

Call for Abstracts: Illusions and Education

Second International Undergraduate Research Conference and Teaching Workshop

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Augustana Campus, University of Alberta

Camrose, AB

A 300 word abstract should be submitted to: Dr. Mélanie Méthot (mmethot@ualberta.ca) and Dr. Shauna Wilton (swilton@ualberta.ca) by December 8, 2014.

Illusions are ideas, concepts, images, items, and more that appear to be something different than what they are -- they are real, and yet not real. Illusions can be used to deceive and to manipulate, but also to create awe and wonder and to push our minds towards different viewpoints and perspectives by challenging what we believe to be true.

Undergraduate Research Conference

The first day of the conference is devoted to the research of undergraduate students related to the topic of 'Illusions' – this year's campus theme. This interdisciplinary undergraduate conference encourages applications from all disciplines. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Illusions in the world of politics
- Illusions in nature and science
- Perceptions and Illusions
- Religions and Illusions
- The 'essentialist' illusions of modernity
- The illusion of human nature

Teaching Workshop:

The second day of the conference consists of a teaching workshop and presentations from teaching faculty on the general topic of "Illusions and Education." Teaching faculty are invited to share best practices and original pedagogical research related to the conference theme; however, we also wish to encourage a wide range of submissions on different teaching related subjects. Some potential topics may be: the illusory value of undergraduate education; using illusions in the classroom; or the illusion of the engaged student.