Alternatives to the Term Paper:
A Workshop on Assignment Design

Led by John C. Bean
Date: Monday May 5, 2014
Time: 2pm-5pm
Location: Kruger Hall, Woodsworth College

This interactive workshop will focus on ways to design short, problem-based writing assignments that will help students learn important concepts as well as skills of critical reading, analysis, and argument. The workshop will suggest a variety of ways for incorporating these assignments into your syllabus: as informal thinking pieces, as short formal assignments, or as tasks for small group problem-solving. Participants will leave the workshop with hands-on ideas that can be immediately applied in the classroom.

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Registration is limited. Please register at http://goo.gl/6gF0js
Maximum registrants: 80. Refreshments will be served.

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