July Deadline for CTRE Grants Nears

As of today, the July deadline for the next round of CTRE grants is less than one week away. On Monday, July 2 at 5:00 p.m., applications for Enrichment Grants, Student Engagement Grants, and Research Seed Grants will close. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered for the following deadline, nearly three months hence.

Instructions for each of the three grants can be found on the CTRE website at www.csu.edu/ctregrants. Questions can be directed to either Michael Sukowski at msukowsk@csu.edu / x2501 or James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu / x2498.

Bundle of Events This Week in the CTRE

If you’re looking for some great professional development opportunities this week, the CTRE has you covered.

Today at noon, there will be a faculty webinar on the attitudes toward, and possibilities of, Open Educational Resources. OER are freely shared educational materials from around the world that can be found online. Collaboration between educators is becoming easier as the floodgates of shared resources are opening wider by the day. Tuesday’s webinar, titled, “Faculty Perceptions of OER / Transforming Your Teaching” will provide a

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Looking Forward

Wednesday Workshops

On Wednesday, June 27, Jay Sternickle from Joliet Junior College will be delivering a workshop, "Transforming Static 2D Graphics into Dynamic, Interactive Learning Content."

This workshop will prepare you to use Web 2.0 tools to create engaging content for your students—particularly for online and hybrid classes. Participants will learn about three online tools that allow instructors to transform text and static images into interactive environments and presentations through the use of SpicyNodes (a concept-mapping tool), Animoto (a video slide-show creator), and Photosynth (Microsoft’s, unique panorama tool). This workshop will provide hands-on experience with these tools and practical production advice.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday, June 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. If you are interested in attending, please click on the RSVP link below. Questions can be directed to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Click here to RSVP

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helpful introduction for anyone curious about the future of OER.

Tues 6/26—12:00-1:00—LIB 301

On Wednesday, the CTRE’s Weekly Workshop series will feature Jay Sternickle of Joliet Junior College, who will be introducing some new and exciting programs that can help instructors add some zest to content delivery (see “Looking Forward” feature above for more information).

Weds 6/27—12:00-2:00—LIB 301

And finally, on Friday, Mick McMahon of Robert Morris University will present a workshop titled, “Integrating Writing Across the Curriculum.” Faculty members—from any and all disciplines—looking to bring more literacy and composition opportunities to their classroom should consider attending.

Fri 6/29—12:00-2:00—LIB 301

Questions or comments can be directed to James Kowalski, Faculty Development Specialist, at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.