



# THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

MARCH 10-16, 2013

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Upcoming Events

“Learner Centered Assessment: Do Rubrics Enhance Learning?” Faculty Webinar & Discussion	3/14 11:00-11:45 LIB 318 <a href="#">RSVP</a>
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Moodle Virtual Training “Gradebook Basics”	3/19 12:30-1:30 <a href="#">RSVP</a>
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“Building the Learning Community: Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age” with Kathy Schrock	3/20 9:00-3:00 LIB Sun Room <a href="#">RSVP</a>
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Moodle Virtual Training “Using Elluminate”	3/28 & 4/9 12:30-1:30 <a href="#">RSVP</a>
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## Open Education Week is Here

March 11-15 is Open Education Week!

Open Education Week is a worldwide event to raise awareness of open education resources (OER), such as learning communities, teaching materials, e-textbooks, data, scholarship, and more.

“Open” is shorthand for resources that are created with the intention of sharing them with as many people as possible for free.

The Open Courseware Consortium is hosting a series of online events all week long, from webinars to discussion roundtables to training sessions and beyond. And in the spirit of open education resources, all are free



to virtually attend. You can find a schedule and registration information on the [Open Education Week website](#) under “Events & Webinars.”

If you would like more ideas on incorporating OER into your own teaching, contact James Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-995-2498.

## APPEALING APPS & SITES

Site: [ClassBadges](#)

Price: FREE!



You’ve heard of Open Badges. [classbadges](#) Now try them out!

[ClassBadges](#) is a tool to help instructors create and award Open Badges to students for accomplishments related to their coursework.

## CTRE Grants Due 3/15

Don’t forget to submit your CTRE grant application! The deadline is **Friday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

Application forms, guidelines, and travel information can all be found on the CTRE website at [www.csu.edu/ctre/grants.htm](http://www.csu.edu/ctre/grants.htm).



You can submit your application either in person to LIB 318 or digitally to [ctre@csu.edu](mailto:ctre@csu.edu).

If you have any questions, contact Michael Sukowski at [msukowsk@csu.edu](mailto:msukowsk@csu.edu) or x2501.

## CUC Assessment Forum

Concordia University Chicago will be hosting an Assessment Forum on April 29 at its River Forest campus.

Dr. Peggy Maki will lead a morning session on “Assessing for Learning Across the Co-Curriculum” at 8:30, followed by “Assessing Student Learning: More than Numbers” at 11:30. Both sessions are free.



To learn more and to register for the event, visit the [Assessment Forum website](#).

# Looking Forward

## Building the Learning Community

The CTRE is thrilled to welcome **Kathy Schrock** to campus on **Wednesday, March 20** for an all-day faculty workshop event.

Ms. Schrock is a nationally recognized educator, technology guru, and author of the award-winning website, "**Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything.**"

The program for the day will include the following workshops:



**9:30**

*Literacy in the Digital Age*

**10:45**

*Your Personal Learning Network*

**12:30**

*iPads for Teaching and Learning*

**1:45**

*R.I.P.: Respect for Intellectual Property*

Breakfast (9:00) and lunch (12:00) will also be served. If you would like to register for the event or learn more about it, contact James Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-995-2498.

## Coming in August: Monday Morning Mentor

Beginning this August, the CTRE will be hosting a new weekly series for faculty called "Monday Morning Mentor."

Each week will feature a different 20-Minute Mentor video from Magna Publications, and explore such topics as classroom management, grading, teaching with technology, and more.



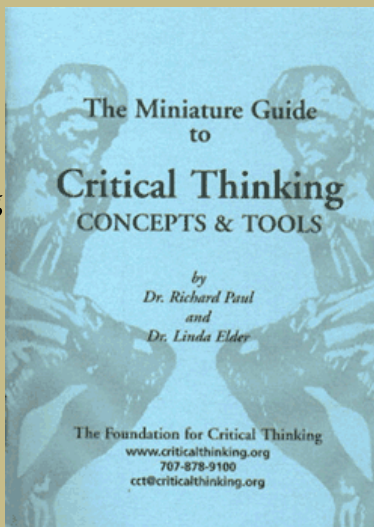
Watch future newsletters for developments.

## Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools

A common complaint among educators is the difficulty of cultivating critical thinking skills among their students. From identifying bias to asking penetrating questions to developing proper arguments and beyond, critical thinking skills are lifelong skills, and they enrich society as a whole.

The Foundation for Critical Thinking is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting critical thinking skills among educators, students, and the wider public. Its website, the

Critical Thinking Community, provides information on conferences, articles, assessment, online learning, and more. It also provides information on the Thinker's Guide Library, a collection of classroom booklets covering an array of topics, which can be used in or out of the classroom.



To learn more about the Foundation for Critical Thinking, and to find out what resources might best suit your own classroom,

visit the Critical Thinking Community at [www.criticalthinking.org](http://www.criticalthinking.org).

## STEM Excellence Symposium



On Saturday, **March 23 from 10:00 to 5:00**, the Chicago Symposium Series on Excellence in Teaching

Mathematics and Science will be hosting a symposium at Loyola University Chicago.

The symposium will feature keynote speakers Dr. Gay Stewart of the University of Arkansas—Fayetteville and Dr. Robert Tai of the University of Virginia, followed by breakout sessions.

To learn more, visit the [Chicago Symposium Series](http://ChicagoSymposiumSeries.org) website.