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Fulbright Scholar Program

Deadline approaching for France and Germany International Education Administrator Seminar: February 2

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is currently accepting applications for the two-week International Education Administrators Program (IEA) in France and Germany. Complete information on all Fulbright programs can be found on their website here.

2016-2017 Core Fulbright Scholar Program Competition OPENS February 2

The Core Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800+ U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. The Catalog of Awards will be available beginning February 2 at http://catalog.cies.org/

CAAG

Chicago Area Assessment Group

Are you looking to learn more about assessment in higher education? Then consider attending the February meeting of the Chicago Area Assessment Group (CAAG). The meeting will be hosted by Chicago State University, a member institution.

*The meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the CTRE's LIB 301.** Questions? Please email Michael Sukowski at msukowski@csu.edu.*

Want to know more about CAAG visit www.chicagoassessment.org

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Technology Speed Dating returns to the CTRE for third year! Join us on Friday, February 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Learn about technologies that are easy to use.

- Attendees will complete a "dating card" and be matched to technologies they can apply to teaching and everyday tasks.

- Valentine's Day theme

For additional information please contact Dr. Jacqueline Callery at ctre@csu.edu or 773-995-2586.

Click here to register

The **3rd Annual Provost's Colloquium** will take place on Friday, March 27, 2015. The Provost's Colloquium showcases faculty projects, presentations, and achievements supported by CTRE funding from the past academic year. Please join us on the fourth floor of the CSU library.

For additional information please contact Michael Sukowski at ctre@csu.edu or 773-995-2501.

Mark your Calendars for CTRE's Spring 2015 Events !

Cold, snow, and ice can't stop CTRE's Spring '15 programming ! The January 5th Online Certification Training course is currently underway. Here are some exciting events to put on your calendar for January, February, and March.

January 22, 2015

"Illinois Principals' Perceptions and Expectations of Students Who Speak African American Vernacular English (Ebonics)" Faculty Symposium Series with Dr. Garrard McClendon

This study investigates Illinois Public School principals' individual and aggregate perceptions of and expectations for students who use African American Vernacular English. Using the African American English Teacher Attitude Scale (AAETAS), the study describes the relationship between principals' demographic characteristics and their perceptions of African American Vernacular English. **Click here to register**

February 2, 2015 (Rescheduled)

"Novel Triclosan Analogues are Active Against Tuberculosis and Toxoplasmosis"

Faculty Symposium Series with Dr. Jozef Stec

This presentation will discuss rational design, synthesis and biological evaluation of novel triclosan (TRC) analogues as agents active against Mycobacterium tuberculosis and Toxoplasma gondii - the causative agents of tuberculosis and toxoplasmosis, respectively. Several molecules in the prepared focused library of compounds showed high in vitro inhibitory activity by targeting the bacterial FabI enzyme which is crucial for the biosynthesis of bacterial fatty acids.

Images: lovekeyboard, savethedate

February 5, 2015

Chicago Area Assessment Group Meeting

Chicago State University is thrilled to host the first CAAG meeting of 2015. This professional organization is open to all CSU faculty and staff who have an interest in discussing and learning more about assessment in all of its forms, whether institutional, curricular, or classroom-based.

February 13, 2015

Technology Speed Dating

The CTRE is pleased to hold its third annual Technology Speed Dating event for faculty and staff to learn more about a handful of technologies that are useful and easy to use, all in a fun Valentine's Day-themed format. As in previous years, attendees will fill out a "dating card" to match them up with a variety of technologies that they can apply to teaching and everyday tasks.

February 17, 2015

Online Certification Training (OCT)

For those of you looking to teach online or just learn about what is involved in online learning, OCT is here to help. This eight-week, completely online course will take you through the basics of what is online learning, ADA web accessibility, instructional design, and more. A registration announcement will be sent later this month.

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For additional activities and programming provided by the Center for Teaching and Research Excellence at Chicago State University please visit www.csu.edu/ctre.

Questions? Contact Dr. Jacqueline Callery at ctre@csu.edu or 773-995-2586.

March 27, 2015

Provost's Colloquium

The annual Provost's Colloquium will take place on March 27, 2015 and will showcase a variety of faculty projects, presentations, and achievements that have been supported by CTRE funding from the past year. This event will take place on the fourth floor of the CSU Library.

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Library and Instruction Services News

Questions?

Electronic Reference Resources

The Library offers a number of electronic reference resources that supply background information on a wide range of topics. Reference resources are typically handbooks, encyclopedias, and dictionaries and provide basic facts, history, and descriptions, which are useful to students and may complement or replace less authoritative resources available freely online such as *Wikipedia*.

To access these resources:
- Go to: http://library.csu.edu/
- From the *Search Box*, select the *Databases Tab*
- In the *Select a Subject Box*, pick *Reference* and click on the *Browse* button
  - A new page will open listing a number of electronic databases that contain handbooks, encyclopedias, and dictionaries: http://csu.libguides.com/reference

Selected Databases:

Book Index with Reviews (EBSCO)
Helps you find information on books.

URL: http://bluestem.csu.edu:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=kdh

Credo Reference
Provides access to a selection of over 400 reference books. Credo Reference includes encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesauri and books of quotations, as well as a range of subject-specific titles covering everything from art to accountancy and literature to law.

URL: http://bluestem.csu.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.credoreference.com/advanced.do

Encyclopedia Britannica
Includes the complete encyclopedia, as well as Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus, Britannica Student Encyclopedia and the Britannica Book of the Year.

