

## Upcoming Events

“How Do I Get  
Students to Read  
Assignments Before  
Class?”  
Tuesday Morning  
Mentor

3/4  
10:30-11:30  
LIB 318

“The What, Why, and  
How of Rubrics”  
Workshop

3/6  
10:30-11:30  
LIB 301

“Microblogging:  
New Opportunities  
for Student Writing,  
Research, and  
Engagement”  
Workshop

3/20  
10:00-2:00  
LIB 301

[Click here to register for an event.](#)

## CTRE Virtual Roundtable

This month, the CTRE will be pilot-  
ing a new faculty development initia-  
tive aimed at providing useful infor-  
mation in an accessible way.

10:30 to 11:30, with the topic, “What  
are Learning Objectives?” This session  
will be accessible virtually via Black-  
board Collaborate in the [Instructors  
Resource Course](#) in Moo-  
dle.

The CTRE Virtual  
Roundtable will offer  
topics for faculty to  
learn about and dis-  
cuss in order to help  
grow as educators.  
Best practices and  
emerging trends will  
be discussed in a way  
that encourages ap-  
plication in teaching, research, and  
service.



All levels of experience  
and expertise on the topic  
are welcome.

Future topics will include  
“Classroom Management  
Best Practices” on March  
24 and “Strengthen Your  
Syllabus” on March 31.

If you have questions, contact James  
Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-  
995-2498.

The first Virtual Roundtable will take  
place on **Monday, March 17 from**

## { APPEALING APPS & SITES }

Site: [IRRODL](#)

Price: FREE!

The Interna-  
tional Review of  
Research in  
Open and Distance Learning is “a  
refereed e-journal to advance re-  
search, theory, and practice”  
worldwide. IRRODL’s website  
also contains related resources  
and information.



## OCT Begins March 31

The next section of Online Certifica-  
tion Training (OCT) will begin on  
**Monday, March 31.**

OCT is an eight-week training course  
for instructors who wish to teach  
online courses at Chicago State Uni-  
versity. Topics include “What is  
Online Teaching?” “ADA Web Ac-  
cessibility Guidelines,” and  
“Instructional Design Basics.” To  
register, contact Rochelle Johnson at  
[rjohns30@csu.edu](mailto:rjohns30@csu.edu).

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## Moodle Minute

*By Rochelle Johnson*

Is it sometimes difficult to get the  
help you need with Moodle? Do  
you know where to find tutorials  
or how to schedule one-on-one  
time with the Moodle support  
team? There are a lot of ways to  
get help with Moodle; click the  
link below to get the information  
that will keep you connected with  
them:

<http://youtu.be/ZHWGVldQaJo>



# Looking Forward

## CTRE Writing Workshops

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."



*"Microblogging: A New Opportunity to Encourage Student Research, Writing, and Engagement"*

with Dr. Cheryl Boncuore and Aurora Reinke  
March 20, 2014  
10:00-2:00 / LIB 301

This workshop will help you understand what microblogging is, and how it can be used to encourage regular, low-stakes writing, which has been shown to help students become more articulate, thoughtful, writers themselves. The format is at once engaging, enjoyable, and effective.

Lunch will be included with this workshop.

To register, contact James Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-995-2498. Visit [bit.ly/csuwrites](http://bit.ly/csuwrites) to learn more about this and previous workshops in the Writing for Success series.

## Save the Date for Special Faculty Events

Mark your calendars for two of this year's biggest events: the Provost's Colloquium and the Faculty Recognition Ceremony!

The Provost's Colloquium is an opportunity for faculty who have received CTRE funding to showcase their scholarly work, and will take place on **Friday, March 28, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Library Sunroom.**

The Faculty Recognition Ceremony will honor and celebrate a variety of faculty achievements from over the past year, and will take place on **Fri-**

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UNIVERSITY  
PROVOST'S  
COLLOQUIUM

**day, April 25 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.**

If you have any questions or would like to attend either of these events, please contact James Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-994-2498.

## Moodle Virtual Workshops

Whether you're an online teaching veteran or tenderfoot, the CTRE has you covered this spring!

The CTRE will be offering virtual training sessions from now through April to help you increase your fluency with Moodle.

- March 12  
Uploading Assignments and Media
- March 26  
Blackboard Collaborate Overview
- April 9  
Course Design Based on the ION Rubric
- April 23  
Importing Existing Courses into New Shells

All sessions will take place from **12:30-1:30 p.m. via Blackboard Collaborate** in the [Instructors Resources Course](#) in Moodle.

If you have questions about Moodle virtual training, contact Rochelle Johnson, Program Specialist, at [rjohns30@csu.edu](mailto:rjohns30@csu.edu) or 773-995-2456.

