



Connections

Connecting Teaching, Learning, Research and Service

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“The difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from old ones”

- John Maynard Keynes

Upcoming Events

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“Grading the Top 100 Sources of Student Writing”
Faculty Webinar
12:00-12:30 / LIB 318

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Technology Speed Dating
9:00-12:00 / LIB 318

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“From Flipped Classroom to Dual Enrollment”
Faculty Webinar
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Technology Speed Dating at the CTRE

The CTRE wants to help you fall in love with some new learning technologies this Valentine’s Day with **Technology Speed Dating!**

The event will proceed much like actual speed dating:

1) Upon arrival, you are given a “dating card,” which you fill out based on your idea of the ideal technology.

2) The cards are examined by our team of dating experts and you are paired up with four technology dating stations.

3) Each dating station provides you with a quick overview of a given technology

4) Afterwards, you can brainstorm with the CTRE and other faculty on what technologies you liked, and how you can bring them into your own teaching.

The technologies available for dating will be Prezi, Elluminate, Google Docs, social media (Edmodo, Twitter, and Facebook), Audacity, clickers/Poll Everywhere, and MS Office.

Technology Speed Dating will take place on **Thursday, February 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in LIB 318.**

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

Breakfast will be served.



Spring Moodle Virtual Workshops

Interested in brushing up on your Moodle skills?

The CTRE is pleased to announce its spring schedule of virtual workshops, available to faculty via Moodle’s **CSU-INSTRUCTORS** course.

Workshops will take place every other **Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.**

February 7 & 12

Moodle Basics Overview

February 21 & 26

Discussion Forums Overview

March 7 & 19

Gradebook Basics



March 28 & April 9

Using Elluminate

April 18 & 23

Embedding Media in Your Course

May 2

Back Up, Export, and Restore Your Course

To learn more about these workshops, contact Rochelle Johnson at rjohns30@csu.edu / X2456 or James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu / X2498.

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At Your Fingertips: News from LIS



Compiled by Joanna Kolendo

NEW DATABASES!

The CSU Library is pleased to announce that it has added 4 NEW databases to its electronic resources collection.



The additions are as follows:

1. [Library Literature and Information Science Full Text](#) by EBSCOhost provides abstracts for nearly 400 journals and full-text for over 160 journals in the field of library science. Also includes conference proceedings and library school theses.
2. [Opposing Viewpoints in Context](#) contains information on contemporary social issues. It includes 400 reference book titles, 8,700 pro and con viewpoint articles, and a variety of periodicals, podcasts, reviewed links, and statistical tables.
3. [SocINDEX with Full Text](#) is a leading and comprehensive



sociology research database. It provides access to over 2 million records and contains over 1,300 "core" journal abstracts, accessed through EBSCOhost. It covers all sub-disciplines of sociology as well as its related fields.

4. [Political Science Complete](#) abstracts cover 2,900 titles and provides full-text to 530 journals through EBSCOhost. Also features over 340 full-text books and over 38,000 full-text conference papers. It has a global focus.



All of these databases are accessible via the [Library's Website](#) and directly on the Library's [Databases Page](#).

FALL IN LOVE WITH RESEARCH AT YOUR LIBRARY

Please join the reference department for open library instruction sessions on **February 14, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Individual sessions will cover these following topics:

- ♥ Intro to Library Research
- ♥ Citation Tools
- ♥ Government Information
- ♥ Electronic Resources
- ♥ Music & Art Resources
- ♥ Using the CSU Archives



For more information call Reference at 773-995-2235 or e-mail reference@csu.edu.

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

With the spring semester in full swing, please feel free to schedule a library instruction session using the new online system, which is available at:

<http://csu.libcal.com/booking/libraryinstruction>.

Questions regarding library instruction should be directed to the Reference Department via phone at 773-995-2235 or email at instructionrequest@csu.edu.

5 Reasons to Flip Your Classroom

With the continued growth of online and hybrid learning, flipped classrooms have been getting a lot of attention, and with good reason.

Below are 5 reasons to keep in mind as you consider flipping your own classroom:

- 1) 1) It **increases student engagement**, with class time being utilized for activities and discussion
- 2) 2) It **strengthens team-based skills**, since students spend more time working together and less time listening to lec-



ture during class

- 3) 3) It **offers personalized student guidance**, since professors can spend more time interacting with students to discover which concepts are unclear for them.
- 4) 4) It **focuses classroom discussion**, since students will have been primed the night before with online materials.
- 5) 5) It **provides faculty freedom** to explore topics in more depth with students.

