

Upcoming Events

Moodle 2.3 Upgrade Training (throughout summer) M, T, F (Visit [CTRE Website](#) for details)

CTRE Grant Application Training 6/17 10:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30 LIB 301 6/21 11:00-12:30 LIB 301 [Register](#)

“Power Tools from the LIS Toolbox: New Faculty Resources for Teaching, Research, and Publication” 6/18 10:00-12:00 LIB 301 [Register](#)

Visit the [CTRE website](#) for more events!

APPEALING APPS & SITES

Site: [QuizSlides](#) (Beta)

Price: FREE!



QuizSlides allows users to create quizzes from PowerPoint or PDF files and view results online.

CTRE Grants Training and Deadline

The next round of CTRE grant applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1.**

In the interest of providing the CSU community with the highest level of clarity and assistance in the CTRE grant application process, all those who will be applying for a CTRE grant will need to attend a grant training session, whether first-time applicant or not.

Grant training sessions will take place as follows:

Monday, June 17

- 10:00-11:30
- 1:00-2:30



Friday, June 21

- 11:00-12:30

All sessions will be held in **LIB 301**. If you attended a grant training session in March, you do not need to attend one of this week's sessions.

To register for a training session, contact Michael Sukowski at msukowsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2501.

More information on the CTRE grants program, including application materials, can be found on the CTRE website at:

www.csu.edu/ctre/grants.htm

Moodle Upgrade 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 (see [web-site](#) for details). Student training will begin August 26.

Transfer Process

Courses will not automatically be 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)

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Looking Forward

Syllabus Workshops

Feel like your syllabus is bland and stale? The CTRE is here to help.

The CTRE will be offering two different workshops over the coming weeks to help you bring your syllabus up a notch. The first workshop will cover the basics of how to construct a syllabus, and the second will go more in-depth with how to create learning outcomes, and how to align them with assessments.

Part I

*“Spicing Up Your Syllabus: The Basics”
with James Kowalski*

*June 24 (10:30 & 1:30) and June 26 (12:30)
LIB 301*

Part II

*“Spicing Up Your Syllabus: Learning
Outcomes, Objectives, and Assessments”
with Drs. Thomas Rowan and Barbara Leys
July 2 (1:00) and July 3 (1:00)
LIB 301*

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



Online Certification Training Begins 6/24

The next offering of CSU's Online Certification Training (OCT) course will begin June 24.

OCT prepares CSU faculty to effectively teach online by exploring a variety of topics.

The eight-week course is completely online, and those who meet all of its requirements are provided with a certificate of completion.

In accordance with Appendix G of the [2010-2015 CSU Contract](#), faculty must complete OCT in order to teach online at CSU.

If you would like to enroll in OCT, contact Michael Sukowski at 773-995-2498 or msukowsk@csu.edu.



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Moodle Upgrade

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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.

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

New Faculty Tools from LIS

On June 18, join LIS and the CTRE for an exciting faculty workshop:

**“Power Tools from the LIS
Toolbox: New Faculty Resources
for Teaching, Research,
and Publication”**

The workshop will be facilitated by Joanna Kolendo, Assistant Professor, Reference and E-Resources Librarian at CSU, and will take

place on Tuesday, June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in LIB 301.

Prof. Kolendo will be discussing how CSU faculty can use some new resources offered by LIS to explore opportunities in teaching, research, and publication by discussing the Faculty Resources Lib-Guides, as well as two new acquisitions: [Cabell's Directories](#) and [Choice Reviews Online](#).

