Kelly Thomson, York University, gives us the lowdown on the Teaching Committee's activities.

OMT PDW IN ATLANTA

We had an exciting set of presenters who focussed on how to teach "Weickian" OT concepts to students. The session was kicked off by Karl Weick who gave some great tips on how he teaches concepts such as sense-making and enactment. Laurie Di Padova-Stocks then described how she has implemented Service Learning in a variety of ways from in class to Distance Education. Ellen Auster then provided some great concrete tips from her book "Excellence in Business Teaching: A Quick Start Guide" and led the participants in an exercise to generate a collection of exercises and strategies for engaging students in participative learning of OT concepts.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VIRTUAL RESOURCE CENTRE

The best practices and new ideas generated during the workshop were captured and will be posted in the Virtual Resource Centre which can be accessed by all members of OMT. Just click on the Electronic Resources/Teaching Resources (on the menu to the left). This is where the course syllabi and exercises contributed by members of OMT are posted. This year we are
inviting all members of OMT to contribute a teaching technique or exercise that we can post on the Virtual Resource Centre. We have already included the names of those who contributed an exercise or teaching technique at the PDW. We will include all of the contributors' names in a draw for a $100 gift certificate to Amazon.com; the winner will be announced in the next OMT newsletter. Please send any teaching exercises, syllabi or teaching techniques to: kthomson@yorku.ca.

The members of the OMT Teaching Committee (Ellen Auster, Terry Conry (past Chair), Rumina Dhalla (doctoral student), Anand Narasimhan, Kelly Thomson (Chair)) would like to thank each of our presenters and all of the PDW attendees for their contributions. If you have any ideas for what you'd like to see at future AOM meetings, please get in touch with one of the members of the committe or email: kthomson@yorku.ca.