Conferences on the Horizon

Faculty eager to interact with their peers from around the globe should consider attending one of the conferences listed below. Also, remember that CTRE grants are available to help defray the cost of attendance. Please visit the grants page to review application requirements.

- **Global Nursing Symposium**
  - January 18-19, 2013
  - Los Angeles, CA
- **International Conference on Government, Law, and Culture**
  - January 19-20, 2013
  - Dubai, UAE
- **AAAHRP Black History Conference**

- **International Conference on Applied Physics and Mathematics**
  - February 1-2, 2013
  - Seattle, WA
- **International Conference on Educational and Information Technology**
  - February 2-3, 2013
  - Hong Kong, China
- **International Business Conference**
  - February 13-15, 2013
  - Tampa, FL
- **International Society for the Social Sciences Annual Conference**
  - February 28-March 1, 2013
  - Orlando, FL

4 Sections of OCT Starting Soon!

Faculty wishing to take the CTRE’s Online Certification Training course will be pleased to learn that four sections will be starting soon. Two will begin on November 5, one on December 5, and one on December 10; all sections will follow the same eight-week course progression.

OCT is a completely online training course that prepares faculty to teach with Moodle. It covers the following topics:

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

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Faculty Workshop

On Wednesday, October 31, there will be a faculty workshop in the CTRE:

“Giving Students What They Need: An Introduction to the CSU Abilities Office of Disabled Student Services”

Come to this week’s faculty workshop and learn about the services and rights that differently abled students, faculty, and staff are entitled to at CSU. Discover what resources are available to students to help them learn; explore ways of thinking about information that include all kinds of abilities; and discuss how you can incorporate what you’ve learned into your own work to help make CSU a more ability-friendly environment.

This workshop will be facilitated by Sandra Saunders.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 31 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. To register, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

OCT Starting Soon

- Copyright and Fair Use
- Moodle Grade Book

Faculty will also be required to use online tools such as Jing and Elluminate, and to partially build an online course that they will use in the future.

If you are not comfortable navigating the internet, using email, uploading/downloading, or using MS Office, you are strongly encouraged to take a basic computer skills course before enrolling in OCT. Instructors will assume a working knowledge of these skills for all registrants.

Any faculty member wishing to teach online must successfully complete Online Certification Training, as stipulated in Section G of the CSU 2010-2015 Contract.

If you wish to register for OCT, click below on the class that best suits your schedule.

Beginning 11/5 with S. Ratliff
Beginning 11/5 with J. Kowalski
Beginning 12/5 with R. Johnson
Beginning 12/10 with M. Sukowski

If you have any questions about Online Certification Training, contact Sonya Ratliff at sratliff@csu.edu or x12508.

Dept. Chair Book

The CTRE recently acquired copies of Don Chu’s excellent book, The Department Chair Primer, and is giving them to the first six new chairs who respond to this column.

This book explores the topics that every successful department chair needs to know. So whether you’ve been a chair for years or are thinking about taking the plunge in the near future, this book is worth your while.

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