December is here, and that means faculty are preparing (and students are cramming for) final exams, seniors are anxiously awaiting commencement, and the CTRE is hard at work preparing Friday Faculty Fest workshops for the spring.

The CTRE is focusing on a panoply of topics that will connect with faculty on various levels of interest and professional development.

Kicking off the season on January 13 will be the renowned Dr. Edmund J. Hansen, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Northeastern Illinois University. Building off of his recently published book, Idea-Based Learning, Dr. Hansen will be speaking on “Course Design for Curriculum Reform,” which will (Continued on back)

**Calling All Accolades!**

The CTRE is a resource for all faculty to improve their teaching and research in some meaningful way. This is the ongoing primary mission of the CTRE’s staff.

But the CTRE also recognizes—and is thrilled by—the excellent track record of

**CSU faculty.**

The CTRE would like to give credit where credit is due, so if you are a faculty member who fits one of the following, let us know:

1) **You are the recipient of an award, grant, or recognition;**

2) **You have authored or co-authored a published article or book; or**

3) **Have attended a conference and want to share your experience.**

We are very eager to hear about recent accomplishments, but also welcome those from the past few years as well. Email us HERE to let us know.
Looking Forward

Teaching & LERNing

This spring, the CTRE will be participating in an online course with the Learning Resource Network (LERN).

“The Certified Faculty Development Institute 2012” is a ten-week course that prepares participants to improve faculty development.

So what does this mean for CSU faculty?

The valuable training that the CTRE staff will gain from LERN should be drawn on first and foremost as a faculty resource. So if you would like to learn more about “Designing Multimedia for eLearning” or “Generational Learning Styles,” then make sure to set aside some time to visit the CTRE, or make a suggestion about a future workshop.

Take a moment to look over the course list HERE to see what kinds of things the CTRE will be bringing back to CSU.

Friday Faculty Fest Spring Preview (cont.)

focus on seven key elements that can be universally applied to the architecture of course development.

Then on January 20, Mr. Ted Scholz, Associate VP of Faculty Development at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), will be presenting a workshop entitled “Seeds for Innovation.” The consortium of the same name is a cooperative effort by the CSPP, Pacific Oaks, and the Santa Barbara Graduate Institute, and works to “anticipate and create a new pedagogy for … ‘Generation M,’” which is defined as centering around multitasking, media, multi-modality, and multi-nodality. In approaching Generation M, Seeds for Innovation focuses on five areas of learning theory: brain-based learning; community engagement; eLearning; information resources; and pedagogical awareness. Click HERE to learn more.

WORKSHOP NOTICE FOR 12/16

The December 16 Friday Faculty Fest workshop, “Leading a Socratic Seminar,” with Dr. Diane Moses has been postponed to the Spring Semester.

Dr. Moses will, however, still be leading a workshop called “Discovering the Socratic Seminar” on December 9 at 12:00PM in LIB 301. All instructors are welcome to attend.

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