Teaching, kudos to Gustavson

Congratulations to all the Gustavson profs who take advantage of (and even initiate) the services of the Learning and Teaching Centre, peer mentorships, and other strategies that help them become ever better teachers.

This article, “Time to Help College Professors be Better Teachers,” from the Christian Science Monitor via Utne, describes a crying need for better classroom teaching skills in American colleges.

The author, Mike Rose, is a professor in the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Science.

“Right after I gave my opening lecture...,” Rose writes, “I handed out a few pages of notes I would have taken if I were sitting in their seats listening to the likes of me [and] we spent the last half hour of the class comparing my notes with the ones they had just taken, talking about the way I signaled that something was important, how they could separate out a big idea from specific facts, how to ask a question without looking like a dummy.”

Tonight and free

Kinder Morgan pipeline and tankers on BC’s south coast?

A town-hall meeting in Victoria with author Bill McKibben (350.org, Rolling Stone articles here) via video, Mayor Dean Fortin, Esquimalt Chief Andy Thomas, and others will be held at the Vic Theatre tonight, April 11 from 7-9 pm.

New KM

In 2006, UVic was one of the original members of ResearchImpact, Canada’s knowledge mobilization network, which provides knowledge mobilization services to universities, communities and government agencies.

Knowledge mobilization connects research and researchers with people and organizations seeking to develop sustainable solutions to social, environmental, economic and cultural challenges.

As well as its participation in ResearchImpact, UVic has a Knowledge Mobilization unit within the new Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization unit of Office of Research Services. Staff offer a suite of practical services that includes knowledge mobilization training, research partnership brokering, communications planning and graduate student programming.

The new Knowledge Mobilization coordinator is Melanie Tromp.

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