



# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

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## OPEN LEARNING DIVISION

### **Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition: Emergence of a Canadian community of scholars**

#### **Program**

Saturday, November 6, 2010

1:15 pm – Welcome, Introductions: Dr. Christine Wihak (host)

1:45 pm – **Key note presentation and discussion:** *Trends in Public Support for Prior Learning Recognition: National Survey Findings, 1998-2010*

Dr. David Livingstone of OISE will present the findings on work-related learning and PLAR from OISE's 2010 Work and Learning survey, followed by a general discussion

2:45 pm – Break

3pm – 5:30 pm **Paper Presentations**

Joy Van Kleef: *PLAR Research in Canada -- 1995-2009*

Rachel Belisle: *Reconnaissance d'acquis en Quebec: Recherches Recentes*

Angelina Wong: *Community Service Learning (CSL) and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR): University Engagement with Real-World Connections*

Shibao Guo: *Toward Recognitive Justice with Immigrants' Prior Learning and Work Experience*

Dinner and evening at leisure for informal conversations

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Sunday, November 7, 2010

**8:30am – 12:00 Paper Presentations**

Dianne Conrad: *The Critical Importance of Writing and Language in Portfolio Learning*

Barbara Read: *The role of informal and non-formal learning in higher education*

Elaine Santa Mina: *Development and Test of an Online Instrument for Prior Learning, Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) of Degree Equivalence for Internationally Educated Nurses*

Leah Moss: *PLAR at a military college: Participant narratives*

Daphne Lordly: *PLAR and the Professional Education of Dieticians*

**12:30 – 1:30 Lunch Keynote presentation:** *An international Research Agenda for Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition*

Dr. Judy Harris, Open Learning Scholar at Thompson Rivers University, will present the international research agenda developed by international scholars affiliated with the Prior Learning International Research Centre.

Discussant: Dr. Nan Travers, Empire State College

2:15 Coffee break

2:30pm – 4:30 pm Discussion of Canadian current and future research in context of PLIRC research agenda. Facilitator: Martha Ireland

5pm Closing Remarks – Dr. Christine Wihak (host)