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Dear Colleagues,

We're providing lunch this Wednesday in G-102 for our final TLC lunch of the semester. Spaces are limited (and almost full), so please rsvp to Brenda at btorney@aup.edu.

While we revel in tasty Greek cuisine, we'll be talking about *How to build well-integrated FirstBridge and co-taught courses*. Our facilitators, Elena Berg and Elizabeth Kinne, will lead us in discussing strategies for building courses and teaching together with our colleagues. Although our primary goal is to discuss best practices for teaching well-integrated FirstBridge courses, our discussion will spill over into other arenas for team teaching at AUP. Team teaching is both invigorating and demanding. Teaching on our own can be isolating, and it's a delight to spend time with our colleagues and to exchange ideas and pedagogical visions with them. But it also takes time and effort to create compatible syllabi and design effective interdisciplinary activities (for example, during Reflective Seminars in FirstBridge). Please join us to share stories and exchange ideas about co-taught courses!

This will be the final *TLC News* for this academic year. Before we sign off, though, we'd like to share a few resources that have come our way in the past few weeks.

At our last lunch, we discussed feedback. "Feedback" you say? Yes, and why is it so hard to hear negative feedback? See the link below (thanks to Mark Ennis for forwarding this).

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/26/smarter-living/why-its-so-hard-to-hear-negative-feedback.html>

Several weeks ago, Michelle Kuo led a session on diversity in and out of the classroom. Since then, we've exchanged ideas with several of you, and we're working on a plan to extend this conversation next year. Until then, you may wish to read the information in the following link about facilitating challenging conversations in the classroom (thanks to Hank Kreuzman for forwarding this).

<http://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/resources/inclusive-teaching-learning/facilitating-challenging-conversations-in-the-classroom/>

For those of you interested in joining our conversation about Learning Management Systems (LMS) and networking systems to communicate with your students, Tomer Libal has some excellent ideas he shared with us in February, and continues to share over Slack (our group is called TLC Lunch). Contact Tomer if you'd like to join the conversation tlibal@aup.edu.

We'll be adding materials to the TLC website over the next few weeks. Our hope is to have more resources available to those of you teaching this summer. Once on the TLC page, scroll down and click on the "Teaching Resources" box.

<https://www.aup.edu/academics/academic-career-resources/teaching-learning-center>

Also next year, we'll continue conversations about teaching with the Visual History Archives (thanks to Marie Regan for facilitating this Mellon seminar) and experiential learning (thanks to Russell Williams and Hannah Westley for this seminar).

As the academic year winds down, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to our conversations, facilitated events, offered your ideas and suggestions, and read the *TLC News* (!). We look forward to working with you again next year.

Have a wonderful summer,

Your TLC

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