



# THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

MAY 26—JUNE 1, 2013

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Upcoming Events

“Using Voice Comments to Provide Effective Feedback”	5/29 10:30-11:30 LIB 318 <a href="#">Register</a>
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“Partners in Education: Creating Common Core Rubrics”	6/4 10:30-11:30 LIB 318 <a href="#">Register</a>
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“Learner-Centered Assessment: Do Rubrics Enhance Learning?”	6/11 10:30-11:30 LIB 318 <a href="#">Register</a>
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CTRE Grant Application Training	6/17 10:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30 LIB 301 <a href="#">Register</a>
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## Two-Day Seminar Newly Added

The Faculty Resource Network, one of the nation’s leading consortia for professional development in higher education, recently announced a new event: **“Why the Wires Matter: A Broadband Policy Seminar for a New Generation of Scholars.”**

The seminar will be held June 10-11 in Washington, D.C., and will be jointly hosted by Rutgers University’s School of Communication & Information and the Advanced Communications Law & Policy Institute at New York Law School.



Along with the guided expertise of leading academics, researchers, and practitioners, the seminar will “explore the many emerging legal, regulatory, technical, and economic issues facing stakeholders in the broadband space.” Space is limited to 20 attendees in order to foster more candid discussion.

If you would like to know more, contact Jason Llorenz, Director of Innovation Policy at the Latino Information Network at Rutgers University, at [jason.llorenz@rutgers.edu](mailto:jason.llorenz@rutgers.edu) or 202-270-7391.

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## Moodle Upgrade Coming in August

This August, Chicago State University will be upgrading from Moodle 1.9 to Moodle 2.3.

The upgrade will afford students and faculty greater ease of use, flexibility, and functionality.

### Training

In preparation for the upgrade, the CTRE will be facilitating hands-on training sessions for faculty throughout the summer, beginning June 10. These sessions will take place on two days per week, in morning, afternoon, and evening



sessions. Watch future CTRE newsletters for times and locations. Student training will begin August 26.

### Transfer Process

Courses will not automatically be

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# Looking Forward

## Monday Morning Mentor

*Beginning in August, the CTRE will be launching a new weekly series for the CSU community called "Monday Morning Mentor."*

*Every Monday morning, the CTRE will showcase a 20-minute program on a different topic, followed by small group discussion exploring the possibilities of how to apply the concepts covered therein. Topics will be chosen from the following areas:*



*Academic Integrity  
Classroom Management  
Grading and Feedback  
Issues with Students  
Student Engagement  
Syllabus and Course Design  
Teaching with Technology  
...and more!*

*Monday Morning Mentor will take place in the CTRE's Faculty Technology Lounge (LIB 318). Watch future newsletters for updates on exact dates, times, and topics.*

*Questions can be directed to James Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-995-2498.*

## Pew Fact Tank

On May 21, the Pew Research Center officially launched Fact Tank, "a new, real-time platform ... dedicated to finding news in the numbers."

### PewResearchCenter

The new endeavor is an attempt to bridge the gap between data-heavy reports and up-to-the-minute news headlines. And despite its name, it will be removed from policy recommendations; as Alan Murray, President of the Pew Research Center states, "we aim to be rigorously nonpartisan in our approach... Our goal is to provide factual information that can be trusted [by all political points of view]."

Learn more at:

[www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank)

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transferred in this upgrade; it will be up to faculty to complete a request form. That form will be posted soon in the [ORG-CSU Instructors](#) course.

Faculty will have access to the current version of Moodle (1.9) through August 31. After that time, only Moodle 2.3 will be supported, though old courses from 1.9 will be archived.



### More Information

Announcements about the upgrade to Moodle 2.3 will be made throughout the summer. You can learn more about Moodle 2.3's features by watching [this introductory video](#) and reading about it in [Moodle Docs](#). If you have further questions, you are also welcome to call the CTRE at 773-995-2960 or email [elarning@csu.edu](mailto:elarning@csu.edu).

The CTRE looks forward to working with everyone at CSU to make this conversion as seamless as possible.