National Distance Learning Week

November 5-9 is National Distance Learning Week! To celebrate the week, USDLA has collaborated with educational institutions from around the country to put together a program of events to help others become acquainted with and learn more about online education. You can view a list of upcoming and archived webinars and programs at www.usdl.org/webinars and www.usdl.org/ndlw/events. A range of topics are featured, including MOOCs, social media, and more.

In alignment with National Distance Learning Week, the CTRE is also

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Profiles in Excellence Now Available

Hot off the press is Profiles in Excellence, a publication assembled by the CTRE to celebrate the remarkable work and achievements of CSU faculty.

The 32-page booklet features faculty members who were recipients of CTRE grant funding in the April and July rounds of applications, and highlights their respective projects. 16 faculty members were also chosen from various fields to be highlighted in the “spotlights” section, providing an in-depth look at how they have enriched the academic landscape at Chicago State University.

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Faculty Workshop

On Wednesday, November 7, there will be a faculty workshop in the CTRE:

“Best Practices in Building a Hybrid Learning Environment”

Brad Katz, Instructional Design Manager at the Illinois Institute of Technology, will be on campus to lead a workshop focusing on teaching spaces and the challenge of shifting from building a curriculum with a more exclusive focus on WHAT to one that more explicitly takes WHERE and HOW into account.

IIT has a rich history supporting non-traditional environments. It was a pioneer in distance learning in the 1970s, using live video and telephones to synchronize classrooms. With the advent of new technologies augmenting distance learning, IIT has remained positioned at the front of the pack, exploring, adapting, and inventing new ways of connecting students and learning in innovative ways.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday, November 7 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. To register, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Lunch will be served.

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and beyond.

Copies of the booklet are currently circulating throughout campus, so keep your eyes open for one. The CTRE also has copies of the booklet available for viewing.

Profiles in Excellence is the first in a new series of publications created to celebrate faculty. The next edition will be featured in the spring, which will take a look at the work of grant recipients from the October 2012 and January 2013 rounds of CTRE grant applications. Learn more about the various CTRE grants and the application process at www.csu.edu/facdev/ctregrants.

Congratulations to all the faculty featured in Profiles in Excellence!

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kicking off two sections of its Online Certification Training (OCT) this week. OCT helps prepare CSU instructors to teach proficiently in online and hybrid learning environments. (Note: Two more sections of OCT will be offered in December, on 12/5 and 12/10.)

If you would like to learn more about National Distance Learning Week, visit www.usdla.org/ndlw.