Teaching

Flipping the classroom: In lieu of teachers lecturing in the classroom, video lectures are assigned as homework, then students work on exercises in class where there can be more interaction and assistance from the teacher or other students. This article, “Top Ed-Tech Trends of 2012: The Flipped Classroom” on Inside Higher Ed gives the good, the bad, and the maybes.

Salman Khan’s TED talk on flipping the classroom, leveraging instructor time, and globalizing education

Khan Academy videos (FREE!) on a host of topics within Finance and Capital Markets; Microeconomics; and Macroeconomics (also on many math and humanities subjects). These videos might be useful to Gustavson faculty in the classroom, or might be helpful to students who are struggling with a concept and need some extra tutoring at their own speed in their own time.

Teaching a subject that students find difficult and/or boring? Well, not you, of course, but maybe someone you know is. In this workshop at the Learning and Teaching Centre, Iman Moazzen of Engineering will talk about how he uses music to more effectively teach his Signals and Systems course, which contains complicated but essential math that many students find challenging.

Monday, May 13, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, HHB128. Register here.

Entrepreneurship, small business

The African economy is developing at a rapid pace. Sally Sawaya is a Kenyan businesswoman who has made the successful move from subsistence farming to exporting gourmet products to international markets. This RTE news clip from Apr 22/13 has more.

Are Small-to-Mid Sized Businesses the Catalyst to a Low Carbon Economy in BC? That’s the title and topic of this white paper from Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.

Social change

Network for Business Sustainability webinar on how companies can drive social change: Webinar: Best Practices for Companies to Drive Social Change

The presenter is Ute Stephan, lead author of the systematic review on Business-Driven Social Change that was released earlier this year.

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