



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

MARCH 31—APRIL 6, 2013

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

Moodle Virtual Training "Using Elluminate"	4/9 12:30-1:30 CSU-INSTRUCTORS
Provost's Colloquium	4/12 12:30-3:30 LIB Sun Room & Atrium
National Library Week	4/14-4/20 Events Flyer
Google Docs Workshop with James Kowalski	4/16 & 4/22 12:30-2:00 LIB 301 RSVP

Begin Collaborating with Your Fellow Faculty

With the **Provost's Colloquium** quickly approaching, the notion of collaboration is in the air.

Whatever the endeavor, faculty-faculty collaboration can ignite a profusion of energy and ideas. Success stories of developing new teaching strategies, writing ventures, curricula, research projects, and more are popping up with greater regularity.

And with a wealth of virtual tools to meet and work online, those opportunities are easier to realize than ever before.

If you are interested in finding someone to collaborate with, consider attending the **Provost's Colloquium** (details at left), where faculty who



have been awarded CTRE grants will be showcasing their work across many disciplines.

If you would like to learn more about ways to find other faculty to work with on a project, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

APPEALING APPS & SITES

Site: [Samepage](#)

Price: FREE!



Samepage is a new website aiming to redefine social collaboration. Synchronize files, post ideas and updates, create newsfeeds and more! Signing up gives you 10GB for free.

Get Going with Wikispaces

When people hear the word, "wiki," they often-times think of Wikipedia—along with the negative connotations associated with it in terms of scholarly veracity. But wikis can be a powerful, customizable learning tool far outside just Wikipedia.

A wiki is simply a webpage that allows anyone to add, delete, or revise content, and anyone can create one.

Wikispaces is a website that gives educators the ability to do just that—for free! With Wikispaces,



wikispaces

wikis for everyone

you and your students can create wikis for all kinds of individual and collaborative learning endeavors, such as portfolios, group projects, and more.

Wikispaces is a controlled space, so the instructor can limit who views and edits its content.

Give Wikispaces a try today at www.wikispaces.com.

Looking Forward

Provost's Colloquium 2013

On Friday, April 12, CSU faculty will convene for the Provost's Colloquium to showcase the excellent work they have done over the past year with the assistance of CTRE grant funding.

The event is an opportunity for the Chicago State University community

to share, learn, and be inspired by faculty here on campus, who are engaging in projects as richly varied and rigorous as can be imagined. This is an event not to be missed, so mark your calendars!

The 2013 Provost's Colloquium will take place on Friday, April 12 from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Library Sun Room and Atrium. For more information, contact

James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.



Congratulations!

The CTRE would like to extend an enthusiastic congratulations to three CSU faculty members:

- Dr. Bryon Martin
- Dr. Suzuko Morikawa
- Dr. Noemi Morriberon

Each of them were accepted to the [Faculty Resource Network's](#) Summer Seminar 2013, a prestigious program spearheaded by New York University.

Please join us in applauding their impressive achievement!



Google Docs Workshop

Over the past six years, Google Docs has become a powerful force of collaboration and productivity for all sorts of industries and fields—particularly education.

Google Docs is a free, web-based office software

suite. Like with the Microsoft Office Suite, users can create written documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more. But whereas Microsoft products focus on premium features and options, Google Docs markets itself toward user friendliness and online collaboration.

And because it's completely web-based, Google Docs allows users to work from any internet-connected device, keeping file management easy



(i.e., no flash drives). Being web-based also allows for collaboration between users that is seamless and convenient.

If you want to learn more about how you and your students can use Google Docs, the CTRE will be

offering two introductory workshops next month:

April 16 & 22
12:30-2:00
LIB 301

All faculty are encouraged to attend. Simply RSVP to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

We look forward to seeing you there!

National Library Week Coming!

April 14-20 is National Library Week, and CSU's Library and Instruction Services (LIS) will be celebrating in a big way!

[Click here](#) to download a flyer containing activities and events going on all week long.

