

## Teaching & Learning Conference Schedule

Time	Item
8:30	Open Conference
8:40	Keynote #1 - Are Geotechnical Engineering Labs Effective for Learning? Dr. Gordon Stuble, University of Waterloo
9:40	Keynote #2 - Key Principles for Effective Learning in Lectures Dr. Donna Ellis, University of Waterloo
10:40	Coffee
11:00 - 12:00	Paper Presentations
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Keynote #3 - Graduate Attributes: An Opportunity for Rational Curriculum Redevelopment Dr. Vicki Remenda, Queen's University
14:00	Keynote #4 - Use of Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering Dr. Jim Graham, University of Manitoba
15:00	Coffee
15:20 - 16:20	Paper presentations
16:20 - 17:00	Discussion and Closing

## Keynote Abstracts

### **Case studies - a tool for learning**

Jim Graham

*University of Manitoba*

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### **Key Principles for Effective Learning in Lectures**

Donna Ellis

*University of Waterloo*

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### **Are Geotechnical Engineering Labs Effective for Learning?**

Gordon Stublely

*University of Waterloo*

Laboratory learning activities are usually resource intensive to operate and student-time intensive to complete. Given the amount of effort required to run and perform these learning activities, are they effective? If so, what techniques should we use to ensure that laboratory exercises maximize the opportunity for significant student learning? Can we apply these techniques to other types of learning activities? Answers to these questions can be found in a review of the university science and engineering education literature from the 1950's to the present. Surprisingly these answers contradict many long standing practices in the engineering teaching community. From the review we will identify the significant and negative impact that students' misconceptions have on their learning. It will be shown that active student engagement in all learning activities will ensure that misconceptions are diminished and that phenomenal learning can then occur.

### **Graduate Attributes: An Opportunity for Rational Curriculum Redevelopment**

Vicki Remenda  
*Queen's University*

The Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) is transitioning from counting inputs (i.e. counting accreditation units (AU)) to measuring outputs, or graduate attributes for engineering programs in Canada. This transition can be viewed as a curse - or an opportunity for curriculum redevelopment. In this presentation participants will learn techniques for developing a vision for what engineering students should know, and what skills and attitudes they should have. Ideas for selecting and/or redesigning an assemblage of courses consistent with the graduate attributes will be presented. Developing assessment rubrics will be discussed, and it will be demonstrated how attributes can be measured. Experience gained from the Queen's University Geological Engineering curriculum reform implemented in the Fall of 2009, and the literature, will be the basis for the presentation.

## Accepted Papers

### **The Role of Competency-Oriented Descriptions in Geo-Engineering**

A. Keith Turner

Colorado School of Mines

### **Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology in the Education of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineers**

Richard Jackson

Geofirma Engineering Ltd.

### **The Use of State of the Art E-Learning Technology in Support of Education and Professional Development for GeoEngineers**

Skordaki, E, & Vlachopoulos, N.

Royal Military College of Canada

### **Evaluation of Teaching a Two Course Sequence in Geotechnical Engineering in an Integrated Lecture – Lab Environment**

T. Kunberger

Florida Gulf Coast University

### **Geotechnical Engineering in the Americas Before Columbus**

Luis E. Vallejo, Kristine Lalley, & Matthew Long

University of Pittsburgh

### **Evaluations of Lateral Earth Pressure in a Soil-Bentonite Slurry Trench Cutoff Wall**

Daniel G. Ruffing, Jeffrey C. Evans, Michael A. Malusis

Bucknell University

### **Understanding the Limitations of the Swedish Method of Slices from the Stress Perspective**

G.H. Lei, Abraham C.F. Chiu & Q. Zheng

Hohai University

### **The Theory of Granular Packings as a Chapter of the Soil Mechanics Subject**

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