

# Center *for* Teaching and Learning

Spring 2016



The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you. - *B.B. King*

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### **Workshop Your Application for Rank Promotion!**

The application for promotion in rank can be challenging to navigate on your own. With the help of Prof. Sydney Hart and Prof. Polly Hoover, any uncertainty that you may have about this process will be minimized. Bring your rough draft and your questions! Don't be overwhelmed, just be prepared to write your best possible rank promotion application!

**Presenters:** Sydney Hart, Social Sciences Department Faculty & Polly Hoover, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

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### **Using Alternative Texts to Engage Reluctant Readers, Writers, and Thinkers**

Let's break out of traditional modes of teaching text and celebrate interaction WITH texts. Using graphic novel approaches and interactive non-fiction, librarian Paulina Dzieza and Prof. Jan Knapp-Caporale will introduce you to a variety of ways to engage students in multi-media modes of expression across all content areas.

**Presenters:** Paulina Dzieza, Librarian & Jan Knapp-Caporale, English Department Faculty

**Date:** Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

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### **Workshop Your Sabbatical Application!**

The sabbatical application can be challenging to navigate on your own. With the help of Prof. Sydney Hart, any uncertainty that you may have about this process will be minimized. Bring your rough draft and your questions! Don't be overwhelmed, just be prepared to write your best possible sabbatical application!

**Presenter:** Sydney Hart, Social Sciences Department Faculty

**Date:** Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

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### **The Institute on Interdisciplinarity and Integration - Meeting #3: Learning Communities**

This is the third of five sessions for exploring the meanings, applications, and implications of interdisciplinarity and integration in higher education and in your classroom. Each session will include interactions with a focal text and participants' own experiences, while building a collection of techniques, questions, and additional texts and resources for making use of interdisciplinarity and integration. Although each session is free-standing, Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack and Prof. Russell Hamer encourage participants to attend all five. This third meeting of the Institute on Interdisciplinarity and Integration will focus on Learning Communities. The session will explore the benefits to students (and faculty) and the steps (and considerations) to building one. A focal text as well as participants' experiences will frame the interactive session.

**Facilitators:** Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education & Russell Hamer, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm – 5:00pm

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### **Wright Students' Thoughts on their Futures**

Wright students are amazing, resilient, and diverse, but sometimes they can be confusing! What do they want out of a career? What behaviors do they think are important for success? Join Prof. Claire Boeck as she shares survey results that might yield answers to these important questions.

**Presenter:** Claire Boeck, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm

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### **5 Minute Voc-AB Workouts! Classroom Strategies for Vocabulary Acquisition**

Do your students lack the background knowledge and vocabulary to learn content material? Using a variety of acquisition techniques, Prof. Jan Knapp-Caporale will share the research and best practices of teaching and learning new vocabulary, while simultaneously building students' background knowledge. Unlike a 5 minute AB workout, a 5 minute VOC-AB workout can be FUN!

**Presenter:** Jan Knapp-Caporale, English Department Faculty

**Date:** Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

### **The Art and Power of Speechmaking in Non-Speech Courses**

Speechmaking can promote community in our classrooms when we consider the learning potential of an oral presentation assignment, not simply for the speaker but for the audience as well. In this workshop, Prof. Susan Colon will explore how to design an oral presentation assignment for your students, how to turn a paper into a speech, methods of evaluating speech performances, and tips for providing feedback. Goodbye fear-filled, sweaty, dull presentations...hello invigorating learning experience!

**Presenter:** Susan Colon, Visual and Performing Arts Department Faculty

**Date:** *Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm-4:50pm*

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### **India – A Beautiful Mosaic of Diversity (Part 1)**

India is one of the most diverse countries in the world. Boasting the second largest population, India represents 22 official languages, more than 2,000 ethnic groups, and members of every major religion. It's a land of multiculturalism that has maintained the distinctiveness of its multiple cultures. What are these cultures? How did they evolve? What are common to these cultures? How did India evolve from a simple, modest land to a modern, vibrant, tech-savvy nation? Join Prof. Soma Dey, Prof. Vinay Duggal, Prof. Sharda Gudehithlu, and Prof. Rosamma Joseph for a personal journey through the various regions of India in search of answers.

