

“The power of a thing or an act is in the meaning and the understanding.”

- Heháka Sápa (Black Elk)

Upcoming Events

10/7

“The Endocannabinoid System: A Potential Therapeutic Target for Mood Disorders”
Faculty Symposium Series
Dr. Abir El-Alfy
12:00-2:00 / LIB 301

10/22-24

2014 Annual SLATE Conference
NIU Naperville Campus

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Congratulations to CSU Faculty

The CTRE would like to extend an enthusiastic congratulations to the following CSU faculty members on their recent achievements.

In September, **Dr. Christine Ohale**, Professor of English, was chosen as one of **“15 Noteworthy Art Professors in Chicago”** by The Art Career Project. Here is what they had to say about Dr. Ohale:

We are admittedly fudging the definition of an art professor by including Dr. Ohale. But her work in the English and Literature Department at Chicago State absolutely intersects with the world of art, especially art of the written variety, and



her students only have rave reviews of her teaching ability and her classes, so we figured it was okay to bend the rules this once. Dr. Ohale has a pair of Master's degree in English and a PhD from the University of Nigeria in Literature and she is an accomplished writer in her own right who has published numerous essays in international journals across the globe

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Fulbright Workshop in November

Next month, Andy Riess, Assistant Director of Outreach at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) will be on campus to offer a workshop on the Fulbright Program for Faculty and Professionals.



- Learn about teaching and research opportunities in more than 125 countries
- Get advice on selecting countries for application and making contacts abroad
- Explore how your campus can host visiting foreign Fulbright scholars
- Get tips on how to prepare the

Fulbright application

This workshop will take place on **Monday, November 24, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301.**

Fulbright campus representatives and interested faculty are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the workshop, but space is limited.

To reserve a seat please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Library News: Focus on Literature Resources



By Joanna Kolendo,
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Literature Database Spotlight: Project Muse

Updated continually, [Project Muse](#) offers full-text current and archival articles from 600+ scholarly journals from major university presses covering literature and criticism, history, performing arts, cultural studies, education, philosophy, political science, gender studies, and more.

Literature Databases

Other Literature Databases may be located on the library's site: <http://csu.libguides.com/literaturedb>

[Academic Search Complete \(EBSCO\)](#)

This multi-disciplinary full-text database contains over 7,000 full-text periodicals, including 6,000 peer-reviewed journals.

[African American Biographical Database \(Chadwyck\)](#)

This database contains African-American biographical sketches from biographical dictionaries and other sources.

[Black Studies Center \(Chadwyck\)](#)

This resource consists of the *Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience*, the *International Index to Black Periodicals* (IIBP), two historical black newspapers (*Chicago Defender* and the *Daily Defender*), and the *Black Literature Index*, which consists of over 70,000 bibliographic citations for fiction, poetry and literary reviews published in

110 black periodicals and newspapers between 1827–1940.

[Black Studies in Video \(Alexander Press\)](#)

"This collection features award-winning documentaries, newsreels, interviews and archival footage surveying the evolution of black culture in the United States. In partnership with California Newsreel, the database provides unique access to their African American Classics collection, and includes films covering history, politics, art and culture, family structure, social and economic pressures, and gender relations."

[Black Thought and Culture \(Alexander Press\)](#)

Black Thought and Culture contains approximately 100,000 pages of non-fiction writings by major American black leaders and covers 250 years of history. It contains 1,297 sources with 1,100 authors, covering the non-fiction published works of leading African Americans.

[Gale Virtual Reference Library \(Gale\)](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. Chicago State has access to more than 40 titles. Featured titles include Contemporary Black Biography, a 71 volume biographical reference source and International Directory of Company Histories, a massive 93 volume encyclopedia of business history.

[JSTOR](#)

CSU subscribes to two JSTOR collections. Arts and Sciences I includes 119 core journal titles in the areas of economics, history, political science, and sociology, as well as in the humanities, social sciences, ecology, mathematics, and statistics.

