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Academic Year: 2013-2014

We invite you to browse the professional development seminars hosted by Wright College faculty and staff.



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Travel Series

Turkey Times Two

Join English Prof. Patti Renda as she discusses Turkish culture. Prof. Renda spent the 2012 academic year in Turkey.

Presentation 1: Learn about Gobekli Tepe, the archeological site with the oldest "settlement" (or "temple") discovered so far on the planet.

Presentation 2: How to Anger the Tour Guide When He Expects Tourist Instead of Professors.

Presenter: Patti Renda, English Department Faculty

Tuesday, November 5 at 3:30pm

Going Back: Exploring Vietnam with a Veteran

Lance Corporal Robert P. Topping served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1970. After two tours in Vietnam, he finally returned to "the world" with a purple heart, a bronze star, and the difficulty of moving forward. In 2011, he went back to Vietnam in an effort to silence old ghosts. Prof. Cydney Topping was lucky enough to go with him, and their experience uncovers how deep the roots of war run, and how bloodlines do not dictate family. Come explore the majestic beauty of Vietnam, the incredible strength and compassion of its people, and a story of reconciliation.

Presenter: Cydney Topping, English Department Faculty

Wednesday, February 26th at 4:00pm

Mentoring Youth in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area

Visual and Performing Arts Prof. Susan Colon will present a travelogue on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. She will draw you into this pristine wilderness area by highlighting the mission of Big City Mountaineers, an expedition-centered youth mentoring organization; discussing experiences of the youth and staff who travel with her; introducing Leave No Trace Principles, and revealing curious facts about native species.

Presenter: Susan Colon, VPA Department Faculty

Tuesday, January 28 at 3:30pm

Discover Costa Rica: Fragile Forests & Hidden Habitats

Take a virtual excursion to Costa Rica with Biology Prof. Darlene Attiah. Explore Arenal Volcano National Park and the wildlife at Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge, soak in the thermal springs of Termales del Bosque, and visit the National Biodiversity Institute in Bio Parque. Our exploration will take us to the majestic rainforests of Selva Verde Lodge's Rainforest Reserve as we spend time white water rafting along the Rio Sarapiquí. We will also visit the Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center and finish the day at a pineapple plantation.

Presenter: Darlene Attiah, Biology Department Faculty

Wednesday, November 27 at 12:30pm –1:30pm, President's Conference Room

Grain Belt to Tundra, Discovering North America

Traverse the vastness of a continent on a road trip from the Great Lakes to the Arctic Circle and explore the transition of the landscape as we move west and then north across the Great Plains, over the Rocky Mountains, through the Boreal Forest– and then back again. Come along with Geography Prof. Neill Sachs who will show you how to put together such a journey and what to look for along the way.

Presenter: Neill Sachs, Social Science Department Faculty

Thursday, April 10 at 2:30pm

Special Interests

Improving Teaching and Learning Through Assessment

Join Biology Prof. and Assessment Committee Chair Noah Marshall and VPA Prof. and Assessment Committee Member Susan Colon to learn about how the practice of assessment in education is integral to successful teaching and student learning. This interactive workshop will provide an introduction to what assessment is and why it is useful to educators and students. You will develop tools to implement your own assessments in the classroom.

Presenters: Noah Marshall, Assessment Committee Chair & Susan Colon, Speech Department Faculty

Wednesday, October 16 at 9:30am-10:30am, President's Conference Room

Tuesday, October 22 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, Room S-315

Active Learning Across Academic Disciplines

Get busy with Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack and Biology Prof. Alicia Anzaldo. Active learning provides numerous benefits to the classroom. It provides opportunities for higher order thinking, promotes greater student-faculty and student-student interaction, increases student retention, and permits opportunities to connect the content to real life. Spend time sharing ways to incorporate active learning into your classroom. Bring an assignment with you that you hope to convert to use active learning.

Presenters: Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education & Alicia Anzaldo, Biology Department Chair

Wednesday, October 16 at 10:30am –11:30am, President's Conference Room

Thursday, October 17 at 2:00pm –3:00pm, Room S-315

Look Closely!

Discover the practical benefits of close reading text as a basis for establishing an analytical position for composition, as well as discussing the benefits of close reading for improved critical thinking for students in all of their courses and in their professional lives.