[Click here](#) to read the full article, "5 Reasons Flipped Classrooms Work" from *University Business Magazine*.

Piano Master Class and Recital with Tao Lin

On **Tuesday, March 5**, the Chicago State University's Music Library and Music Department will be welcoming [pianist Tao Lin](#) to campus for a master class and recital.

The **master class will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a recital to follow at 12:30 p.m.**

Both events will take place in CSU's **Breakey Theater**, located in Douglas Hall, and are free to attend.



Free recitals and concerts are held throughout the year on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 2:00 in Breakey Theater.

Contact Kathleen Haefliger at khaeflig@csu.edu or 773-995-2277 for more information.

This program was made possible with funding from a CTRE grant. To learn more about the CTRE grant program, visit www.csu.edu/ctre/grants.

Save the Date!

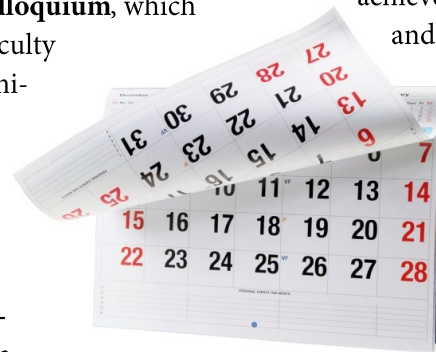
The CTRE is excited to announce the dates for two of its biggest annual events.

The **Provost's Colloquium**, which brings together faculty from across the university to share their endeavors in teaching and research will take place on Friday, **April 12** in the **Library Auditorium**.

Then just a few weeks later, the **Faculty Recognition Ceremony**, which will celebrate CSU's remarkable

achievements in teaching and service, will take place on **Thursday, May 2**. This event will also to be held in the **Library Auditorium**.

Watch CTRE newsletters for future developments.



Kathy Schrock Workshops 3/20

On March 20, the CTRE will be welcoming Kathy Schrock to lead an all-day workshop event as part of its **Building the Learning Community** series. The day will be built around the theme, "Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age."

Ms. Schrock is a nationally recognized educator, speaker, tech guru, and



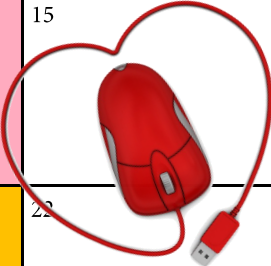
author of the award-winning education website, "Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything."

The event will take place on **Wednesday, March 20** from **9:00 to 3:00** in the **Library Sun Room**. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

If you would like to register or learn more, contact James Kowalski at jkowals@csu.edu or X2498.



February 2013—CTRE Events

| MON | TUES | WEDS | THURS | FRI |
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| 28 | 29 Faculty Resource Network Information Session 4:00-5:00 / LIB 301 | 30 Faculty Resource Network Information Session 1:00-2:00 / LIB 301 | 31 “What’s Wrong with Wikipedia?” Faculty Webinar 12:00-12:30 / LIB 318 | 1  |
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| 25 | 26 Moodle Workshop “Discussion Forums” 12:30-1:30 CSU-INSTRUCTORS | 27 | 28 “Using Andragogy and Pedagogy in Online Course Design” with James Kowalski 12:30-2:00 / LIB 301 | 1 |



FRN Applications Due 2/8

February 8 is the final day to submit applications for the following Faculty Resource Network programs:



- [Summer Seminar](#) (6/10-6/14)
- [Summer Scholar-in-Residence](#) (6/3-6/28)
- [Calvin B. Grimes Scholar-in-Residence](#) (6/3-6/28)
- [Fall Scholar-in-Residence](#) (9/4-12/6)

For assistance filling out your application, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

CAFDN Virtual Meeting 2/20

The Chicago Area Faculty Development Network (CAFDN) will host a webinar on



February 20 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. on the topic, “The Returning Adult Student.” No need to leave the comfort of your office on a cold, wintery Chicago day. Just log on to our Elluminate session and let the learning begin!

This year our webinar will feature a panel of returning adult students of various backgrounds and on various “missions.” We expect this to be a rich and inspiring

program as we listen to their ideas, opinions, and feedback on the learning and classroom experiences.

The panel will consist of representatives from Chicago State University, Governors State University, Harper College, and more. The panel will be moderated by Michael Sukowski, Director of the CTRE, and CAFDN board member.

For login information, contact Michael Sukowski at msukowsk@csu.edu.