

Call for Proposals
The Fifth Augustana Conference
on Undergraduate Research and Innovative Teaching (ACURIT)

The Gory and Glory of Assessment

May 13 to 15, 2018
University of Alberta, Augustana Campus
Camrose, AB Canada

"If we always do what we've always done, we will get what we've always got." -Adam Urbanski

The spread of mandated assessments of student learning and success has led to the rapid growth of an industry around academic assessment. Scholarly research on what, how, when, and why to assess continues to emerge alongside questions about the ultimate goals of assessment, the effectiveness of different models of assessment, and the difficulties in engaging teaching faculty in this process. This conference aims to continue this conversation in Canada, where formal institutional assessment of learning objectives is not yet mandated. What can we learn from the experiences of others? How can we integrate the experiences and learning of students more effectively into our understanding and practice of assessment?

This conference brings together academics, experts, teachers and students to talk about assessment in all its various guises. An important part of this interdisciplinary conference consists in providing a venue for students to share their reflections on their own learning. Papers, workshops and round tables give the opportunity to share research on assessment and discuss best assessment practices. This is a small, intimate conference aimed at creating discussion and dialogue. There are no parallel sessions.

Proposals for individual papers, panels and workshops are welcome. We also encourage participants to include students' perspectives and students in their presentations. **Deadline for proposal: December 30, 2017**

Location: Augustana enrolls about 1000 students in liberal art and sciences baccalaureate degree programs on a picturesque residential campus in the city of Camrose, 90 km southeast of Edmonton. Camrose is a thriving city, yet remains small enough to appreciate the convenience and security of a rural way of life- an oasis with all the amenities including a spectacular trail system, a wide range of restaurants and coffee shops, and its own craft brewery - the Norsemen Brewery Co. With the advent of the Camrose Resort Casino, the Bailey Theatre and the Jeanne and Peter Loughed Performing Arts Centre, the increase in commercial building and development has become even more oriented toward tourism, accommodations, and hospitality.

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