



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

JANUARY 6–12, 2012

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

Faculty Webinar: “Delivering on the Career Promise: Experiential Learning”	1/15 12:00-1:00 LIB 318 RSVP
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30-Minute Webinar: “Sources in Student Writing”	1/17 12:00-12:30 LIB 318 RSVP
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Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Development (AFOD)	1/19 8:00-3:00 LIB Sun Room RSVP
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Faculty Resource Network (FRN) Info Session	1/24 1:00-2:00 LIB 301 RSVP
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Technology Speed Dating	2/14 9:00-12:00 LIB 318 RSVP
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APPEALING APPS & SITES

App: [Languages \(iOS\)](#)

Price: \$0.99



Voted one of the best apps of 2012 by The Next Web, [Languages](#) is an offline foreign language dictionary for iPhone and iPad with 12 different language conversions.

Getting Ready: New Semester Moodle Checklist

The spring semester is less than a week away—are your online materials ready?



Below is a checklist to make sure you have everything in order for your Moodle courses as you get ready for January 14.

- Syllabi show correct dates, readings, and contact information
- Module titles and dates are correct
- Online course links (videos, websites, etc.) are live

- Gradebook is set up properly
- Online courses and course materials are visible (i.e., not set to “hide”)
- Availability dates of copyrighted material are still valid

Assignment instructions are clear and accurate

- Contact information for ITD and the CTRE are shown

If you need assistance moving forward, contact the CTRE at clearning@csu.edu or 773-995-2960.

Fall in Love with Technology

The CTRE wants to help you fall in love with some new learning technologies this Valentine’s Day!



Technology Speed Dating will take place on **Thursday, February 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in LIB 318.** The technologies available for “dating” will be Prezi, Elluminate, Audacity, and many more.

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

Watch for further event details in the January edition of the CTRE’s *Connections* newsletter.

Delivering on the Career Promise

A common complaint among prospective employers is that fresh graduates aren’t ready to enter the workforce.

Join the CTRE on **Tuesday, January 15 at 12:00 in LIB 318** for a live webinar, titled, “Delivering on the Career Promise: How to Incorporate Experiential Learning into the Student Experience.”

Innovative Educators
Supporting Academic & Professional Growth In Higher Ed

The webinar will be hosted by Innovative Educators.

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

Looking Forward

Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Development

On Saturday, January 19 the CTRE will be hosting its spring Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Development (AFOD).



Building on the last AFOD schedule, this one will offer two tracks, one for new faculty, and one for faculty who attended the last session but are interested in polishing their knowledge and skills. These parallel sessions will include one on learning technologies, and one on building your syllabus. New to this AFOD will also be two "Birds of a Feather" roundtable discussion sessions.

AFOD will guide faculty through a variety of information sessions to help orient them to the policies, procedures, resources, and culture of CSU.

AFOD will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Library Sun Room.

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Get Involved with the Faculty Resource Network!

Did you know that over 60 members of the CSU community have participated in the Faculty Resource Network (FRN)? What are you waiting for!

FRN is a professional development consortium led by New York University, and has programs running year-round for faculty to take part in. These include consortia, intensive seminars, and scholar-in-residence opportunities that provide all the vast resources of NYU and the city of New York.

If you would like to know more about FRN's exciting and enriching program offerings, stop by the CTRE this month for one of three info sessions (all in LIB 301):

- **Thursday, January 24 from 1:00-2:00**
- **Tuesday, January 29 from 4:00-5:00**
- **Wednesday, January 30 from 1:00-2:00**



Important deadlines are approaching soon, so don't delay!

All interested faculty are welcome to attend. RSVP to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or X2498.

Don't Forget! **CTRE Grant Applications Due 1/15**



If you're planning on submitting an application for a CTRE grant, remember that the deadline is fast approaching:

Tuesday, January 15
5:00 p.m.

Applications can be submitted electronically to ctre@csu.edu or in person in LIB 318.

Information and application materials can be found on the [CTRE website](#).