In January, the CTRE will be organizing a 30-day trial with Ambrose Video that will allow faculty to test all 427 of their videos, including all HD content, and the complete works of William Shakespeare. Watch for updates!

The CTRE will begin Online Certification Training (OCT) on Monday, December 19. The four-week course will cover such topics as:

- What is Online Learning?
- Best Practices in Online Teaching
- Instructional Design Basics
- Building Course Content
- ADA Accessibility

The CTRE would like to join the CSU community in congratulating the recent achievement of Kay McCrimon, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Communications, Media Arts, and Theatre (CMAT).

In July of this year, Ms. McCrimon self-published a children’s book about jazz. Good Night Li’l Darlin’ tells the story of Li’l Darlin’, a young girl who spends the day with her grandmother, Mama John, learning about African American jazz legends like “Cannonball” Adderley, Thelonious Monk, and Billie Holiday. The book captures the spirit of the jazz bebop and swing eras through the eyes of the child, with colorful images leaping off the page as Li’l Darlin’ and Mama John “cook, dance, and sing” their way through the day.

The book’s release is accompanied by a lullaby of the same name, sung by Joan Collaso.

For more information, or to contact Ms. McCrimon, click HERE.

“Drink of her baking filled the air. Her laughter, her smile, her long silver hair. Gardens bursting with color, sweetened Southern iced tea, Mama had flair. She was pure rhapsody!”

-From Good Night Li’l Darlin’
On Wednesday, December 14, from 11:30AM to 2:00PM, the College of Arts and Sciences will be hosting a workshop for faculty on the 4th floor of the library. The title of the workshop is “Spicing Up Your Syllabus: Adding Zest to Your Spring Classes,” and it aims to help faculty strengthen the overall architecture of their courses.

If attending, please bring along a syllabus that you have already created, and be prepared to take it to the next level. The workshop will give ample time to work alone or in groups as needed, and you will be able to walk away with a finished product. Lunch will be provided.

New Resources on CTRE Website

There have been some big changes happening to the CTRE website over the past week, all to help faculty learn about ways to improve their teaching and research.

1) Click HERE to visit the CTRE homepage. Immediately you should notice the side navigation menu has changed. It is now updated to be clearer, with a couple links added and a couple deleted (more on that as we go along).

2) Click HERE to visit the "Events and Workshops" page. It is now current through January 2012. Be sure to check back regularly for updates.

3) Click HERE to access a slew of new resources to help you in your teaching.

4) Once you’re done with that, click HERE for resources to help you in your research.

5) You’ll also notice that there’s a new page under construction for “External Grants.” Be sure to check back soon for updates.

6) On the “Newsletters” page, you’ll notice a survey link at the top (or click HERE). Please take a moment to fill it out to help us serve your better.

Have a Story for the CTRE?

If you have a story to share with CSU, send it to the CTRE! We’re always happy to include news and notices we receive from instructors, whether about your personal work, your department, or CSU as a whole.

Email them to jkowalsk@csu.edu or call x.2498.