URL: http://bluestem.csu.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.britannica.com/?cameFromBol=true

Encyclopedia of Life Sciences (ELS) (Wiley)
Is a comprehensive reference work ever published in the biological sciences. Spanning the entire spectrum of life sciences. Features more than 4,100 specially commissioned and peer-reviewed articles.

URL: http://bluestem.csu.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.els.net/

Gale Virtual Reference Library (Gale)
Is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. Featured titles include *Contemporary Black Biography* and *International Directory of Company Histories*.

URL: http://bluestem.csu.edu:2048/login?url=http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=GVRL&u=uiuc_csu&authCount=1

Spring Library Instruction

The **Spring 2015 semester** is underway. Hopefully you have already scheduled any **library instruction** sessions (also known as bibliographic instruction or BI) for your students. The Library's instruction programs improve the ability of students to make effective use of the library collections, services, and staff, and include instruction in the use of online electronic resources (e.g., article databases, library reference resources, library research and course guides, RefWorks, etc.) as well as traditional print materials.

Instruction sessions are provided Monday through Saturday, including weekday evenings. Sessions should be scheduled at least **2 weeks in advance**. The ideal time for an instruction session is 2 to 3 weeks before the related class assignment is due. Faculty should submit their requests using the **online instruction request system**, located at: http://csu.libcal.com/booking/libraryinstruction

Faculty will receive an immediate response **via email** that their request is under review by the library instruction coordinator. Faculty are advised to wait for a **confirmation** that will be sent **via email before** notifying their students.

CTRE Faculty Resource Recommendation

FACULTY FOCUS
HIGHER ED TEACHING STRATEGIES FROM MAGNA PUBLICATIONS

*"Through its **free** e-newsletter and dedicated website, Faculty Focus publishes articles on effective teaching strategies for the college classroom — both face-to-face and online. Faculty Focus was created in 2003 by Magna Publications."*

See more at
http://www.facultyfocus.com

Recent Faculty Focus Articles

January 14, 2015
Effective Ways to Structure Discussion

Provides creative and productive ways to spice up discussion forums in higher education courses.

January 12, 2015
Using Fundamental Concepts and Essential Questions to Promote Critical Thinking

Asks faculty to examine the design of lectures and assignments. What are the essential questions that should be asked and pondered during the semester to promote mindful thinking?

Moodle Tip #1

Best Practice for Online Teaching - Use your Syllabus to Help Start the Conversation:

According to Rochelle Johnson, Program Specialist, CTRE:

"As an online teacher it is imperative that you upload your syllabus to the course preferably before the class begins. Uploading pertinent information regarding course mechanics not only lets students know that you care about the course, but it also communicates to the students a set of clear expectations.

Instructors at Chicago State University are encouraged to upload their syllabi to their course(s) regardless of whether they are online or face-to-face. If you are not familiar with how to post your syllabus in Moodle click here for a tutorial. "

The best location for a syllabus is on the main course page. For additional information please contact Rochelle Johnson atrjohns30@csu.edu or 773-995-2456.

Moodle Tip #2

How to Create a Meta Course

The Spring semester is here CTRE understands how important it is to develop your Moodle course(s). There is no longer the need to wait on CTRE to create meta courses for you. Instructors now have the ability to create their own meta courses using "Moodle Enrollment Methods"

Here is link to a short video tutorial that will cover the steps to create Meta/Merged courses in Moodle. The ability to create meta courses is now in your hands.

Click to view video - How to create meta courses as the instructor (Link http://youtu.be/zn2CDiWVvmA)

For additional information please contact Theodis Garth tgarth@csu.edu or 773-995-2285.

Images: Faculty Focus, Moodle

January 2015 Events

Save the Date!

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
5 **Spring 2015 Semester Begins!** Online Certification Training (OCT) Begins 8 weeks/Online	**6** "How Can I Minimize Cheating in the Classroom?" Tuesday Morning Mentor 10:30-11:30 / LIB 318	**7**		= Training
				= Tuesday Morning Mentor
12 "Art of Teaching 18: Exams, Evaluation, and Feedback" 10:30-11:30 / Online via Moodle IRTC	**13** "How I can Use Twitter to Improve Teaching and Learning" Tuesday Morning Mentor 10:30-11:30 / LIB 318	**14**		= Workshop/Info Session
				= Special Event/Other
19 Martin Luther King Day No Classes, Campus Closed	**20** " Is There A Solution to Students Multitasking in Class? " Tuesday Morning Mentor 10:30 -11:30 /LIB 318 January 20, 2015 Distance Education Committee Meeting 12:30-2:00 / LIB 301	**21**	**22** January 22, 2015 "Illinois Principals' Perceptions and Expectations of Students Who Speak African-American Vernacular English (Ebonics)" Dr. Garrard McClendon Faculty Symposium Series 12:00-2:00 / LIB 301 CTRE Advisory Board Meeting 12:30-2:00 / LIB Knowledge Production Zone	**23**
26 "Art of Teaching 19: Maintaining Your Enthusiasm" 10:30-11:30 / Online via Moodle IRTC	**27** " What Should I Do When a Student Cheats?" Tuesday Morning Mentor 10:30-11:30/LIB 318	**28**	Visit the CTRE website for information on more upcoming events and to register for upcoming events at: http://www.csu.edu/CTRE/moreevents.htm	
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