

Upcoming Events

“An Open Letter to President Obama: Chicago Teachers Speak Out on Urban Education” Faculty Symposium Series with Dr. Deborah Lynch

9/4
12:00-2:00
LIB 301

Art of Teaching 7: Dynamic Lecturing

9/8
10:30-11:30
LIB 318

Faculty Resource Network (FRN) Info Session

9/9 & 9/11
10:30-11:30
LIB 318

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

APPEALING APPS & SITES

Site: [Moodle Student FAQ](#)

Cost: FREE!



The CTRE has put together a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) self-help resource for students who are having minor issues with Moodle. To access it, simply visit:

bit.ly/moodlefaq

Faculty Symposium Series Begins!

This week, a new series will begin that offers CSU faculty a platform for sharing their work in teaching, research, service, and general scholarship. Every month throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, two faculty members will offer a presentation to the CSU community.

The first presentation will be “An Open Letter to President Obama: Chicago Teachers Speak Out on Urban Education” with Dr. Deborah Lynch, Assistant Professor of Graduate Programs in Education. This re-



search project examines the experiences of Chicago Public School (CPS) teachers in over 2,000 survey responses and 100 interviews, revealing their successes, challenges, and recommendations for the future. Dr.

Lynch’s presentation will take place on **Thursday, September 4, 2014 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.**

Later in the month, Dr. John Stedl, Professor of Information Systems and Accredited Professional Statistician™, will take place on **Thursday, September 4, 2014 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.** (continued on back)

Register for the SLATE Conference

Have you signed up for the 12th Annual SLATE Conference yet? Join over a dozen of your CSU peers in attending one of the best conferences that is dedicated to online teaching and learning excellence.



Supporting Learning And Technology in Education

This conference will help you:

- Discuss best practices and implementation strategies
- Share pedagogical and shared learning approaches
- See how other institutions are

using online learning

A Moodle Special Interest Group (SIG) will also be offered for attendees who use this LMS.

The SLATE Conference will take place **October 22-24 at Northern Illinois University’s Naperville Campus.** [Standard registration](#) is now open through September 30 (\$175/single, \$150/group of three or more).

Looking Forward

CTRE Virtual Roundtable

The CTRE's newest faculty development initiative, CTRE Virtual Roundtable, is offered as a convenient, user-friendly means of connecting with colleagues across campus to discuss issues and topics related to teaching.

Upcoming roundtables include:

"Art of Teaching 7: Dynamic Lecturing"

September 8, 2014

10:30-11:30

"Art of Teaching 8: Teaching with PowerPoint"

September 15, 2014

10:30-11:30

"Art of Teaching 9:

Demonstrations Old and New"

September 22, 2014

10:30-11:30



Each virtual roundtable will take place via Blackboard Collaborate. Links for each session can be found in the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle.

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Assessment Workshop on 9/19

On Friday, September 19, the CTRE will be hosting an intensive workshop on student assessment.

"How Do We Know What Students Are Learning?" will be facilitated by Ms. Shannon Milligan, M.S., Coordinator of Assessment at Loyola University Chicago, and Ms. Jennifer Sweet, M.S., Associate Director of Assessment at DePaul University.

This workshop will explore the following:

- What authentic assessment is, and how to apply it in the classroom or program level



- The difference between assessment and grading
- The difference between direct and indirect assessment, and when to use each
- What a curriculum map is, and how to create one
- What the different levels of assessment are, and how they fit together

This workshop will take place on **Friday, September 19 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.**

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please contact James Kowalski at

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will present "RANDOMNESS and the DOW," in which he will explore statistical randomness in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and the reasons why, despite the questionable logic of doing so, media and business experts obsess over trying to make sense of daily changes in it. Dr. Stedl's presentation will take place on **Friday, September 26, 2014 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.**



If you are interested in presenting as part of the Faculty Symposium Series, simply complete [this brief interest form](#). All topics, disciplines, and interests are welcome as part of this series. After completing the form, you will be contacted shortly thereafter to discuss scheduling preferences.

All are welcome to attend Faculty Symposium Series presentations. If you have questions about attending or presenting, please contact James Kowalski by email at jkowalsk@csu.edu or by phone at 773-995-2498.