



# THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

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CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Upcoming Events

OCT Training Begins	12/19 See instructor email for time (Online)
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## CTRE Grant Deadlines!

The end of this week will witness the one-week mark until the next round of grant proposals are due.

**January 1, 2012 at 5:00 PM** will likely see a robust turnout of applications for the CTRE's **Enrichment Grant** and **Seed Grant**, which is good news for everybody.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you submit your grant proposals:

1) **Read all directions carefully!** You don't want your application disqualified for simple mistakes.

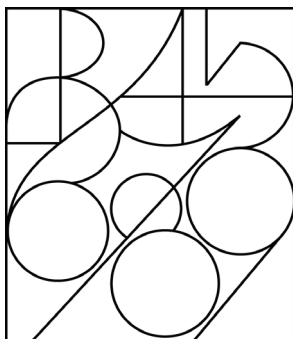
2) There can be **multiple awards** for the same grant, so don't think of it in terms of competing against your peers.

3) The **deadline is firm**, so be sure to get all of your materials in on time. Otherwise, your application will automatically be rolled over for the next deadline.



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### By The Numbers

To date, the CTRE's official Twitter feed ([CSU\\_CTRE](#)) has tweeted more than 80 times, and there are more coming out every day! It's an easy way to keep up-to-date with news and trends in higher education and the edutech world.

Click [HERE](#) for the link.

## Chilly Outside, Chili Inside

On Thursday, December 14, over 50 CSU faculty members convened in the library's Sun Room for **"Spicing Up Your Syllabus: Adding Zest to Your Spring Courses."**

Hosted by the **College of Arts and Sciences**, the workshop aimed to bring course syllabi to greater levels of clarity and rigor by primarily focusing on creating measurable

objectives and outcomes that are in line with higher levels of thinking as articu-

lated in **Bloom's Taxonomy** of Learning Domains, and by designing assessments that appropriately correspond to them.

After a brief presentation

by CTRE Director **Michael Sukowski**, faculty were encouraged to break into

groups and assist each other in "spicing up" their syllabi.

If you'd like to access the handout, presentation,

or sample syllabi from the workshop, you can find them on Moodle's "CSU-Instructors" course. Look for them in the top section of the page.



# Looking Forward

## NFO Redux: Share and Prepare

On **January 19** from **12:30-2:30 PM**, there will be an event for new faculty who participated in last fall's New Faculty Orientation.

The event, titled "**NFO Redux: Share and Prepare**" will be an opportunity for new faculty to share Fall Semester successes and struggles, prepare for their upcoming portfolios, and most importantly, **connect with their peers**.

A few veteran faculty members—**Drs. Esther Jenkins, Virginia Shen, and Mohammed N'Dao**—will be present to answer questions and offer helpful advice to new faculty as they prepare for the Spring Semester.

As a special guest, **Dr. Debrah Jefferson**, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, will be present to lead a 30-minute tutorial on preparing **first-year portfolios**. This will take place promptly at the beginning of the event, so attendees should plan on being punctual.

A **light lunch** will also be provided.

New faculty members planning to attend should RSVP to James Kowalski no later than **January 12 at 5:00PM** at 773-995-2498 or [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu).



## An EDUCAUSE to Believe In

For faculty members who are looking for ways to improve their online teaching, **EDUCAUSE** should be on your radar screen. Whether you're approaching the virtual classroom for the first time or polishing up your longstanding expertise, EDUCAUSE offers anyone and everyone tips for improvement.

EDUCAUSE is a non-profit organization that

strives to improve and advance higher education by



informing others **how to use information technology effectively and intelligently**. Its website hosts scores of professional development programs, e-learning resources, past and current publications,

and community connections. Particularly popular

are their conferences and "**7 Things You Should Know**

**About...**" series (see sidebar). The CTRE encourages all faculty

who are interested in attending EDUCAUSE conferences to apply for **Faculty Enrichment Grants** to enable them to go. Click [HERE](#) to visit the EDUCAUSE website to learn more.

## LINKS

### 7 Things You Should Know About...

- [iPad Apps for Learning](#)
- [Web 2.0 Learning Environments](#)
- [Organizing Files in the Cloud](#)
- [Online Team-Based Learning](#)
- [Online Media Editing](#)
- [Open Educational Resources](#)
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