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Spring 2014

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



**All faculty and staff are welcome to attend CTL sessions.**

Beginning February 1st, you will be able to check the CTL site below for a complete list of upcoming sessions and up-to-date information

<http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/wright/departments/Pages/CTL.aspx>

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### **Situated Cognition and Its Implication on Instruction**

What's HOT HOT HOT in January? Situated cognition has become a hot topic in cognitive science, encompassing a broad range of disciplines and theories concerning the relationship between mind, body and the world. Join Dean Kevin Li as he compares and contrasts several learning theories and argues that knowledge is situated, being in part a product of the activity, context, and culture.

Presenter: Kevin Li, Dean of Instruction

*Tuesday, January 21 at 1:30pm-2:30pm, President's Conference Room*

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### **Let It Flow: Creative Writing Workshop**

If you have never written a poem or short story, if the last piece of writing that you generated was a shopping list, if you wonder how creative you are, please come join Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack and unwind with words. As inspiration fills the air, we will write and discuss the infusion of creative writing into any classroom.

Presenter: Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education

*Tuesday, January 28 at 10:30am-11:30am, President's Conference Room*

*Wednesday, March 12 at 3:00pm-4:00pm, Dean of Instruction's Conference Room*

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### **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-4:30pm, President's Conference Room*

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### **Building Mentor Programs: Language and Structure**

Mentoring programs must be designed both to fit the institution they are a part of, and to woo the community around them. Prof. Tatiana Uhoch will discuss her experience building the underlying structure and elevating language of mentor programs, and explore variations she has found among organizations.

Presenter: Tatiana Uhoch, English Department Faculty

*Thursday, January 30 at 4:30pm-5:30pm, President's Conference Room*

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### **Planets Outside The Solar System**

Physical Science Profs. Justin Lowry and Andrew Kruger present an overview of extrasolar planets, including the recent discoveries of the Kepler mission and the search for other Earth-like worlds.

Presenters: Justin Lowry and Andrew Kruger, Physical Science Department Faculty

*Monday, February 10 at 3:00pm-4:00pm, President's Conference Room*

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### **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-4:30pm, Dean of Instruction's Conference Room*

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### **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-3:00pm, President's Conference Room*

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### **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 26 at 4:00pm-5:00pm, President's Conference Room*

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### **Flipping the Classroom**

A new method of teaching is turning the traditional classroom on its head. Many educators are experimenting with the idea of a flipped classroom model. So what is it? Biology Prof. Darlene Attiah will not only describe the model but also share her personal experience in creating a “flipped” classroom.

Presenter: Darlene Attiah, Biology Department Faculty

*Thursday, February 27 at 3:00pm-4:00pm, President’s Conference Room*

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### **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, President’s Conference Room*

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### **Let it Flow: Creative Writing Workshop** [Wed. March 12 at 3:00pm, Dean of Instruction’s Conference Room-see page 2 for more info.]

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### **The Case for Contemplative Practice in the Classroom**

Reflect on the evidence presented by Profs. Bennett, Calabrese, Choe, and Mayer for why mindfulness practices in the classroom is a burgeoning movement in higher education.

Presenters: Beverly Bennett, Social Sciences Department Faculty, Kathy Calabrese, English Department Faculty, Jessi Choe, Humanities Department Faculty & Merry Mayer, Social Sciences Department Faculty

*Thursday, March 20 at 11:00am-12:20pm, President’s Conference Room*

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### **Got Privilege?**

Inspired by Shelley Tochluk's work *Witnessing Whiteness*, Prof. Tara Whitehair’s presentation and workshop will address the concept of privilege, with a focus on white privilege. Understanding privilege means not only recognizing the existence of privilege and institutional racism in the world, but also the ways that privilege impacts social and pedagogical dynamics in the classroom.

Presenter: Tara Whitehair, English Department Faculty

*Monday, March 24 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, President’s Conference Room*

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### **Chicago in the Classroom: Urban Renewal or Urban Removal?**

The heart and soul of Chicago lives in the vibrant neighborhoods and within the people who call them home. Explore ways to integrate Chicago into the college curriculum and engage students in authentic learning projects using their own communities as sites for inquiry, action and transformation with English Prof. Janet Knapp-Caporale.

Presenter: Janet Knapp-Caporale, English Department Faculty

*Tuesday, March 25 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, President’s Conference Room*

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### **Bringing It All Back Home: Implementing Conference Material into Your Classroom**

So you had that moment when you met Angela Davis. Then what? Join English Prof. Suzanne Sanders for an interactive presentation demonstrating how conference experiences can be translated into meaningful classroom learning opportunities.

Presenter: Suzanne Sanders, English Department Co-Chair

*Wednesday, March 26 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, Dean of Instruction’s Conference Room*

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### **Reading Diversity: Literature Review from the NAME Annual Conference**

What are students reading in the classroom? Which voices are they hearing? What is multicultural education, and how do we ensure our course material represents student identities? Come join English Prof. Cydney Topping and learn about literature that helps develop crucial lessons in multicultural education. Discover new texts to inspire your pedagogy and curricula, and join the discussion of how to explore diversity in the classroom.

Presenter: Cydney Topping, English Department Faculty

*Thursday, March 27 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, President’s Conference Room*

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### **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 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-3:30pm, President's Conference Room

### 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

Tuesday, April 22 at 2:30pm-3:30pm, President's Conference Room

### Winter Blues? Spring Fever? Let's Talk.

Are everyday problems and struggles being seen as disorders? Psychology Prof. Joe Mustari will take a cross cultural look at the prevalence rates of mood and anxiety disorders in light of changes to the tool, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), used to diagnose them.

Presenter: Joe Mustari, Social Sciences Department Faculty

Thursday, April 24 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, President's Conference Room

### 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-1:30pm, President's Conference Room

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