[Literature Resource Center \(Gale\)](#)

This database provides access to Contemporary Authors Online, Contemporary Literary Criticism Select, Scribner Writer Series, and Dictionary of Literary Biography Online. It also contains links to more than 250 prominent literary journals, overviews of literary works, websites, and timeline of events to help place literature in its historical and social context.

[MLA International Bibliography \(EBSCO\)](#)

Dating back to 1963, this database is an index of journal articles, books and dissertations. Produced by the Mod-

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and has contributed her understanding of African literature to multiple published books. She has become something of a staple in Chicago State's Department of English as her passion for the subject material shines through clearly and her students love that she tries to make the class engaging and interacting.

Dr. Jozef Stec, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, along with his research collaborators, had an article chosen for publication in *ChemMedChem*, "a top journal for



research at the interface of chemistry, biology, and medicine." "Biological Evaluation of Potent Triclosan-Derived Inhibitors of the Enoyl-Acyl Carrier Protein Reductase InhA in Drug-Sensitive and Drug-Resistant Strains of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*" was published in the September 2014 issue (DOI: 10.1002/cmdc.201402255).

Lastly, **Dr. Michael Danquah**,

Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, had an article chosen for open access publication in the *Journal of Cancer Science and Therapy*. "[Polycarbonate Micelles for Cancer Therapy](#)"

appeared in volume 6(8), 310-313.

Dr. Stec's and Dr. Danquah's articles were supported through the CTRE grants program.

If you have or know about a CSU faculty achievement worth sharing, email it to James

Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu.



Library News: Focus on Literature Databases

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ern Language Association, this electronic version contains over 1.5 million citations from more than 4,400 journals and series and 1,000 book publishers.

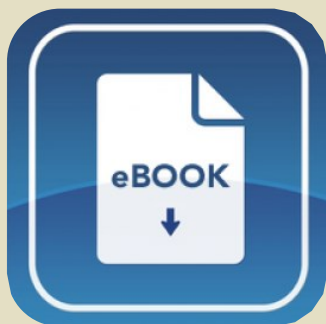
[Oxford English Dictionary](#)

The electronic Oxford English Dictionary presents the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past. It also traces the usage of words through 2.5 million quotations.

[ProQuest Dissertations & Theses \(ProQuest\)](#)

This database is a comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses in the humanities and social sciences:

- Includes 2.4 million searchable citations to dissertation and theses from 1861.



- Features 1.2 million full text dissertations that are available for download in PDF format from 1997 forward and strong retrospective full text coverage for older graduate works.
- More than 60,000 new full text

Literature E-Books & Temporary Collections

dissertations and theses are added to the database each year.

All library electronic books can be accessed from the Databases Webpage on the LIS website: <http://csu.libguides.com/ebooks> The library purchases e-books for most subject areas, and from different vendors. Additionally, the library has partnered with other entities

to provide temporary access to e-books.

[EBSCO ebooks Collection](#)

Includes 456 books in the areas of Language and Literature

[ebrary Collection](#)

Includes over 20 titles in the areas of Language and Literature

[EBL Collection](#)

Includes 2,959 titles in the area of Literature.

You will need to sign in, both on and off campus, to access this resource.

[eRead Illinois Axis 360](#)

(Pilot Project)

Funded by Secretary of State Jesse White through the Illinois State Library, this two-year project, eRead Illinois, provides access to 10,500 unique titles with 11,165 total items. Popular as well as fiction titles are included.

The Digital Shift: Libraries at the Center

On October 1, 2014, the fifth annual [Digital Shift: Libraries @ the Center](#) will address key issues in the changing role of academic librarianship, including the impact of “Big Data,” partnering with faculty to achieve successful student outcomes, translating library instruction into the online environment, and teaching new levels of literacies to help adults effectively navigate an increasingly complex information environment.