Presenters: Mike Petersen (11/12), Tara Whitehair, and Bridget Roche (11/13), English Department Faculty

Tuesday, November 12 at 11:00am

Wednesday, November 13 at 2:00pm

Planets Outside The Solar System

Physical Science Prof. Doris Espiritu presents an overview of extrasolar planets, including the recent discoveries of the Kepler mission and the search for other Earth-like worlds.

Presenter: Doris Espiritu, Physical Science Department Chair

Monday, February 10 at 3:00pm

Monday, February 17 at 6:30pm

The Power of Positive Thinking

Join Humanities Prof. Sheldon Liebman as he explains why, in philosophy and literature, the major theme of the 20th C. could be said to be nothing more than doom and gloom. This pervasive pessimism arose shortly after the confluence of scientific ideas that were easily translated into philosophical and literary expressions.

Presenter: Sheldon Liebman, Humanities Department Chair

Wednesday, February 12 at 3:30pm

Deep Learning: Taking the Abstract to the Concrete and Familiar.

Political Science Prof. Merry Mayer will discuss how she takes the abstract ideas of international relations and brings them to the level of the students' every day experiences. Through the use of various scenarios and thought exercises, students achieve deeper learning of the theoretical foundations by seeing how international relations can also apply to human behavior in their own lives.

Presenter: Merry Mayer, Social Science Department Faculty

Tuesday, February 25 at 2:00pm

More than Monet and Macbeth

It's not all dancing and debate. Visual and Performing Arts Prof. Christine Marriott will discuss research specific to the field of visual and performing arts and show you the best methods of inquiry, data access, citation and presentation.

Presenter: Christine Marriott, VPA Department Co-Chair

Tuesday, March 11 at 1:00pm - 3:00pm

The Power of Smart Calculators

Some of you think that mathematics is the most beautiful subject in the world. However, for most people, math is not an end in itself, but instead it is a tool for finding answers. Wouldn't you like to learn to teach your students the latest advances in technology and thereby leverage their ability to solve problems? Math Prof. Julius Nadas will introduce you to some of this technology that is easily accessible and not all that difficult to use. <http://faculty.ccc.edu/jnadas/js/why.htm>

Presenter: Julius Nadas, Math Department Faculty

Thursday, April 10 at 1:30pm

Open Up! Making OpenBook Work For You

Looking to make your life a bit less hectic? Let Prof. Cara Verigan introduce you to OpenBook . Learn the basis of OpenBook and participate in a roundtable discussion of how you can use the tools available.

Presenter: Cara Verigan, Business Department Faculty

Wednesday, May 7 at 12:30pm

Book Discussion Series

“When I Was Puerto Rican” by Esmeralda Santiago

Hosted by the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee and led by Social Sciences Prof. Maritza Cordero, this book discussion will follow the journey of the author from a poor young girl living in rural Puerto Rico to a successful writer based in New York City. Remember to read the book before you arrive!

Presenter: Maritza Cordero, Coordinator of Addiction Studies & Associate Professor of Psychology & Addiction Studies
Wednesday, October 9 at 12:00pm-1:30pm, Faculty Dining Room

Peacock Feathers and Plot Twists

Join English Prof. Laura Durnell for an interpretation and discussion of Flannery O'Connor's *The Violent Bear It Away* and Stephen King's O'Henry Prize winning story “The Man in the Black.”

Presenter: Laura Durnell, English Department Faculty
Wednesday, October 30 at 11:30am

Halloween Spooktacular! Creative Reading: Joyce Carol Oates’ “Heat”

Let English Prof. Cydney Topping take you beyond Arnold Friend and deep into the dark world of Joyce Carol Oates. Prof. Topping will do a creative reading of Joyce Carol Oates’s short story “Heat.” This story centers around the murder of young, twin girls. After the reading, she will briefly present on various approaches to using literature in the classroom, highlighting different ways in which students can interact with the text to further their understanding and analysis of literature.

Presenter: Cydney Topping, English Department Faculty
Wednesday, October 30 at 3:30pm

If you are interested in developing a professional development session, contact Alicia Anzaldo (aanzaldo@ccc.edu) or Tracy Mitchell (tmitchell@ccc.edu).

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