Assessment Workshop 9/19

On Friday, September 19, the CTRE will be hosting an intensive workshop on student assessment.

“How Do We Know What Students Are Learning?” will be facilitated by Ms. Shannon Milligan, M.S., Coordinator of Assessment at Loyola University Chicago, and Ms. Jennifer Sweet, M.S., Associate Director of Assessment at DePaul University. This workshop will explore the following:

- The difference between assessment and grading
- The difference between direct and indirect assessment, and when to use each
- What a curriculum map is, and how to create one
- What the different levels of assessment are, and how they fit together

This workshop will take place on Friday, September 19 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Faculty Symposium Series Continues on 9/26

Last week, Dr. Deborah Lynch of the College of Education started the new CSU Symposium Series with her excellent presentation, “An Open Letter to President Obama: Chicago Teachers Speak Out on Urban Education.” This new series offers CSU faculty a platform for sharing their work in teaching, research, service, and general scholarship with the university community. Every month throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, two faculty members will offer a presentation to the CSU community.

The next presenter in this series will be Dr. John Stedl, Professor of Information Sys-

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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 7: Dynamic Lecturing”  
September 8, 2014  
10:30-11:30

“Art of Teaching 8: Teaching with PowerPoint”  
September 15, 2014  
10:30-11:30

“Art of Teaching 9: Demonstrations Old and New”  
September 22, 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.

There’s Still Time to Register for SLATE

Have you signed up for the 12th Annual SLATE Conference yet? Join over a dozen of your CSU peers in attending one of the best conferences that is dedicated to online teaching and learning excellence.

This conference will help you...

- ...discuss best practices and implementation strategies.
- ...share pedagogical and shared learning approaches.
- ...see how other institutions are using online learning.
- ...network with other users of online learning technologies.

A Moodle Special Interest Group (SIG) will also be offered for attendees who use this LMS.

The SLATE Conference will take place October 22-24 at Northern Illinois University’s Naperville Campus. Standard registration is now open through September 30 ($175/single or $150/group of three or more).

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tems and Accredited Professional Statistician”, who will present “RANDOMNESS and the DOW,” on Friday, September 26, 2014 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. In his presentation, he will explore statistical randomness in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and the reasons why, despite the questionable logic of doing so, media and business experts obsess over trying to make sense of daily changes in it.

The following month, Dr. Abir El-Alfy of the College of Pharmacy will present “The Endocannabinoid System: A Potential Therapeutic Target for Mood Disorders,” which will take place on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.

You can learn about future presentations by visiting the CTRE website.

If you are interested in presenting as part of the Faculty Symposium Series, simply complete this brief interest form. All topics, disciplines, and interests are welcome.

All are welcome to attend Faculty Symposium Series presentations. If you have questions about attending or presenting, please contact James Kowalski by email at jkowalsk@csu.edu or by phone at 773-995-2498.