**Upcoming Events**

- **“How Can I Be Flexible with Non-Traditional Students?”**
  3/11
  10:30-11:30
  LIB 318
  Tuesday Morning Mentor

- **“Open Access in a Nutshell: Why and How”**
  3/13
  12:00-1:30
  LIB 301
  with Prof. Lynne Thomas

- **“Microblogging: New Opportunities for Student Writing, Research, and Engagement”**
  3/20
  10:00-2:00
  LIB 301
  with Dr. Cheryl Boncuore & Prof. Aurora Reinke

Click here to register for an event.

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**Grant Writing Workshop**

Later this month, the Grant Training Center will be at UIC for a three-day intensive workshop on how to write grant proposals.

**March 26-28, 2014**
**8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**
**University of Illinois—Chicago**

The registration fee is $595. To register and learn more about the program, [click here](#). If you are unable to attend in person, there are virtual options available.

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**Open Access: Why and How**

On Thursday March 13, 2014 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Prof. Lynne Thomas from Northern Illinois University will present “Open Access in a Nutshell: Why and How” in LIB 301.

Prof. Thomas is the curator of Rare Books and Special Collections for NIU Libraries. She is an associate professor, and a three-time winner of the Hugo Award. Refreshments will be served.

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**CTRE Virtual Roundtable**

This month, the CTRE will be piloting a new faculty development initiative aimed at providing useful information in an accessible way.

The CTRE Virtual Roundtable will offer topics for faculty to learn about and discuss in order to help grow as educators. Best practices and emerging trends will be discussed in a way that encourages application in teaching, research, and service.

The first Virtual Roundtable will take place on **Monday, March 17 from 10:30 to 11:30**, with the topic, “What are Learning Objectives?” This session will be accessible virtually via Blackboard Collaborate in the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle.

All levels of experience and expertise on the topic are welcome.

Future topics will include “Classroom Management Best Practices” on March 24 and “Strengthen Your Syllabus” on March 31.

If you have questions, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

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Looking Forward

CTRE Writing Workshops

The CTRE is excited to help you explore writing in new ways and with fresh perspectives with its 2013-2014 faculty development theme, “Writing for Success.”

“Microblogging: A New Opportunity to Encourage Student Research, Writing, and Engagement”
with Dr. Cheryl Boncuore and Aurora Reinke
March 20, 2014
10:00-2:00 / LIB 301

This workshop will help you understand what microblogging is, and how it can be used to encourage regular, low-stakes writing, which has been shown to help students become more articulate, thoughtful, writers themselves. The format is at once engaging, enjoyable, and effective.

Lunch will be included with this workshop.

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498. Visit bit.ly/csuwrite to learn more about this and previous workshops in the Writing for Success series.

Save the Date for Special Faculty Events

Mark your calendars for two of this year’s biggest events: the Provost’s Colloquium and the Faculty Recognition Ceremony!
The Provost’s Colloquium is an opportunity for faculty who have received CTRE funding to showcase their scholarly work, and will take place on Friday, March 28, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Library Sunroom.
The Faculty Recognition Ceremony will honor and celebrate a variety of faculty achievements from over the past year, and will take place on Friday, April 25 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.

If you have any questions or would like to attend either of these events, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-994-2498.

Moodle Virtual Workshops

Whether you’re an online teaching veteran or tenderfoot, the CTRE has you covered this spring!
The CTRE will be offering virtual training sessions from now through April to help you increase your fluency with Moodle.
- March 12
  Uploading Assignments and Media
- March 26
  Blackboard Collaborate Overview
- April 9
  Course Design Based on the ION Rubric
- April 23
  Importing Existing Courses into New Shells

All sessions will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. via Blackboard Collaborate in the Instructors Resources Course in Moodle.

If you have questions about Moodle virtual training, contact Rochelle Johnson, Program Specialist, at rjohns30@csu.edu or 773-995-2456.