**Presenters:** Soma Dey, Physical Sciences & Engineering Department Faculty; Vinay Duggal, Math Department Faculty; Sharda Gudehithlu, Math Department Faculty; & Rosamma Joseph, Math Department Faculty

**Date:** *Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm*

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### **Exoplanets II**

What are the most interesting planets found outside our solar system? Join the rocket man, Prof. Justin Lowry, for an adventure that explores lava planets, water planets, diamond planets, planets orphaned by their exploded suns, and many more!

**Presenter:** Justin Lowry, Physical Sciences & Engineering Department Faculty

**Date:** *Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm*

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### **Learn the SAT's: Responding Responsibility to Law Enforcement Officers**

What do the SAT's have to do with law enforcement officers? The SAT's referenced here are Safety Advocacy Tips. Join librarian Reina Williams for an interactive presentation that will emphasize the vital skills required to help prevent or deescalate volatile situations with law enforcement officers.

**Presenter:** Reina Williams, Librarian

**Date:** *Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm*

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### **The Sound of Music – A Musical Journey through the Balkans**

Travel with Prof. Ismail Mehmeti to the Balkans and partake in the beautiful diversity of Albanian southern and northern folk music. How does the traditional music from this region of the world compare with Western traditional music? The answer will be music to your ears!

**Presenter:** Ismail Mehmeti, Visual & Performing Arts Department Faculty

**Date:** *Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm*

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### **3D Printing Your World**

Every couple of days, the news is booming with accolades of an innovation called 3D printing. Could it be true that prosthetic arms and legs can be printed in our house from a printer no bigger than a microwave? Is "printing" food just around the corner? Are we in the midst of a newer "maker" generation that promises to be our next industrial revolution? Join Prof. Patrick Ham as he takes an in-depth look into the world of 3D printing to answer these questions and many more. Find out how to integrate this new, fast-growing technology into your classroom regardless of discipline.

**Presenter:** Patrick Ham, Visual & Performing Arts Department Faculty

**Date:** *Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm*

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### **India – A Beautiful Mosaic of Diversity (Part 2)**

India is one of the most diverse countries in the world. Boasting the second largest population, India represents 22 official languages, more than 2,000 ethnic groups, and members of every major religion. It's a land of multiculturalism that has maintained the distinctiveness of its multiple cultures. What are these cultures? How did they evolve? What are common to these cultures? How did India evolve from a simple, modest land to a modern, vibrant, tech-savvy nation? Join Prof. Soma Dey, Prof. Vinay Duggal, Prof. Sharda Gudehithlu, and Prof. Rosamma Joseph for a personal journey through the various regions of India in search of answers.

**Presenters:** Soma Dey, Physical Sciences & Engineering Department Faculty; Vinay Duggal, Math Department Faculty; Sharda Gudehithlu, Math Department Faculty; & Rosamma Joseph, Math Department Faculty

**Date:** Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm

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### **A Walk Through Spain: Navigating the Camino de Santiago de Compostela – The Way of St. James**

The "Camino" is an ancient pilgrim's route through Europe to the Galician city of Santiago de Compostela. For over 1,000 years the journey has been made to visit the bones of St. James, said to be buried there beneath the cathedral. Some come searching for a miracle or spiritual enlightenment. Join geographer Prof. Neill Sachs as he walks 500 miles in search of adventure on the Way of St. James.

**Presenter:** Neill Sachs, Social Sciences Department Faculty

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm

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### **Writing for Publication in Professional Journals**

Publishing an article in a professional journal can be a frustrating process. Nevertheless, establishing a record of publication can be important when pursuing or holding positions in academia. What are reviewers looking for in submitted papers? How can you publish more articles each year? What library resources are available to help you write? Join librarian Reina Williams as she shares the answers to these questions and unveils strategies & tips for refining your paper to publish in professional journals.

**Presenter:** Reina Williams, Librarian

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

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### **Innovations: Behind the Scenes**

The British inventor Edward de Bono said, "There is no doubt that creativity is the most important human resource of all. Without creativity, there would be no progress, and we would be forever repeating the same patterns." Innovation can happen anywhere – by anyone and at any time. In 1850, Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian physician, saved countless lives with three simple words: wash your hands! Dr. Zaishu Jin will uncover the innovator within you through her reflections on simple yet significant innovations.

**Presenter:** Zaishu Jin, Physical Sciences & Engineering Department Lab Assistant

**Date:** Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

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### **The Institute on Interdisciplinarity and Integration - Meeting #4: Balancing Content and Skill**

This is the fourth of five sessions for exploring the meanings, applications, and implications of interdisciplinarity and integration in higher education and in your classroom. Each session will include interactions with a focal text and participants' own experiences, while building a collection of techniques, questions, and additional texts and resources for making use of interdisciplinarity and integration. Although each session is free-standing, Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack and Prof. Russell Hamer encourage participants to attend all five. This fourth meeting of the Institute on Interdisciplinarity and Integration will focus on balancing content and skill. A focal text as well as participants' experiences will frame the interactive session.

