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From the Cryosphere to the Amazon Cloud Forest: Endangered Species and Global Warming

The world's leading universities, NASA, NOAA, and the IPCC have studied and documented the effects of a warming planet on its critical ecosystems and native species. From the endangered American Pika to the disappearance of the Monteverde Golden toad, the loss of Earth's biodiversity can be attributed to the change in glacial and continental ice as well as the loss of mountain top moisture and coral bleaching. Join Prof. Kurt Leslie as he explores the evidence of this growing problem and its importance in developing an effective, long term solution.

Presenter: Kurt Leslie, Biology Department Faculty
Thursday, September 4th at 1:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Curriculum Development Workshop: Creating and Revising Courses

Are you interested in creating or revising courses for transfer or occupational programs? If so, Prof. Maria Jaskot-Inclan has the answers to your lingering curriculum development questions. Bring your working documents and join her for this information packed workshop. This workshop session correlates with the Curriculum Development presentation held during the recent faculty professional development week.

Presenter: Maria Jaskot-Inclan, VPA Department Faculty and Sonia Ramirez, Math Department Faculty
Monday, September 8th at 2:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Teaching Ike Reilly

Chicago rock musician, Ike Reilly, is known for his brutally honest and beautifully poetic lyrics. Capitalizing on the opportunity for students to research and ultimately interview this exciting storyteller and local celebrity, Prof. Vincent Bruckert generated compelling class discussions and encouraged online research - which included locating lyrics, listening to music, watching videos, and reviewing newspaper articles relating to Ike Reilly's life – in his composition course. Join him as he recounts the highlights of this research project and reaffirms the critical importance of student engagement in effective teaching and learning.

Presenter: Vincent Bruckert, English Department Faculty
Wednesday, September 10th at 12:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Amazingly Easy Website Creation for the Classroom

Course websites can serve to engage and connect with students in the classroom, but creating them can be daunting. Weebly is a platform to easily create elegant and useful websites, which can be made available on the internet in seconds. Join Prof. Andrew Kruger as he introduces the feasibility and functionality of Weebly.

Presenter: Andrew Kruger, Physical Sciences and Engineering Department Faculty
Thursday, September 11th at 11:00am, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Teaching for Meaning: Have You Got a Worldview?

How do we connect the various disciplines and areas of study? Is there a way to bridge the gap between different disciplines like science and humanities in order to offer students a more continuous and unitary picture of reality and society? Prof. Adrian Guiu facilitates this interdisciplinary discussion and invites faculty from all disciplines to discover common threads within teaching goals.

Presenter: Adrian Guiu, Humanities Department Faculty
Wednesday, September 17th at 3:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

From Beer to Biofuels: How Fungi Influence Our Society

Fungi are more than just organisms that spoil our food or make us sick. From farming to fuels, fungi have a positive and often overlooked impact on our lives. Come join Prof. Matthew Greif to learn more about these fascinating organisms.

Presenter: Matthew Greif, Biology Department Faculty
Thursday, September 18th at 12:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Who's Robert? And Why Did He Make His Own Rules?

The CTL "moves" that Quality Assurance Coordinator Larry Buonaguidi and Prof. Maria Jaskot-Inclan review the basic principles of parliamentary procedure: Robert's Rules of Order. Familiarity with these rules will allow session participants to conduct meetings that are both effective and efficient. This session is highly recommended for committee chairs, department chairs, club advisors, and union members. All those in favor say "Aye!"

Presenters: Larry Buonaguidi, Quality Assurance Coordinator & Maria Jaskot-Inclan, VPA Department Faculty
Thursday, September 18th at 3:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Express Yourself - Take a Creativity Break

Are your days full and frantic? Do you need a break? If so, Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack invites you to unwind and express yourself through creative writing. Specially selected exercises will stimulate a fresh flow of ideas and invoke the discovery of applications for curriculum. Well-suited for the novice or the expert, this session guarantees to refresh your tired mind.

Presenter: Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education
Tuesday, September 23rd at 3:00pm – 4:30 pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Curriculum Development: ICCB Form 20

Are you interested in proposing courses for occupational programs? Have you attempted to complete the elusive ICCB Form 20? If so, Prof. Maria Jaskot-Inclan has the answers to your lingering curriculum development questions. Bring your working documents and join her for this information packed session. This session correlates with the Curriculum Development presentation held during the recent faculty professional development week.

Presenter: Maria Jaskot-Inclan, VPA Department Faculty and Sonia Ramirez, Math Department Faculty
Thursday, September 25th at 2:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Development Projects in the Andes: What Doesn't Work – And What Does!

Development efforts aim to improve a group's quality of life, but too often they fail. Prof. Beverly Bennett will discuss her research in the Andean region and recount some of the difficulties that hinder successful development projects there. Further, she will describe the use of the local population's skills and resources to significantly improve outcomes.

Presenter: Beverly Bennett, Social Sciences Department Faculty
Tuesday, September 30th at 3:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Is There Community Among Cannibals?

Transcending race, culture, time and gender, what ties humans together? Writers Joseph Conrad, Oswald de Andrade, Christopher Bond and Stephen Sondheim explore these human ties through the hungry eyes of cannibalism. Prof. Clair Boeck will challenge us to consider the writers' proposal that not only are we all capable of cannibalism, but that we also can find community among cannibals. How do these ideas impact our understanding of human behavior?

