**Upcoming Events**

**Faculty Symposium Series—Thursday 11/13**

Join the CTRE this Thursday for the next Faculty Symposium Series presentation:

**“Biodiversity in Deforested Landscapes: Patterns, Scale, and Modeling of the Atlantic Forest of South America”**

with Dr. Noé de la Sancha

**Department of Biology**

This presentation will explore shifting trends in forest life from northeastern Brazil to eastern Paraguay, based in part on the research that was conducted for the recently published paper, “Metacommunity Structure in a Highly Fragmented Forest: Has Deforestation in the Atlantic Forest Altered Biogeographic Patterns?” in *Diversity and Distributions.*

This presentation will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. **Click here to register** for this event.

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**Syllabus & LIS E-Resources Workshop**

This Friday, LIS and the CTRE are teaming up to bring you a syllabus and e-resources workshop.

The first half will focus on the basics of creating an effective syllabus, including how to articulate effective learning objectives and align them with assessments, and the second hour will explore the LIS electronic resources that are available to you, and how to include them in your syllabus. This workshop will be co-facilitated by Prof. Joanna Kolendo, Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian at CSU, and James Kowalski.

This workshop will take place on Friday, November 14 from 10:30 to 12:30 in LIB 301. **Click here to register for this workshop.** If you have questions, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.
CTRE Virtual Roundtable

The CTRE’s newest faculty development initiative, CTRE Virtual Roundtable, is offered as a convenient, user-friendly means of connecting with colleagues across campus to discuss issues and topics related to teaching.

Upcoming roundtables include:

“Art of Teaching 15: Coaching Students on Presentation Skills”
November 10, 2014
10:30-11:30

“Art of Teaching 16: One-on-One Teaching”
November 17, 2014
10:30-11:30

“Art of Teaching 17: The Learner’s Perspective”
December 1, 2014
10:30-11:30

Each virtual roundtable will take place via Blackboard Collaborate. Links for each session can be found in the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle. To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Fulbright Scholar Program

On November 24, there will be a faculty workshop on the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Andy Riess, Assistant Director of Outreach at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), will provide information about the Fulbright Scholar Program and offer advice on the application process.

There will also be a panel Q&A by CSU’s Katey Assem, Judy Birgen, Aref Hervani, and David Kanis, who will comment on their experiences as participants and reviewers in the Fulbright Scholar Program.

The Fulbright Scholar Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, currently awards over 8,000 grants annually, including 1,200 for U.S. scholars.

This workshop will take place on Monday, November 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in LIB 301. Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Office of the Provost.

All interested faculty are encouraged to attend this free workshop—click here to register.

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

Authentic Assessment Workshop

Join the CTRE on November 18 for the next in its series of “Create, Connect, Collaborate” events with:

“The Authentic Assessment Toolbox”
Workshop with Dr. Jon Mueller, Professor of Psychology, North Central College

This workshop will discuss:

• what authentic assessment is, and how it differs from traditional assessment
• how to construct good authentic assessments, including the development of effective rubrics
• how to apply the principles of authentic assessment to the assessment of skill development
• how to use rubrics to guide instruction

This workshop will take place on Tuesday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. All are welcome to attend. RSVP to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.