This free, full-day online event will feature a variety of sessions focused on academic libraries, including:

- ***Libraries, Archives and Museums at the Intersection of History and Technology***
Bonnie Tijerina, Data & Society Fellow at the Data & Society Institute in New York City and the founder of ER&L (Electronic



Resources & Libraries) conference and organization

Emily Gore, Director of Content, Digital Public Library of America
Jon Voss, Director, Historypin Strategic Partnerships

- ***Bridging the K-12-to-College Information Literacy Gap***
Dr. Lesley Farmer, Professor at California State University Long Beach, Coordinator of the Librarianship Program
- ***Classroom/Library Partnerships that Support Students' Academic and Civic Learning***
Nicole Mirra, Ph.D., postdoctoral researcher at the UCLA Graduate School of Education

Antero Garcia, Assistant Professor, English Department, Colorado State University

- ***Adapting Academic Library Instruction to the Digital Environment***

Amanda Scull, Collection Development Librarian, Keene State College

Keynote Presenters

Daniel J. Levitin, PhD, award-winning scientist and author of *The Organized Mind: Thinking Straight in an Age of Information Overload*.

Anil Dash, cofounder and CEO of ThinkUp: Analytics for Humans and one of the earliest and most influential technologists in social media.

[Registration for this virtual conference](#) is **FREE** and includes 3 months of access to the event archives, including all presentations.

What's Your Back-Up Plan?

Moodle is often described as the most flexible, powerful online course managements system (CMS) on the market today. The reason for this is because it allows the teacher to set up, alter, arrange, and configure courses and their activities in many different ways. And while this wealth of options can be highly beneficial in terms of course design, it does make the learning curve for Moodle a bit steeper.

So where can you go for some additional help with Moodle?

If you are someone who learns best in a face-to-face setting, then you should

consider making an appointment with one of the CTRE's staff members. Simply call 773-995-2960 or email elarning@csu.edu to schedule a time.



If you prefer learning on your own, then your first and best resource is the [CSU Instructors Resource Course](#). This “course” is actually a repository of a number of useful tutorials, videos, links, and documents that are regularly created and updated by CTRE staff, so you know that the information provided is best suited to the needs of CSU.

You are also encouraged to review the resources provided on [Moodle Docs](#), and do a quick search on [YouTube](#) for videos created by other Moodle users.

October 2014—CTRE Events

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
<p>29</p> <p>Online Certification Training (OCT) Begins 8 Weeks / Moodle</p> <p>“Art of Teaching 10: Critical Skills” 10:30-11:30 / Online via IRTC</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Tuesday Morning Mentor “What is Blended Learning?” 10:30-11:30 / LIB 318</p>	<p>  = Training  = Tuesday Morning Mentor  = Workshop / Info Session  = Special Event / Other </p>		<p>3</p> <p>Faculty Resource Network Application Due for Network Winter 2015</p>
<p>6</p> <p>“Art of Teaching 11: Engaging with Discussion I” 10:30-11:30 / Online via IRTC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>“The Endocannabinoid System: A Potential Therapeutic Target for Mood Disorders” Dr. Abir El-Alfy 10:00-2:00 / LIB 301</p>	<p> <i>Visit the CTRE website for information on more upcoming events at:</i> www.csu.edu/ctre/moreevents.htm <i>To register for an event, click here.</i> </p>		<p>10</p> <p>Faculty Resource Network Application Due for University Associates Program</p>
<p>13</p> <p>“Art of Teaching 12: Engaging with Discussion II” 10:30-11:30 / Online via IRTC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>“Assessment and Gen Ed” Presentation with Dr. Ranfen Li 12:30-2:00 / LIB 301</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CTRE Advisory Board Meeting 12:30-2:00 / LIB 301</p>	<p>17</p> <p>“Explorations on the Theme of ‘Home’” Faculty Symposium Series with Dr. Olasupo Laosebikan & Dr. Olanipekun Laosebikan 12:00-2:00 / LIB 301</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Distance Education Committee Meeting 12:30-2:00 / LIB 301</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2014 Annual SLATE Conference</p>
<p>27</p> <p>“Art of Teaching 13: Cogent Thinking and Writing” 10:30-11:30 / Online via IRTC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>“What is Blended Learning?” Tuesday Morning Mentor 10:30-11:30 / LIB 318</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>