Blended Learning Boot Camp

On July 29-30, there will be a Teaching Professor Workshop called, “Blended Learning Course Design: A Boot Camp for Instructors.”

This two-day workshop, to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, will help you take one of your existing face-to-face courses and convert it into a blended format. “Blended learning,” which incorporates both face-to-face and online learning is widely cited as the most effective format for learning.

This workshop will also help you discover those technologies with which you are most comfortable, so they become learning tools rather than impediments. You will also learn about which learning activities work best face-to-face, and which are ideal for online instruction.

Registration is open through July 19, 2013.

Click here to register or to learn more about this and other Teaching Professor workshops, which cover a

Moodle Upgrade in August

This August, Chicago State University will be upgrading from Moodle 1.9 to Moodle 2.3.

The upgrade will afford students and faculty greater ease of use, flexibility, and functionality.

Training

In preparation for the upgrade, the CTRE will be facilitating hands-on training sessions for faculty throughout the summer (see website for details). Student training will begin August 26.

Transfer Process

Courses will not automatically be transferred in this upgrade; it will be up to faculty to complete a Course Transfer Request form.
CTRE Summer Workshops

Looking to recharge your teaching batteries?
Energize yourself and discover some great tools and ideas in the CTRE!

“Six Presentation Alternatives for the PowerPoint-Weary”
July 16 (1:30-3:00)
July 18 (10:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30)

“It’s Easier Than You Think! Build a Website to Enhance Learning”
July 23 (1:30-3:00)
July 24 (10:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:00)

“The What, Why, and How of Rubrics”
July 30 (1:30-3:00)
July 31 (10:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:00)

“Mind Mapping Tools to Optimize Brainstorming and Collaboration”
August 6 (1:30-3:00)
August 7 (10:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:00)

All workshops will take place in LIB 301.
To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Photo Exhibition in CTRE

The CTRE is pleased to announce the opening of a photo exhibition by Jackie Greene Shavers Snell, which includes work from her series, Reflections of CSU, as well as others.

The exhibition will take place in the CTRE’s Knowledge Production Zone (LIB 318) through August 15, 2013. A reception will take place on July 8 at 2:00 p.m.

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Faculty will have access to the current version of Moodle (1.9) through August 31. After that time, only Moodle 2.3 will be supported, though old courses from 1.9 will be archived.

More Information

Announcements about the upgrade to Moodle 2.3 will be made throughout the summer. You can learn more about Moodle 2.3’s features by watching this introductory video and reading about it in Moodle Docs. If you have further questions, you are also welcome to call the CTRE at 773-995-2960 or email elearning@csu.edu.

The CTRE looks forward to working with everyone at CSU to make this conversion as seamless as possible.

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