2016 TRU *Learning Award*

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Driven by a passion to continuously improve his teaching and to engage his learners more deeply in understanding the "real-world" applications of Macroeconomics, Dr. Joel Wood has developed innovative approaches for learning in his classroom. While most introductory economics courses focus on introducing students to abstract economic graphical models, Dr. Wood seeks to inspire his students by connecting course learning to current news stories, shared via Twitter and pushed out to students in his Moodle course. He has also incorporated a poster project that allows students to connect learning about Canadian economics to different economies around the world. His aim with both approaches is to intrinsically motivate his students to learn by opening up space for them to make meaningful connections to course material. The enthusiastic response from his students to these approaches is a testament to his success in fostering their learning.

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