12 Techniques of the Holidays
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Points to touch on:
- What it is
- Who it's for
- Why we do it
- Why it matters
- The series is an example of a thematic series, and so can provide some ideas for your podcast project

HOST:

The **12 Teaching Techniques for the Holidays** is a series of micro lessons; defined by their brief, concise applied learning experiences; which highlight and showcase a wide variety of engaging teaching techniques used by Lakehead University instructors.

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Selected for their effectiveness and simple to apply methods, each years' **12 Techniques** shine a light on the creative ways our colleagues design and use their educational spaces.

The **12 Teaching Techniques for the Holidays** are also, by design, micro lessons that model effective and engaging techniques for online learning.

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The Teaching Commons brings this series to its audience each year as an opportunity to learn about some of the small ways we can all be innovative, and to inspire discovery learning in ten minutes each day.

Each lesson will set out to answer a question by providing a specific technique's purpose and function, offer some insight into why the spotlighted instructor was drawn to the technique, and will then outline steps others can use to 'try on' the techniques.

As examples of form and function, one of the 12 **Techniques** demonstrates how to develop an instructional media asset, while another utilizes google calendars in an novel and learner centered manner.

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Each lesson in a series is released over the course of 12 days, and remains open as a permanently accessible micro lesson. This is done so that instructors and colleagues can follow along with each episode's release, or binge learn at a later date.

The 2020, and the 2021 series are available as open resources at https://www.lakeheadu.ca/teaching-commons within its activities and events tab. A new series will launch this holiday season so 'stay tuned' to your Teaching Commons.

[just under 2 minutes in length]