Upcoming Events

Moodle Training: 10/2
Using Moodle Activities 12:00-1:00
Online

“Spicing Up Your Syllabus: Objectives, Assessments, and Bloom’s Taxonomy” with Michael Sukowski 10/3
12:00-2:00
LIB 301

Moodle Training: 10/5
Using Moodle Activities 10:30-11:30
Online

“Teaching with and Researching Primary Sources: How CSU Archives and Special Collections Can Help You” with Aaisha Haykal 10/10
12:00-2:00
LIB 301

Birds of a Feather Learn Together

Although this year’s theme for the CTRE is “Building the Learning Community,” in fact that theme is an ongoing objective that the department has for the university. To that end, we are planning an upcoming workshop titled, “Birds of a Feather,” which aims to bring full-time and adjunct faculty together, to share and discuss ways that you have been successful teaching the same or similar courses.

This event will allow faculty to compare and examine learning outcomes, how they should be assessed, and how improvements can be implemented.

Faculty can expect announcements in the coming weeks with developments for “Birds of a Feather.”

The Search for Extra Funding

Did you know that the CTRE’s website contains a page filled with resources for obtaining external grant funding? Those looking for support beyond what the CTRE Grant Program can provide should explore these resources, listed under four different categories:

Grant-Making Foundations
This is a list of 17 of the largest foundations, many of which are based in the Chicagoland area.

Grant Databases and Directories
There are literally thousands of grant-making bodies around the world that you can search from, based on various criteria. These databases will help you find the ones right for you.

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Looking Forward

Faculty Workshop

On Wednesday, October 3, there will be a faculty workshop in the CTRE titled, “Spicing Up Your Syllabus: Objectives, Assessments, and Bloom’s Taxonomy.”

As any instructor knows, a syllabus is much more than just a handout; it is a piece of architecture, a roadmap, and a lifeline all rolled into one. And the stronger it is, the more likely a student will know how to succeed in a given course.

This workshop will explore the ins and outs of what makes for a good syllabus. From the basics (“What is a course outcome?”) to the more complex (“What are the best ways to incorporate higher level thinking into assessments?”), this workshop will have something for everyone.

CTRE Director Michael Sukowski will lead the workshop. With decades of instructional design experience, he will provide an informative, easy-to-understand approach to spicing up your syllabus.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 3 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.

To register, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

The Search for Extra Funding

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Grant-Writing Preparation and Training

This section contains a list of resources to explore that will help you brush up on your grant-writing skills, and put you in touch with additional training opportunities.

Video and Webinars

Not enough time to read through a bunch of documents? Perhaps one of these featured video resources can help you get a leg up on submitting applications more likely to get you funded.

And while you’re on the CTRE’s website, be sure to check out the other resources there for faculty, including our events calendar, teaching tools, research tools, and more.

If you have any questions, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or X2498.

Congratulations!

The CTRE would like to congratulate Dr. Abir El-Alfy for coaching her students to a first-place win at the 2012 Illinois Pharmacist’s Association Annual Meeting’s Student Research Poster Competition. Third-year students Brandy Cooper, Abby Dunker, Jaime Brown, Michelle Dudek, and Rainier Ostil comprised the winning team. Way to go!