

# Center for Teaching and Learning Brochure

## Fall 2019

All faculty and staff  
are welcome to attend!



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# **Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Designation (WGSS) Information Session**

This session will cover the basics of the Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Designation (WGSS), particularly the mission, goals, and course proposal process.

Presenter: Valerie Pell (English Faculty)

Tuesday, September 10th from 2:15pm-3:00pm

## **Workshop Your Sabbatical Proposal!**

It's time to rest and learn and do the projects that you can't do while teaching full time. You can apply for a sabbatical at the end of six years of service either from your hire date or last sabbatical. Come with your ideas; we'll work together to create great sabbatical proposals! Proposals for Spring 2019 are due Oct. 1.

Presenters: Sydney Hart (Social Science Faculty), Maritza Cordero (Social Science Faculty), and Darlene Attiah (Biology Faculty)

Tuesday, September 10th from 3:30pm-4:30pm

## **Small Teaching**

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Presenter: Pamela Monaco (Dean of Instruction)

Wednesday, September 11th from 2:00pm-3:00pm

## **Integrating Your Online Tools with D2L: Why It May Be Important to You?**

I have made my math courses fully integrated into D2L. Come to this session to learn how this was accomplished, as well as the pros and cons of doing it.

Presenter: Sonia Ramirez (Mathematics Department)

Tuesday, September 17th from 10:00am-11:00am

## **CTL Mentorship Program and Collaborative Teaching Alliance Information Session**

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Presenter: Mira Kolodkin (Biology Faculty)

Wednesday, September 18th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

## **Encounters of Wisdom Sabbatical Project Presentation**

I constructed a website composed of interviews with 15 religious representatives and philosophers. During this session, I will introduce the components and content of the website which I have developed during my sabbatical semester. I will also provide a summary of the ideas that have been discussed in the various interviews. I hope there will be open conversation and suggestions about the usefulness of some of the ideas for education and for living a good life in the current context.

Presenter: Adrian Guiu (Humanities Faculty)

Wednesday, September 18th from 2:00pm–3:00pm

## **A Day Worth Repeating**

What would your day look like if you used your time to its fullest? Would you have time for work, play, and a bit of relaxing? In this workshop, we will tap into the rhythms of the day that make time management easier and discover strategies to inspire consistency in your approaches to time.

Presenter: Paula Diaz (English Faculty)

Tuesday, September 24th from 11:00am–12:00pm

## **Reading Club Brown Bag**

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Presenter: Pamela Monaco (Dean of Instruction) and Mira Kolodkin (Biology Faculty)

Wednesday, September 25th from 12:00pm–1:00pm

## **Better Than Sliced Bread: A Brief History of Bread**

Bread is fundamental to most cuisines, and certainly is a staple to meals in America. Come learn about the history of bread in the US, and enjoy some snacks, too!

Presenter: Pamela Monaco (Dean of Instruction)

Tuesday, October 1st from 12:00pm–1:00pm

## **Research for Fun and Learning**

Join this session to get practice using subscription databases for research or to explore your personal interests. We have access to all kinds of information: from scholarly articles and primary sources to popular magazines and eBooks. Bring your questions! Light refreshments will be served.

Presenter: Tineka Scalzo (Library Faculty)

Wednesday October 2nd from 2:30pm–3:30pm

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Monday, October 7th from 12:30am-1:30pm

## **What If You Were Your Mirror Image?**

Look in the mirror: What if you were that person? Follow me down the rabbit hole to discover some fascinating quirks of reality. What may seem like a silly hypothetical question reveals fun mathematics, strange facets of Earth biology, and deep physics which may reveal the nature of dark matter!

Presenter: Justin Lowry (Physical Sciences & Engineering Faculty)

Wednesday, October 9th from 1:00pm-2:00pm

## **Achievement Gap Interventions**

Achievement gaps are a national issue. Research has come out of four-year universities regarding short, non-cognitive interventions that have been shown to improve student outcomes and retention. Come to this presentation to receive an introduction to these different interventions and to discuss their potential effectiveness here at Wright. Bring your laptops to start adapting some of these assignments for your own classroom.

Presenter: Mira Kolodkin (Biology Faculty)

Thursday, October 10th from 2:00-3:00pm

## **You Want Me to Run a Marathon?**

If you are interested in running or are already a runner, join me for this presentation and learn how to run for fun, health, and sport. See what it takes to train for and run a 26.2 mile race!

Presenter: Ted Jankowski (Mathematics Faculty)

Wednesday, October 16th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

## **From a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) Tour to Singapore—Adventures in Asia**

As part of my sabbatical, I spent six weeks in Singapore. I also took a side trip to South Korea and took a tour of the DMZ. In this session, I will share some of my more interesting photos and experiences from my travels in Asia.

Presenter: Merry Mayer (Social Science Faculty)

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Tuesday, October 29th from 1:30pm-2:30pm

## **Dining Etiquette**

This one-hour course will be a hands-on course covering the essentials of table etiquette regarding table settings, manners, and wine tasting techniques. No food or wine will be served.

Presenter: Akilah Easter (Biology Faculty)

Tuesday, November 5th from 1:00pm-2:00pm

## **A Taste of Middle Eastern Desserts**

Basbosa, Kunafeh, and Katayef are tasteful desserts from the Middle East. In this session, we will explore the history and cultural significance, as well as the method of preparation, of several dessert dishes. The talk is to be followed by a sampling of homemade desserts served with coffee and tea.

Presenter: Darlene Attiah (Biology Faculty)

Wednesday, November 13th from 12:00pm-1:00pm

## **Beyond the Field Museum: Representations of Native Americans**

Museums are re-examining their presentations of Native American cultures, while tribes are creating their own interpretations. Based on visits to numerous sites and events, this illustrated talk explores the dynamic processes, creativity, challenges, achievements, and controversies involved.

Presenter: Beverly Bennett (Social Science Faculty)

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Tuesday, November 19th from 2:00–3:00

## **The Battle of Gettysburg July 1-3 1863: Lee's Invasion of the North**

“General, the enemy is there and there’s where I’m going to strike him.” After his resounding victory at Chancellorsville a month earlier, Lee, at the apex of his military career, moves out of Virginia to take the military theater into the North. His reasons? Find out at this CTL presentation. (included will be a brief overview of Pickett’s Charge and the engagement at East Cavalry Field).

Presenter: James Zenes (Social Science Faculty)

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Tuesday, November 26th from 2:00pm–3:00pm

## **Holiday Traditions**

Most of us cherish certain holiday traditions, such as a certain item for Thanksgiving breakfast or a particular way of serving the vegetables for the holiday meal. Although we might trust that we are continuing family traditions, corporate America has influenced a lot of what we eat, when we eat it, and how we serve it. Come learn some surprising insights into American traditions.

Presenter: Pamela Monaco (Dean of Instruction)

Tuesday, December 3rd from 2:00pm–3:00pm



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