CSU Assessment Conferences 3/25 & 3/26

The spring University Assessment Conferences will take place this week on March 25 & 26 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium and Sun Room.

The day’s programs will include a panel discussion on best practices and emerging trends in assessment, and the use of ePortfolios.

The CTRE has organized this panel to include Dr. Catherine Stark of Robert Morris University, Jennifer Sweet of DePaul University, and Ashley Kehoe and Shannon Milligan of Loyola University Chicago.

ePortfolios are shaping the landscape of a more comprehensive, flexible, and useful form of assessment.

For more information about the event, contact Dr. Bernie Rowan at 773-995-2439 or trowanii@csu.edu.

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Kathy Schrock Workshop

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Kathy Schrock workshop on March 20. We hope you learned new tips, insights, and perspectives. Over 50 people were in attendance, representing a dozen institutions.

If you would like to access Ms. Schrock’s presentations, you can find links to them on the CTRE website at www.csu.edu/ctre/workshops.

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Looking Forward

**Provost’s Colloquium 2013**

On Friday, April 12, CSU faculty will convene for the Provost’s Colloquium to showcase the excellent work they have done over the past year with the assistance of CTRE grant funding.

The event is an opportunity for the Chicago State University community to share, learn, and be inspired by faculty here on campus, who are engaging in projects as richly varied and rigorous as can be imagined. This is an event not to be missed, so mark your calendars!

The 2013 Provost’s Colloquium will take place on Friday, April 12 from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Library Sun Room. For more information, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

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**Google Docs Workshop**

Over the past six years, Google Docs has become a powerful force of collaboration and productivity for all sorts of industries and fields—particularly education. Google Docs is a free, web-based office software suite. Like with the Microsoft Office Suite, users can create written documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more. But whereas Microsoft products focus on premium features and options, Google Docs markets itself toward user friendliness and online collaboration.

And because it’s completely web-based, Google Docs allows users to work from any internet-connected device, keeping file management easy (i.e., no flash drives). Being web-based also allows for collaboration between users that is seamless and convenient.

If you want to learn more about how you and your students can use Google Docs, the CTRE will be offering two introductory workshops next month:

**April 16 & 22**

12:30-2:00

LIB 301

All faculty are encouraged to attend. Simply RSVP to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**College of Pharmacy Receives $250,000**

CVS Caremark, one of the largest pharmacy service companies in the country, recently announced the donation of $250,000 to Chicago State University’s College of Pharmacy.

The funding will help develop a new CVS Caremark Student Center and Technology Laboratory.

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**New $100K Gates Foundation Grant**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is soliciting proposals from U.S. colleges and universities for ten $100,000 grants “to help them create partnerships necessary to launch adaptive courses over the next 24 months,” according to the its website.

Adaptive learning blends individualized instruction and technologies that adjust to a student’s skill level in order to create a more personalized college experience.

Learn more about this grant on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation website.