Presenter: Claire Boeck, Humanities Department Faculty
Thursday, October 2nd at 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Embracing Games in Your Classroom – Part I

Join Prof. Polly Hoover as she examines the concept of games, role-playing, and digital projects to enrich the general education classes, including STEM courses. This is a presentation of possibilities, of what others have done, and of what you might do.

Presenter: Polly Hoover, Humanities Department Faculty
Monday, October 6th at 2:00 pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Faculty Women of Color in the Academy

Librarians Reina Williams and Sharon Silverman will share information and resources relevant to all women working in academia. Helpful publishing and tenure tips as well as basic survival skills will be discussed.

Presenters: Reina Williams, (WWC) Librarian and Sharon Silverman, (OHC) Librarian
Monday, October 13th at 11:00am, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Soft Skills: What are they? Why do they matter?

Until recently, the predominant belief was that students' cognitive skills were the ones that mattered most. Come learn about soft skills, how they dictate future school and career success, and how to integrate the teaching of these skills into any curriculum. Join Skills Connection Coordinator Maureen Heffern Ponicki to obtain concrete ideas and useful tools for your classroom.

Presenter: Maureen Heffern Ponicki, Skills Connection Coordinator
Thursday, October 16th at 12:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Civil War Battlefields and other Sojourns: Discovering America's Hallow Ground

Take a trip back in time with History Prof. James Zenes for a presentation on the American Civil War, its battlefields and related historical sites. Infused with personal experiences and his life journey in the study of the Civil War and Civil War reenacting, this session promises to breathe new life into an important piece of America's past.

Presenter: James Zenes, Social Sciences Department Faculty
Thursday, October 16th at 2:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

75 Years of Batman: The Victory is in the Preparation

Discover how the history and adventures of the World's Greatest Detective emphasize the importance of research and preparedness for students, which ventures beyond the classroom. Join Ernesto Rueda as he marks the 75th anniversary of Batman's debut in *Detective Comics #27* by presenting a visual history of the Caped Crusader.

Presenter: Ernesto Rueda, English Department Faculty
Wednesday, October 22nd at 3:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

A Presentation of English 101 Learning Modules

Are you interested in new and creative approaches to essay writing? If so, join Prof. Bridget Roche as she unveils four novel learning modules for English 101. Developed to be textbook independent, these modules promise to enhance any composition course.

Presenter: Bridget Roche, English Department Faculty
Monday, November 3rd at 3:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Integration of Non-Cognitive Interventions into the Classroom

The vast majority of initiatives at the college level focus on academic interventions. Newer data suggests that soft skills such as self-efficacy, goal-motivated behavior, and resiliency are strong predictors of college success. Join Mira Kolodkin for a review of current research on successful, non-cognitive interventions that increase student achievement and a discussion on methods of implementation within the classroom.

Presenter: Mira Kolodkin, Biology Department Faculty
Wednesday, November 5th at 12:00 pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Tiny Nicaragua, Huge Biodiversity

The tiny nation of Nicaragua is characterized by a remarkably high level of biodiversity for its size. One fifth of the country is designated protected land, including 78 reserves and a variety of habitats including mountains, lakes, rainforest, and volcanoes. Travel along with biology Prof. Alicia Anzaldo to witness the amazing diversity of life on our planet.

Presenter: Alicia Anzaldo, Biology Department Faculty
Wednesday, November 12th at 2:30 pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

What is Community?

Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack will explore the theoretical frameworks for understanding "community". Using this information to inform our daily practices, educators can strive to support the whole student both inside and outside of the classroom.

Presenter: Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education
Wednesday, November 19th at 3:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

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 Sciences Department Faculty
Tuesday, November 25th at 3:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Climate Change: the Chemistry, the Facts and the Consequences

Is it O₃, CH₄, or CO₂? Prof. Doris Espiritu will discuss the chemistry behind climate change and its impact on human health. Participants will gather tools and resources to infuse climate change awareness into their curriculum.

Presenter: Doris Espiritu, Physical Sciences and Engineering Department Faculty
Tuesday, December 2nd at 3:00pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

There's an App for That

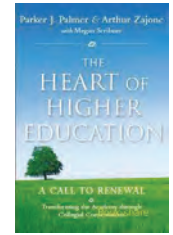
Desperate for a parking spot, Chinese food, the nearest golf course or nail salon? There is an app for that. Tracking road kill? Yep, there is an app for that too! Smart phone apps are defining literacy in 2014. As smart devices become more integrated in classrooms, educators must find new ways to apply them for teaching and learning. To better prepare students for a mobile world, join Prof. Julius Nadas and learn how to enhance your curriculum with existing apps or custom-designed apps.

Presenter: Julius Nadas, Math Department Faculty
Thursday, December 4th at 12:30pm, Center for Teaching and Learning (S243)

Fall 2014 Book Clubs

The Heart of Higher Education

Parker J. Palmer & Arthur Zajonc | August (Faculty Development Week)



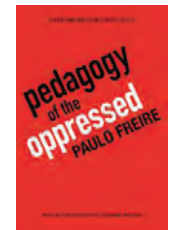
Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do

Claude M. Steele | September 9



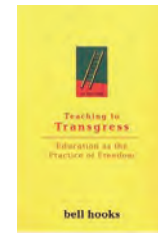
Pedagogy of the Oppressed

Paulo Freire | October 7



Teaching to Transgress

bell hooks | November 4



All are welcome to Participate in the CTL Book Clubs!

Advance reading of the book is highly recommended but not required.

Books are available (for short-term loan) in the CTL.

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