**Facilitators:** Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education & Russell Hamer, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am-1:00pm

### **Security Issues in the Classroom**

In today's world, providing a safe and secure classroom learning environment is an essential priority. This goal can be a complicated and challenging one that requires attention, discussion, and thoughtful preparation. Join Director of Security Jack Murphy as he shares the criteria used to evaluate classroom threat levels and the proper responses to such threats.

**Presenter:** Jack Murphy, Director of Security

**Date:** Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

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### **Know Your Body: Skin Health and Disease**

How well do you know your skin? Did you know your skin is one of your first lines of defense against damaging sunlight, extreme temperatures, chemicals, and microorganisms? In this session, Prof. Helen Rarick will teach you about your skin. Come to this session and reveal fascinating information about your own skin using biosensor technology!

**Presenter:** Helen Rarick, Biology Department Faculty

**Date:** Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

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### **Stingrays, Eels, and Jellies . . . Oh My!**

Much of the unspoiled beauty of the Caribbean lives below the surface of the water. Underneath lightly rippling waves is a world of colorful coral and active marine life. A snorkel trip is a fun way to ensure you see the wonders of underwater life in the Caribbean. Come along on a personal tour of the Caribbean Sea's underwater landscape with Technology Integration Specialist, Maureen Boland!

**Presenter:** Maureen Boland, Technology Integration Specialist

**Date:** Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm

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### **How Did We Get Here? The Origins of Matter**

For decades, scientists have puzzled over one of the central, most essential mysteries of physics: Where did all the stuff (aka matter) that makes up the universe come from? Join Prof. Justin Lowry as he recounts the events that led to the creation of the elements in our environment and in our bodies. It's an epic story starting from the Big Bang, extending to the birth and death of stars, and ending with the formation of our solar system and the Earth.

**Presenter:** Justin Lowry, Physical Sciences & Engineering Department Faculty

**Date:** Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

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### **The Institute on Differentiated Instruction - Meeting #1**

Differentiated Instruction pushes back against both the traditional lecture-mode and "one size fits all" approaches to education, foregrounding active, student-centered learning. Using a custom handbook created by institute facilitators, this first of two meetings will offer an intensive discussion of differentiation and how it can benefit our unique students at Wright. Participants will explore new strategies for developing lessons and assignments to be implemented in the classroom.

**Facilitators:** Julia Cohen, English Department Faculty; Mira Kolodkin, Biology Department Faculty; & Bill Marsh, English Department Faculty

**Date:** Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am-1:00pm

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### **French Mini-Course: "Faisons connaissance!"**

"Voulez-vous coucher avec moi?" If you've tried that famed French phrase before, you've likely been slapped! Soul sister, Christina Aguilera, steered you wrong on this one. Allow Prof. Galina Galinsky to teach you non-offensive conversational French using a variety of techniques and role play. Also, learn how to boost brain health through the stages of foreign language acquisition: introduction, communication training, and communication practice.

**Presenter:** Galina Galinsky, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

### **Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Zombie?**

Zombies' popularity has grown in the last decade, but why? Do zombie stories function as reanimated fairy tales, attuned to contemporary society's values and fears? Join Prof. Claire Boeck to compare and discuss the themes and purposes of fairy tales and zombie apocalypse stories. Come (*hungry*) for knowledge - the more (*brains*) the merrier!

**Presenter:** Claire Boeck, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** *Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm*

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### **Climate Change at the Arctic's Edge**

Global climate change is the most imminent threat facing the planet today and 97% of climate scientists agree it is due to human activities. Travel to Churchill, Manitoba with Prof. Alicia Anzaldo as she shares her sabbatical experiences while in the Arctic doing climate change research. You will learn about her encounters with black spruce, arctic foxes, and of course, the mighty polar bear. No parka required!

