursing Subject Matter Experts Turned Academic Educators: An Autoethnography

Ownership of the Learning Space: Implementation of Project-Based Learning and the Role of Studio

Place-Based Science: Inspiration for a New Elective Course

Strike/Lockout Funds: Where do we get our money with things go bad?

Teaching with Online Simulation: Opportunities, Challenges and Rewards

Ten More Terrific Teaching Tips to Create 20/20 Clarity

The Impact of Group Gamification on Students' Grades and Satisfaction

The Role of Story in Intercultural Development

Transitioning to the Workplace – Through the Lens of Personality

Tutorials, Students' Performance and Retention: A case of BMAT1040

Activity Sessions:

Bird Hike. Level of Difficulty – Easy

Location - hiking along the shores of the majestic Athabasca River.

Wildflowers & Ridge Walk. Level of Difficulty – Moderate

Location – ridge walk above Pyramid Lake

Digital Scavenger Hunt. Level of Difficulty – Easy

Enjoy the beautiful scenery surrounding Jasper Park Lodge while learning about some of its history during a walking digital scavenger hunt. We encourage teams of 2-4 members.

How does your ACIFA membership benefit you?



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Executive Positions Up for Election at AGM

The following positions will be up for election in May. Please contact the current executive member holding the position for more details on the responsibilities of the position.

President: 2-year term

VP External: 2-year term

VP Professional Affairs: 1-year term

VP Negotiations: 2-year term

2019/2020 Awards Winners

Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Award

*The award is now sponsored and administered by:
The Alberta Colleges and Institutes Faculties Association and
The Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club*



On June 10, 2019, the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club committed to sponsoring ACIFA's Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award for the next three years! The award winner receives a cheque for \$1000 from the Club. Congratulations, Dr. Cheryl Meheden, on being this year's recipient of this award. We look forward to you presenting your findings at next year's conference!

Dr. Cheryl Meheden holds degrees in science, management, and education from institutions that include Athabasca University, University of Lethbridge, Edinburgh School of Business at Heriot Watt University, and Walden University. Curious by nature, she is often pursuing further education and is currently an online student at UBC. Cheryl tries to arouse the same curiosity in her learners by providing a theory-into-practice learning environment that moves students from scholars to practitioners.



TITLE: Getting by with a little help from my friends: A comparative analysis of individual and group grades among college students.

PURPOSE OF RESEARCH: This research explores the relationship between individual and group grades for students in a first year college course. Current research indicates that grade comparison is usually between external variables, such as between students or between students and an environmental factor, but there is limited research on internal factors such as comparing a student's individual and group grade within the same class. The null hypothesis for this study is that there is no significant difference between individual and group grades for a student within the same class.

Distinguished Instructor Award

*The award is sponsored and administered by:
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Johnson Insurance has been a long-term sponsor of this award, providing a cheque for \$1500 to the award winner and \$500 to the recipient's faculty association. Congratulations, Dr. Cynthia O'Donnell, on being this year's recipient of this award. We look forward to your presentation at this year's conference!

Dr. Cynthia O'Donnell holds a Master of Arts degree in History from the University of Toronto and a Doctorate in Education from the same institution. She is passionate about giving students what they need to achieve their goals. Committed to student success, she states, "If you believe in them, they will rise to the high standards you set for them." The Student's Association of Keyano College has three times awarded her the Excellence Award in Teaching for her excellent pedagogy and innovative, engaging use of technology.



Innovation in Teaching Award

The award is sponsored and administered by:
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and Johnson Insurance



Johnson Insurance has been a long-term sponsor of this award, providing a cheque for \$1500 to the award winner and \$500 to the recipient's faculty association. Congratulations, Lethbridge College SPHERE Team, on being this year's recipient of this award. We look forward to your presentation at this year's conference!



Simulated Patient Health Environment for Research and Education (SPHERE) supports health and wellness students within simulated spaces. They emphasize psychologically safe learning environments, embracing failure as a learning tool, and bridging theory to practice. SPHERE supports students in practicing a wide range of skills from hands-on basic skills to high level critical thinking.

Team Members: Sheri Wright, Simulation Coordinator/Instructor, Faculty Member; Marie Laenen, Instructor, Faculty Member; Heather Gordon, Lab Technician IV; Madisyn Chambers, Lab Technician IV; Michelle Moors, Lab Technician IV.

