**Upcoming Events**

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**Three Weeks to Fall Semester**

The start of the fall semester is just three short weeks away—are you on track to hit the ground running? Last week’s newsletter stressed the importance of reviewing your learning goals, assessments, syllabi, and online resources. Assuming those are all up-to-date, you may want to consider adding or revising some of the following activities to your classes:

1) **Flipped Classroom**
The flipped classroom model inverts traditional teaching by delivering instruction online outside of class, and providing deeper learning activities during classroom hours.

2) **e-Portfolios**
e-Portfolios are powerful summative assessments that allow students to demonstrate their learning with multiple media throughout an entire course.

3) **Inquiry-Based Learning**
IQL promotes learning through investigative questions and problems with real-world scenarios and creative problem solving.

*More to come next week!*

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**Moodle Upgrade in August**

This month, 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 either transfer courses themselves, or request assistance from the CTRE. To learn more about these options, visit the

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CTRE Writing Workshops

This fall, the CTRE is excited to help you explore writing in new ways and with fresh perspectives with its 2013-2014 faculty development theme, “Writing for Success.”

“Academic Writing from Research to Publication”
with Drs. Sonja Foss and William Waters
September 12, 2013
9:00-3:00 / LIB 301

“Grant Writing Workshops”
with Dr. Kenneth Henson
October 15 & 16, 2013
10:00-2:00 / LIB 301
(NOTE: Both dates cover same topics; choose one.)

“Writing Across the Curriculum”
with Dr. Christopher Anson
November 14, 2013
Time TBA / LIB 301

Visit bit.ly/csuwrite to learn more about these and other workshops in the Writing for Success series.
To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

CTRE Welcomes Special Guests

This week, the CTRE welcomes participants of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund’s 2013 Teacher Quality and Retention Program.

The program, which runs August 4-10, supports, trains, and mentors approximately 50 African-American young men who plan to become educators in challenging school environments. Please join the CTRE in welcoming and supporting these laudable individuals.

To learn more about the program, visit:
http://bit.ly/1cD5neH

Moodle Upgrade in August

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CTRE’s Moodle Support page.
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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