

Upcoming Events

Moodle 2.3 Upgrade Training (throughout summer)	M, T, F (Visit CTRE Website for details)
“From the Margins: Providing Effective Feedback”	7/2 10:30-11:30 LIB 318
“Spicing Up Your Syllabus Part II: Learning Outcomes, Objectives, and Assessments”	7/2 & 7/3 1:00-3:00 LIB 301
“Six Presentation Alternatives for the PowerPoint-Wearry”	7/16 1:30-3:00 LIB 301 7/18 10:00-11:30 1:00-2:30 LIB 301

Syllabus Workshops Tuesday & Wednesday

Do your syllabi need a boost? This week, the CTRE will be offering two workshops to help you bring them to the next level.

On **Tuesday, July 2 and Wednesday, July 3**, Drs. Thomas Rowan and Barbara Leys will lead “**Spicing Up Your Syllabus Part II: Learning Outcomes, Objectives, and Assessments**,” in which they will discuss how to create specific learning goals for your courses, and how to create assessments that verify that those goals are being met.

The workshop will take place in LIB 301.

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

Also, if you missed “Spicing Up Your Syllabus Part I: The Basics,” but would like to review some of the materials that were distributed, you can find them on the CTRE’s workshop downloads page:

www.csu.edu/ctre/workshops.htm

SPICING UP YOUR SYLLABUS



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Site: [edSurge](#)

Price: FREE!

edSurge

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edSurge is a learning community website that reviews educational technology products and provides tips on how to effectively implement them.

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 [Course Transfer Request](#) form.

Faculty will have access to the current version of Moodle (1.9) through August 31. After that time, only Moodle 2.3 will be sup-

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Looking Forward

CTRE Summer Workshops

*Looking to recharge your teaching batteries?
Energize yourself and discover some great tools and ideas in the CTRE!*

“Six Presentation Alternatives for the PowerPoint-Weary”

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”

July 23 (1:30-3:00)

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

“The What, Why, and How of Rubrics”

July 30 (1:30-3:00)

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

“Mind Mapping Tools to Optimize Brainstorming and Collaboration”

August 6 (1:30-3:00)

August 7 (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.



CTRE Grant Deadline TODAY

CTRE Grant applications are due **TODAY at 5:00 p.m.**

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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ported, 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.

Sloan-C Conference 2013

On **November 20-22, 2013** the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C) will hold its **19th Annual International Conference on Online Learning**.

The conference, which attracts thousands of attendees from around the world, is one of the most highly regarded of its kind. It is a forum for those interested in exploring the best practices, emerging trends, and practical implications of online learning. Workshops, keynote addresses, presentations, and poster sessions will address such topics as blended learning, diversity, international applications of online learning, open educational resources, social network-



ing, and more.

Registration includes the option to attend the conference virtually for those who prefer to do so. CSU is an institutional member of Sloan-C, which allows for a discounted registration fee. Additional early bird discounts are valid through August 10.

You can learn more about the Sloan-C conference and find registration materials by visiting its [website](#).