

THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

JULY 7–12, 2014

CENTER FOR TEACHING AND
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Upcoming Events

Art of Teaching 1:
Successful Teaching 7/14
10:30-11:30
Online via [IRTC](#)

“How Can I Enhance
My Class Using
Story, Popular
Media, and Objects?” 7/15
10:30-11:30
LIB 318

Faculty Resource 7/17
Network 10:30-11:30
Information Session LIB 301

[Click here to register for an event.](#)

{ APPEALING APPS & SITES }

Site: [Online Learning Consortium](#)

Cost: FREE!

The Online
Learning



Consortium is the new name for what was previously the Sloan Consortium, a 22-year-old organization that has become the largest and one of the most respected of its kind in the world. OLC offers news, classes, and more.

Important Message Regarding CTRE Grants

Below is an important message from the Director of the CTRE, Mr. Michael Sukowski, regarding the most recent grant application submission period:

*Hello dear colleagues,
CTRE grant applications
continue to increase in
number of applications
and dollar amounts re-*

*quested. In grant applications for the
first quarter (July 1, 2014) we have
received the following:*

Faculty development/travel:

\$54,319.95

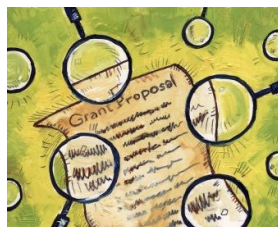
Student engagement: \$19,585.00

Seed grant/research: \$71,400.00

Program enrichment: \$4,000.00

TOTAL \$149,304.95

*Dividing our budget by four quarters,
we have a total of \$67,250.00 available
for all grant categories this first
quarter, well below the total
amount requested. The faculty
advisory committee's review
subcommittee has a daunting
task ahead of them.*



*Applications received after the 5:00pm
July 1 deadline cannot be considered
this round. First-time applicants should
receive first consideration, other appli-
cations for future travel (after Septem-
ber 1st) will be considered for the Sep-
tember round.*

Two Online Learning Conferences

If you are interest-
ed in learning and
sharing with a
community of

online educators, there are two con-
ferences coming up that you should
be aware of.

On October 29-31, 2014, the eLearn-
ing Guild will be hosting
DevLearn|13 in Las Vegas, Nevada,
a “dynamic and comprehensive pro-
gram,” offering nearly 200 learning
activities that will explore the latest
in cutting-edge tools, mobile learn-
ing, technology strategies, gamifica-
tion, and more. To learn more about
DevLearn|13, [click here](#).



Those same dates, the Online Learning
Consortium will be hosting the **20th
Annual International Conference on
Online Learning**, to be held in Orlan-
do, Florida. This conference will offer
a wide range of activities and sessions
on blended learning, issues of diversity,
open education resources, and more.
This conference can be attended either
in-person or virtually. To learn more
about the 20th Annual International
Conference on Online Learning, [click
here](#).

Looking Forward

CTRE Virtual Roundtable

The CTRE's newest faculty development initiative, CTRE Virtual Roundtable, is offered as a convenient, user-friendly means of connecting with colleagues across campus to discuss issues and topics related to teaching.

Upcoming roundtables include:

"Art of Teaching: Successful Teaching"

July 14, 2014

10:30-11:30

**"Art of Teaching:
Broad Range of Learners"**

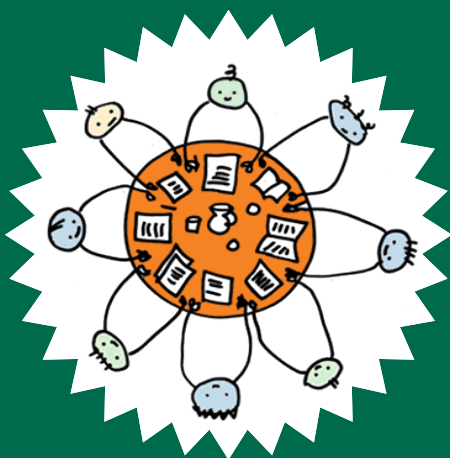
July 21, 2014

10:30-11:30

"Art of Teaching: Starting Out Right"

July 28, 2014

10:30-11:30



Each virtual roundtable will take place via Blackboard Collaborate. Links for each session can be found in the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle.

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

CTRE Faculty Symposium Series

As part of its 2014-2015 programming theme, the CTRE is pleased to announce :

If you have questions about the CTRE Faculty Symposium Series, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

CTRE Faculty Symposium Series

This series is an opportunity for faculty from across campus to share their scholarly work to an audience of their university peers and colleagues. All disciplines, topics and formats are welcome.

Symposia will take place throughout the academic year, starting in the summer of 2014.

If you are interested in being a presenter, please fill out [this brief information form](#). You will be contacted shortly thereafter.



Respondus LockDown Browser & Monitor

Chicago State University now has an institutional license to use Respondus LockDown Browser and Respondus Monitor. Both of these applications allow for greater security in internet test-taking.

LockDown Browser is a custom internet browser that students must download before taking an exam in Moodle. When it is engaged, students cannot access other webpages, copy and paste, screen capture, or right-click on any thing.



Respondus Monitor captures a live video stream of students via a webcam while they are taking an exam. You can then review the video afterwards.

If you are interested in implementing one or both of these applications in your own courses, you can learn more about them on the [Instructors Resource Course in Moodle](#).

If you have further questions, contact the CTRE at 773-995-2960 or elarning@csu.edu.