**Presenter:** Alicia Anzaldo, Biology Department Faculty

**Date:** *Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm*

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### **The Institute on Interdisciplinarity and Integration - Meeting #5: Building Classroom Climate and Culture**

This is last of five sessions for exploring the meanings, applications, and implications of interdisciplinarity and integration in higher education and in your classroom. Each session will include interactions with a focal text and participants' own experiences, while building a collection of techniques, questions, and additional texts and resources for making use of interdisciplinarity and integration. Although each session is free-standing, Director of Developmental Education Sara Schupack and Prof. Russell Hamer encourage participants to attend all five. This fifth and final meeting of the Institute on Interdisciplinarity and Integration will focus on building classroom climate and culture. A focal text as well as participants' experiences will frame the interactive session.

**Facilitators:** Sara Schupack, Director of Developmental Education & Russell Hamer, Humanities Department Faculty

**Date:** *Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30-5:00pm*

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### **The Institute on Differentiated Instruction - Meeting #2**

Differentiated Instruction pushes back against both the traditional lecture-mode and "one size fits all" approaches to education, foregrounding active, student-centered learning. At this second of two meetings, participants will share their successes in applying differentiated instruction strategies in the classroom as well as ideas for future implementation.

**Facilitators:** Julia Cohen, English Department Faculty; Mira Kolodkin, Biology Department Faculty; & Bill Marsh, English Department Faculty

**Date:** *Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am-12:30pm*

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### **Student Engagement and Leadership: A Service Learning Adventure**

What is the role and obligation of higher education to produce good citizens? Are you interested in exploring ways to prepare students for effective involvement in a diverse society? Learn what service learning is, what it isn't, and why and how to do it. Join Prof. Theresa Simantirakis for a fresh discussion about service learning and the book "A Practical Guide for Integrating Civic Responsibility into the Curriculum".

**Presenter:** Theresa Simantirakis, Social Sciences Department Faculty

**Date:** *Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm*

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### **High-Altitude Ballooning with CCC**

The City Colleges has multiple groups and projects that send student experiments in high-altitude balloons as high as 100,000 feet, rising above 99% of our atmosphere. The projects record a wide range of data including temperature, pressure, altitude, GPS, light pollution, atmospheric composition, sound speed, and more. Come join Prof. Kruger to experience undergraduate research and stratospheric views through breathtaking pictures and videos!

**Presenter:** Andrew Kruger, Physical Sciences & Engineering Department Faculty

**Date:** *Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am*

# Center for Teaching and Learning

# Book Clubs

**All are welcome to participate in the CTL Book Club!**  
Advance reading of the book is highly recommended but not required. Books are available (for short-term loan) in the CTL.

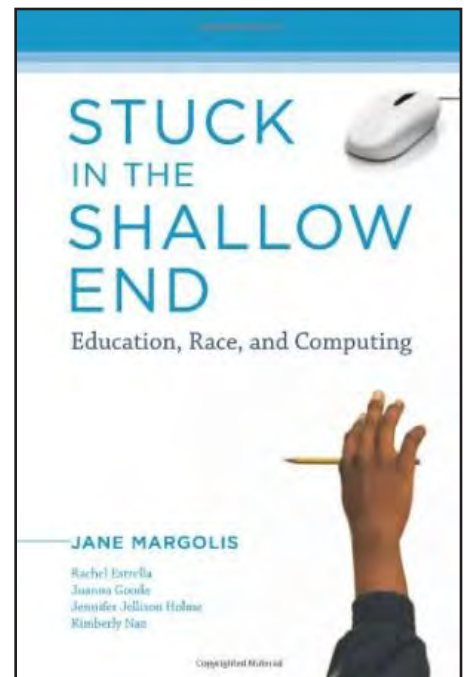
## **Stuck in the Shallow End: Education, Race, and Computing**

As Wright College takes on the issue of Equity, the book *Stuck in the Shallow End* details how inequality is reproduced in America -- and how students and teachers, given the necessary tools, can change the system. Research confirms that relatively few African American and Latino/a high school students receive the kind of institutional encouragement, educational opportunities, and preparation needed for them to choose computer science and other STEM field disciplines as fields of study and professions. As a group and on behalf of the institution, we will examine what we can do to change this outcome.

**Week one** (Feb 4) will cover the theory and research detailing the inequities in the educational system that lead to inequality.

**Week two** (Feb 11) will look more closely at the classroom context for students and teachers; how inequality is perpetuated and how it might be mediated.

**Week three** (Feb 18) will be a hands on session in the lab where we explore the means of engaging students through and with digital literacy to improve their chances for long-term success.



**Dates:** Thursday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Facilitators:** Janet Knapp-Caporale, English Department Faculty & Troy Williams, Director of Workforce Partnerships

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