Upcoming Events

“Don’t Call on Me: Drawing Shy Students Out of their Shells and Into the Classroom” with James Kowalski

8/1
12:00-2:00
LIB 301
RSVP

SPECIAL EVENT: New Faculty Orientation

8/7-8/10
9:00-4:00
LIB Sun Room
RSVP

“Implementing Gen Ed Assessment Across Multiple Modalities” Faculty Webinar

8/15
1:00-2:00
LIB 301
RSVP

“Relaxation Techniques for Stressed-Out Faculty” with Dr. Tonya Hall

8/22
12:00-2:00
LIB 301
RSVP

“Web 2.0 Technologies to Engage and Inspire” with Jason Rhode

8/29
12:00-2:00
LIB 301
RSVP

New Faculty Orientation

On August 7-10, New Faculty Orientation will be returning with its most ambitious program schedule yet. It will be an opportunity for full-time faculty who have joined CSU within the past year to become better acquainted with the university and prepare for the year ahead. Deans and department chairs are also welcome to attend.

The Truth is Somewhere in Between

Sharing news articles with students is oftentimes precarious. After all, news is reported by people, and people have biases, as much as they might try their best to not let it seep into their work (or not).

But, as the saying goes, necessity is the mother of invention. Enter watchdog media sites, which troll—or patrol—news sources, uncovering error and bias wherever they rear their ugly heads. Below are three watchdog websites that you can use to boil the news down to what it should be: the news.

1) Politifact

Launched in 2007, Politifact exists

“to help you find the truth in American politics.” No small feat. Using a six-tiered meter, ranging from “True” to “Pants on Fire,” the website tries to take the spin out of

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Looking Forward

Wednesday Workshop

On Wednesday, August 1, there will be a faculty workshop in the CTRE titled, “Don’t Call on Me: Drawing Shy Students Out of their Shells and Into the Classroom.”

Shy students are present in almost every classroom, and present a well known dilemma for instructors: how can we help bring their valuable thoughts into a more shared learning space? This workshop will focus both on understanding the “shy student experience” as well as tips on how to help them feel more comfortable engaging with others.

This workshop will be facilitated by James Kowalski, Faculty Development Specialist in the CTRE. It will take place on Wednesday, August 1 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the LIB 301. If you have any questions, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Click here to RSVP

Congratulations!

The CTRE would like to congratulate Dr. Charlesetta Ellis, Dr. Timothy Harrington, and Dr. Mark Kutame on their recent appointments as chairs of the Department of Doctoral Studies, the Department of Elementary and Middle Level Education, and the Department of Secondary Education, Professional Studies, and Recreation, respectively.

Under their leadership, these departments will certainly continue to shine at CSU.

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politics for you.

2) FactCheck

A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center, FactCheck is “a nonpartisan, nonprofit ‘consumer advocate’ for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.”

3) NewsTrust

Like Politifact and FactCheck, NewsTrust helps its visitors “find and share good journalism online, so they can make more informed decisions as citizens.” Unlike its cousins, however, NewsTrust has a broad scope, going beyond the political realm into areas such as business, science and technology, health, and even sports and entertainment.

Hopefully these three websites can be used as tools, both for finding the news in its least distorted form, and for helping your students identify bias, whether in a Chicago Sun Times article, or YouTube video clip.

Lastly, it must be said that these three websites, like all sources of “the truth,” contain their own biases, but many would agree that they help keep the news cleaner than it otherwise would be.

Images: FactCheck logo, NewsTrust logo, Tortoise Thumbs up