Technology Speed Dating THURSDAY!

The CTRE wants to help you fall in love with some new learning technologies this Valentine’s Day with Technology Speed Dating!

The event will proceed much like actual speed dating:

1) Upon arrival, you are given a “dating card,” which you fill out based on your idea of the ideal technology.

2) The cards are examined by our team of dating gurus and you are paired up with four technology dating stations.

3) Each dating station provides you with a quick overview of a given technology.

4) Afterwards, you can brainstorm with the CTRE and other faculty on what technologies you liked, and how you can bring them into your own teaching.

The technologies available for dating will be Prezi, Google Docs, Edmodo, Twitter, and Facebook, Audacity, MS Office, and Poll Everywhere (“clickers”).

Technology Speed Dating will take place on Thursday, February 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in LIB 318. To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498. Breakfast will be served.

What’s Credible?

Last month, Turnitin released a white paper and rubric to help instructors and students evaluate websites used for research. The Source Educational Evaluation Rubric (SEER) allows users to rate sites based on criteria like intent, originality, authority, and more. It’s a great way to help students understand what counts as a credible site, and what does not.

You can download the whitepaper at bit.ly/turnitinstudy.

2013 STEM Symposium

The 2013 Spring Symposium and Research Conference in STEM will be held February 15 and 16.

The symposium, to be held at the Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel, brings together over 300 undergraduate and graduate students to share and learn from each other in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. CSU partnered in planning this event.

To register or learn more, click here.

Images: Heart mouse, Turnitin logo, SideVibe logo, 2013 STEM Symposium
Looking Forward

Building the Learning Community

The CTRE is thrilled to welcome Kathy Schrock to campus on Wednesday, March 20 for an all-day faculty workshop event.

Ms. Schrock is a nationally recognized educator, technology guru, and author of the award-winning website, “Kathy Schrock’s Guide to Everything.” The program for the day will include the following workshops:

- 9:30
  Literacy in the Digital Age
- 10:45
  Your Personal Learning Network
- 12:30
  iPads for Teaching and Learning
- 1:45
  R.I.P.: Respect for Intellectual Property

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

If you would like to register for the event or learn more about it, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Piano Recital and Master Class 3/5

On Tuesday, March 5, CSU will be welcoming pianist Tao Lin to CSU for a recital and master class.

The master class will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a recital at 12:30 p.m. Both will take place in CSU’s Breakey Theater, located in Douglas Hall.

Recitals are held throughout the year on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Breakey Theater.

Contact the Music Department at music@csu.edu or 773-995-2155 for more information.

This program was made possible with funding from a CTRE grant.

Grant Writing Workshop at UIC

Registration is now open for a Grant Development Workshop, to be held March 27-29 at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The three-day workshop, sponsored by the Grant Training Center, is geared toward “mastering the techniques of writing superior and winning grant proposals from various funding agencies.” The workshop costs $595 per person ($50 rebate/person for two or more attendees from the same institution).

To register or learn more about the event, visit the Grant Training Center’s website.

Spring Moodle Virtual Workshops

Interested in brushing up on your Moodle skills?

The CTRE is pleased to announce the spring schedule of virtual workshops, available to faculty via Moodle’s CSU INSTRUCTORS course.

Workshops will take place every other Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

- February 12
  Moodle Basics Overview
- February 21 & 26
  Discussion Forums Overview
- March 7 & 19
  Gradebook Basics
- March 28 & April 9
  Using Elluminate
- April 18 & 23
  Embedding Media in Your Course
- May 2
  Back Up, Export, and Restore Your Course

To sign up for a workshop, click the button below.

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