



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

APRIL 7-13, 2013

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

Moodle Virtual Training "Using Elluminate"	4/9 12:30-1:30 CSU-INSTRUCTORS
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Provost's Colloquium	4/12 12:30-3:30 LIB Sun Room & Atrium
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National Library Week	4/14-4/20 Events Flyer
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Google Docs Workshop with James Kowalski	4/16 & 4/22 12:30-2:00 LIB 301 RSVP
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Faculty Recognition Ceremony	5/2 12:30-3:00 LIB Auditorium RSVP
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Provost's Colloquium this Friday

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 en-

gaging in projects as richly varied and rigorous as can be imagined. This is an event not to be missed, so mark your calendars!

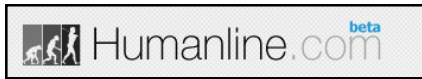


The 2013 Provost's Colloquium will take place on **Friday, April 12 from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Library Sun Room and Atrium**. For more information, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

APPEALING APPS & SITES

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10 Years of Online Learning

The past decade has witnessed some seismic shifts in education, particularly with the growth of online learning. These changes were recently analyzed in the report, *Changing Course: Ten Years*

of Tracking Online Education in the United States.

A joint effort of the Sloan Consortium, Babson Research Survey Group, Pearson, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the report explores such topics as MOOCs, faculty acceptance, barriers to adoption, and more.

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the report (a condensed [infographic overview](#) is also available.)



Looking Forward

Google Docs Workshops

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 USB drives!). Being web-based also allows for collaboration between users that is immediate, 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 this 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.

NOTE: This workshop will be hands-on, so please bring a laptop if you are able. The CTRE will supply a limited number of Apple MacBooks to those who cannot do so.

Wikipedia: Bane or Blessing?

Last week's CTRE newsletter encouraged faculty to (re)consider the educational value of wikis by giving [Wikispaces](#) a try. The educational value of oft-maligned [Wikipedia](#), however, is another discussion altogether.

On April 30, the CTRE will be hosting a webinar and discussion on the topic of "Wikipedia: Bane or Blessing?" The webinar, to be hosted by [EdTechTeacher](#), a leading educational technology website, will explore the validity of the claim that "if anyone can edit Wikipedia, then it's not a re-

liable source."

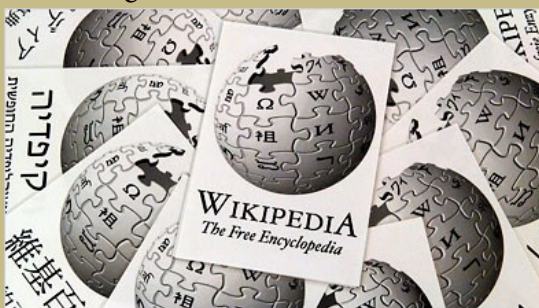
Carla Beard of [Web English Teacher](#) will lead the session, examining Wikipedia's strengths and weaknesses, and whether or not faculty are fully

justified in banning it as a credible source.

"Wikipedia: Bane or Blessing?" will take place on **Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00 to 5:00 in the**

CTRE's LIB 318.

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



National Library Week is 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 next week.

