



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

JANUARY 22-28, 2012

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

Moodle Training: Basics 1/24 11:00-12:30

Online
[RSVP](#)

Moodle Training: Adding Activities 1/24 3:00-4:30

Online
[RSVP](#)

Respondus 4.0 Training Webinar 1/25 1:00-2:00

LIB 301
[RSVP](#)

NVivo 9 Training Webinar 1/26 1:00-2:00

LIB 301
[RSVP](#)

Elluminate Training: Basics 1/26 3:00-4:30

Online
[RSVP](#)

Powering Up Your Research with Mathematica 8 and Wolfram Alpha 1/27 12:00-2:00

LIB 144
[RSVP](#)

APPEALING APPS

App: [Voxie](#)
Price: \$1.99



Voxie is a voice recording/memo app that has a slew of features the free alternatives don't. VoxieSync, for example, lets you easily transfer recordings over a Wi-Fi connection.

New Faculty Orientation 2012

With the start of a new semester, thinking about what will be happening 8 months from now seems like an attempt at humor. Nevertheless, August's **New Faculty Orientation (NFO) 2012** is fast approaching, and will be here before we know it.

The CTRE is underway in organizing a new schedule of orientation and training that will provide incoming facul-

ty with the tools they need to succeed in their first semester at CSU and

beyond—from learning technology to planning syllabi to obtaining course texts.

As we get further to completing the schedule for NFO 2012, feel free to suggest an activity or training session that you'd like new faculty to experience. You can send your suggestions to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x.2498. Every idea is appreciated, regardless of scope.



Cheat Sheets You Can Be Proud Of

[MakeUseOf.com](#) has been described as “the best kept secret in understanding not just Web 2.0, but technology in general.” From managing files to learning about new programs to answering questions both basic and otherwise, MakeUseOf's editorial team makes technology accessible and help you to keep things simple.

One of the more valuable aids to draw upon are under the “**Cheats & Guides**” section. There you can

find a wealth of how-to guides, such as “**Hackerproof: Your Guide to PC Security**” and “**The Five-Star**

are coming out all the time.

The cheat sheets, on the other hand, are one-page documents (shown here) that give you tips and shortcuts on how to maneuver things like the **iPhone, Gmail, Chrome, Mac OSX, and Windows**. You can download any of them and keep them for easy reference right on your desk (or desktop).



Guide for Your iPad. In all, there are over **50 guides**, and more

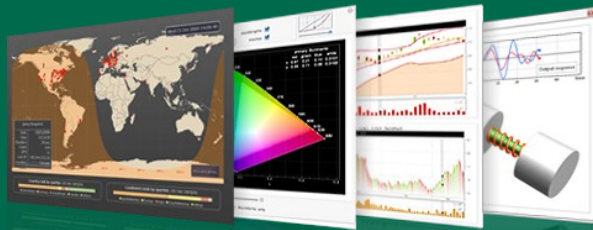
Looking Forward

Powering Up Your Research with Mathematica 8 and Wolfram|Alpha

On Friday, January 27, Prof. John Erickson will be leading a workshop on how to use *Mathematica 8* and *Wolfram|Alpha* to give your research a boost. Described as “more powerful than Microsoft Excel and more flexible than IBM SPSS,” *Mathematica 8* can help you reach new heights in research (and applying for research grants!). The equally impressive *Wolfram|Alpha* can help you search for knowledge in ways Google can’t.

This workshop will be held from 12:00-2:00 PM in LIB 144.

[Click here to RSVP.](#)



Preparing for the Best

On Thursday, January 19, attendees of last fall’s New Faculty Orientation met in LIB 301 for **NFO Redux: Share and Prepare**.

It was an event to allow faculty who joined CSU in the fall to connect and prepare for the spring semester.

Dr. Debrah Jefferson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Contract Administration, came to talk about the CSU contract, the tenure process, and retention portfolio requirements. Speaking from the ground floor, Dr. Jefferson was able to answer questions

and give advice for both the long and short term.

Also in attendance were **Drs. Esther Jenkins, Virginia Shen, and Elizabeth Arnott-Hill**, who were present to provide new faculty with their perspectives on how to navigate the waters of teaching, research, and fulfilling professional requirements. It was an informal atmosphere, affording everyone a chance to ask questions big and small about the

issues that new faculty face—which can seem like an overwhelming list, especially when starting a new semester.

But many of the questions, it should be noted, were relevant to all facul-

ty, regardless of how long one has been here. The handouts that Dr. Jefferson brought, for example, are useful for anyone who’s currently teaching at CSU. If you’d like to download them, you can find them on the CTRE’s website [HERE](#).



CSU News Clips

Library Instruction Requests

Feel free to begin scheduling library instruction sessions for your classes now. Sessions should be scheduled at least **2 weeks in advance**. To schedule one, please contact the Reference Department at x2235 or email the Instruction Coordinator at instructionrequest@csu.edu. If you are teaching a course online, please contact Prof. Rosalind Fielder at x12431 or via the aforementioned email address to arrange for virtual library instruction.

One Book, One University

One Book, One University is kicking off at CSU with *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by **Rebecca Skloot**. To receive your **free copy** of the book, click [HERE](#).

Faculty Forum

Faculty members are invited to continue discussions regarding the new General Education Student Learning Outcomes. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24**, from **1:00 - 2:00PM** in the Library Auditorium, 4th floor.