Monday May 11 Night Entertainment

Jasper's Alpine Music has offered a professional and friendly DJ and Photo Booth service in and around Jasper since 1998. Attendees will enjoy three of their services: karaoke, music bingo, and photo booth!



Karaoke

Karaoke is always a crowd favorite, and they profess to having the best karaoke service in Jasper!



Music Bingo

Music Bingo combines a love of music with the traditional bingo format. Each player receives a Music Bingo card which consists of an assortment of songs. Instead of calling out numbers, they play the music! Singing along encouraged



Photo Booth

Capture and re-live all the memories from your event over and over again. The photo booth captures photos, and guests can even leave a video message! The photo booth is integrated with Social Media for live sharing.

Tuesday May 12 Night

Silent Auction Closes

Each year, the proceeds from the Silent Auction help support the costs associated with the expenses of the awards winners' attendance at the conference. This year, payment for Silent Auction items will be received by **cash, cheque and E-transfer** only. Come prepared to bid on the items provided by the associations and other contributors. You are welcome to donate an item yourself – just bring it when you pick up your registration package Sunday night or Monday morning!



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Individual members of ACIFA can take advantage of group rates on home and auto insurance through ACIFA's partnership with Johnson Insurance; they give a portion of the premiums to ACIFA each year as thanks for either obtaining a quote or securing insurance with them. This amounts to between \$12,000 and \$18,000 each year! Please stop by and speak with the Johnson Insurance rep at the conference, or contact Johnson Insurance by phone for a quote!

Don't miss out on getting your socks again this year!

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2020 ACIFA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Register for the **May 10-12 ACIFA 2020 Annual Spring Conference** here: <https://www.acifa.ca/shop>

Payments for Registration and Meal Tickets may be made by **Cheque, E-Transfer, or PayPal.**

No refunds will be given after **April 15, 2020**. A limited number of additional meal packages will be available for purchase at the conference; **only E-transfer** will be accepted for payment.



Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements:

[Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge](#)

For information on additional activities in Jasper Park, including the Skytram, visit the [Jasper Canada Website](#) for information on excursion availability and pricing.



Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 13: Executive Council (Edmonton)
March 14: Presidents' Council (Edmonton)
May 10: Presidents' Council, NAC, PAC (Jasper)
May 12: AGM (Jasper)
May 10-12: Annual Conference and AGM (Jasper)

Member Associations

Alberta University of the Arts Faculty Association
Grande Prairie Regional College Academic Staff Association
Keyano College Faculty Association
Lakeland College Faculty Association
Lethbridge College Faculty Association
Medicine Hat College Faculty Association
NAIT Academic Staff Association
NorQuest College Faculty Association
Northern Lakes College Faculty Association
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2020 Conference Menu

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

assorted muffins
toast station
cereal station
fruit yogurts
sliced fruit platters
scrambled eggs
pork breakfast sausage
hickory smoked bacon
potato hash pancake

LUNCH

daily soup
breads, rolls, garlic croutons
crisp romaine hearts, grape tomatoes,
cucumbers, asiago cheese
homestyle devilled egg potato salad
cold wraps: chorizo tofu & sweet potato
wrap, and turkey club sandwich
hot wraps: caprese grilled cheese, and
pulled angus beef short rib
assortment of sweets

DINNER

breads and rolls
salad station with garden greens
farro salad with roasted vegetables
roasted butternut squash & carrot salad
fire grilled Alberta beef tenderloin
roasted chicken supreme
grilled salmon
herb roasted fingerling potatoes
vegetable medley
sweets & treats

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

assorted muffins
toast station
cereal station
fruit yogurts
sliced fruit platters
smoked cheddar scramble
pork breakfast sausage
country style ham
buttermilk pancakes
home fried breakfast potatoes

LUNCH

daily soup
breads, rolls
salad station with Caesar trimmings,
broccoli salad, country style coleslaw
cold sandwiches: muffuletta, and
devilled egg on multigrain croissant
hot sandwiches: falafel piadina wrap,
and grilled chicken
assortment of sweets

DINNER

breads and rolls
black eyed peas, baked beans
salad station with garden greens
roasted sweet potato & jicama salad,
orichietti pasta salad
savoy cabbage coleslaw
maple glazed salmon
marinated grilled Alberta striploin steak
slow cooked baby back pork ribs
lemon mustard mushroom infused potato salad
sweet soy infused corn on the cob
grilled vegetable medley
sweets & treats
outdoor campfire: S'Mores