Upcoming Events

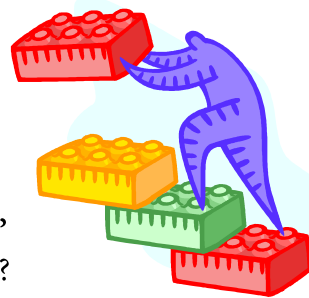|	
Moodle 2.3 Upgrade Training (throughout summer)	M, T, F (Visit CTRE Website for details)
"Spicing Up Your Syllabus Part I: The Basics"	6/24 10:30-12:00 1:30-3:00 LIB 301 & 6/26 12:30-2:00 LIB 301
"Spicing Up Your Syllabus Part II: Learning Outcomes, Objectives, and Assessments"	7/2 & 7/3 1:00-3:00 LIB 301

Visit the CTRE website for more events!

Summer Workshops in the CTRE

This summer, the CTRE is ready to help you learn some new skills and tools!

"Six Presentation Alternatives for the PowerPoint-Weary" Tired of PowerPoint? This workshop will give you six great alternatives for creating rich presentations, including Prezi and SlideRocket.

July 16 (1:30-3:00
July 18 (10:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30)

"It's Easier Than You Think!: Build a Website to Enhance Learning" This workshop will help you get started with creating your first website and using it as a learning tool.

July 23 (1:30-3:00)
July 24 (10:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:00

"The What, Why, and How of Rubrics" Boost learning and reduce headaches by learning how to effectively implement rubrics.

July 30 (1:30-3:00)
July 31 (10:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:00)

All workshops will take place in **LIB 301**.

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

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Site: Quick ScreenShare

Price: FREE!

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Quick ScreenShare is a very handy Web tool for anyone who wishes to share their computer screen without any registration or additional software. It's quick, it's easy, and it's free!

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 website 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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Syllabus Workshops

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

Starting today, the CTRE will be offering two workshops over the next two 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.

SPICING UP YOUR SYLLABUS

CTRE Grant Deadline July 1

The next deadline for CTRE Grant applications is **5:00 p.m. on July 1**.

You can download application materials and find information on procedures (including travel, property, and reimbursement guidelines) on the CTRE's website:

www.csu.edu/ctre/grants.htm

Applications and all supporting documents can be submitted either in-person to the CTRE (LIB 318), or scanned and sent electronically to ctre@csu.edu.

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 elearning@csu.edu.

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

College of Education Makes Honor Roll

According to the National Council on Teacher Quality's (NCTQ) *Teacher Prep Review 2013* report, Chicago State University's College of Education teacher training program ranks among the top 9% of such programs in the nation.

CSU is the only university based in

Chicago to earn this recognition by the NCTQ, and one of only seven in the entire state of Illinois.

This "Honor Roll" distinction was made based on a number of criteria, including teacher candidate selection, preparation in the content area, cultivation of professional skills, and programmatic outcomes.

You can read a full list of the 2,420 teacher training programs evaluated in the report by downloading a free copy on the NCTQ website.

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Congratulations to CSU's College of Education!