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All faculty and staff are welcome to attend

Sessions are held in the CTL, room S-243, unless otherwise noted.

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Room: S-243

Learning New Technology

Technology is rapidly evolving. Rapid changes can be overwhelmingly scary. Together, let's explore ways we can learn and adapt to these new challenges.

Presenter: Maureen Boland, Technology Integration Specialist

Wednesday, January 24th from 12:00-1:00pm

Application for Promotion in Rank Workshop

The application for promotion in rank for full-time faculty (to Asst. Professor, Assoc. Professor, Professor) is due February 1, 2018. Come to this session for assistance with your application from members of the Promotion in Rank Committee. Bring your rough draft, at whatever stage, and your questions. Don't be overwhelmed; just be prepared to write your best possible promotion in rank application!

Presenters: Wright Promotion in Rank Committee (Helen Rarick, Chair)

Wednesday, January 24th from 2:30-3:30pm

Sabbatical! Sabbatical!

Workshop your sabbatical application; hear about the cool stuff your colleagues are planning to do; brainstorm your own ideas! This session is designed to prepare you to write a winning sabbatical proposal.

Presenter: Sydney Hart, Social Science Faculty

Monday, January 29th from 2:30-3:30pm

Introducing CCC's New Learning Management System, Brightspace/D2L

CCC announced D2L will replace Blackboard by Summer 2019. What does that mean for you? Come, let's find the answers as we see what Brightspace/D2L does and how you can use it in your classroom.

Presenter: Maureen Boland, Technology Integration Specialist

Thursday, February 8th from 2:00-3:00pm

Mysteries for Entertainment . . . and More!

This session will discuss why people enjoy reading mysteries, plus the varied benefits they bring us, including intellectual stimulation and information on diverse times, places, and people. We'll look at the origins and history of the genre, and its current diversity, which may be greater than you've imagined. Some favorites will be recommended, and please bring in your own suggestions!

Presenter: Beverly Bennett, Social Science Faculty

Tuesday, February 13th from 3:30-4:30pm

Grit: Do Our Students Have It and Does It Impact Their Grades?

This session will present the results of a study that focused on measuring student grit and its impact on student performance in a mathematics classroom.

Presenter: Lidia Dobria, Mathematics Faculty

Thursday, February 22nd from 2:30-3:30pm

Learning Is Happening! Noah Goes Back to School Part 1: Kidneys and Stuff

Based on courses taken during my Fall 2017 sabbatical, I will discuss topics pertaining to human physiology which will be condensed and simplified for a general audience.

Presenter: Noah Marshall, Biology Faculty

Monday, February 26th from 2:30-3:30pm

Movies IN SPACE

Alien, Armageddon, Interstellar, Gravity, The Martian... how good are their depictions of outer space? How about basic physics? Come discuss the accuracy of those movies and many more!

Presenter: Justin Lowry, Physical Sciences and Engineering Faculty

Wednesday, February 28th from 2:00-3:00pm

Teaching Intersectionality

Race, class, gender, sexual identity, sexual orientation, and ability/disability to work together to create our identities and form a matrix of domination as we interact with systems of power. Let's discuss techniques to teach about intersectionalities and help our students understand their lives in the context of our society.

Presenter: Sydney Hart, Social Science Faculty

Monday, March 5th from 3:00-4:00pm

Harmonic Convergence 2018

Do you enjoy the vocal harmonies of Pentatonix and Straight No Chaser? Did you enjoy the musical performances in the Pitch Perfect movies? If so, you will enjoy learning about other deeply satisfying forms of a cappella vocal music that will be presented in this interactive CTL session. Attendees will have an opportunity to experience the joy of hearing their voices blended together in some simple four-part vocal harmony arrangements. A live quartet will be on hand to demonstrate the beauty of a cappella vocal harmonies. You will also see video clips of award-winning vocal quartets that will delight you with their fantastic versions of well-known songs that sound amazing as a cappella arrangements.

Presenter: Henry Herzog, Biology Faculty

Tuesday, March 6th from 3:30-4:45pm

Grammar: What Is It and Why Should We Care?

Student writing is often significantly marred with errors in grammar usage and mechanics. This session will provide a brief overview of the evolution of grammar instruction and its political subtext, research on effective classroom practices, and materials designed for City Colleges' students and instructors.

Presenter: Kim Knutson, English Faculty

Wednesday, March 7th from 3:00-4:00pm

It's Not Your Fault

Do you wonder to yourself, during sleepless nights, if a student's poor performance or integrity is your fault? Does a room full of attentive students matter less than the one student who looks like they hate you? Do you doubt yourself after heated interactions with students? Join us for a session where we will eat candy and build each other up by saying things like "it's not your fault," "it happens to everybody," "we have to fail to grow," and "let's problem-solve this so it doesn't happen again."

Presenter: Mira Kolodkin, Biology Faculty

Thursday, March 8th from 3:00-4:00pm

Know Your Body Series: Know Your Lungs

Did you know you take about 20,000 breaths per day? In this session, you will learn about your amazing lungs and lung disease. You will be able to measure your own lung capacity and the amount of oxygen in your blood. Come and learn about your lungs!

Presenter: Helen Rarick, Biology Faculty

Tuesday, March 13th from 2:30-3:30pm

Students Haven't Done the Reading? – What to Do??!!

Ideally, students will come to class having done the day's reading, prepared for discussion, and ready for their learning to advance from that point. But this doesn't happen enough. We've all had to face this situation and make the best of it. In this session, we'll be sharing some approaches we've found successful – and please bring your own ideas to share!

Presenters: Beverly Bennett (Social Science Faculty) and Mira Kolodkin
(Biology Faculty)

Tuesday, March 20th from 3:30-4:30pm

A Whole New World, a Whole New Meaning

For Professor Espiritu's sabbatical, she traveled to the Czech Republic to learn the language of Quantum and Molecular Mechanics. It was doable at first, until the beautiful mountains and fascinating culture of the Czech Republic became distractions. Let Professor Espiritu bring you to the Czech Republic as she learned a little geography, culture, and history that led her to discover a whole new world that gave her life a whole new meaning.

Presenter: Doris J Espiritu, Physical Sciences and Engineering Faculty

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

Enrichments for Calculus I

Discussion about best practices and physical labs that can be used to encourage greater understanding, retention, and persistence.

Presenter: Patricia Miceli, Mathematics Faculty

Wednesday, March 14th from 3:00-4:00pm

Working with OneDrive

Collaborate in MS Office. Learn to effectively and efficiently share (editable and view-only) documents, spreadsheets, and presentations through your CCC account.

Presenter: Maureen Boland, Technology Integration Specialist

Thursday, March 15th from 1:00-2:00pm, Library Computer Lab (Room L-113)

Accessibility with Brightspace/D2L

We have attempted to remove barriers in the physical world but oftentimes we neglect the virtual world. Let's look at some simple ways to make your virtual classroom as accessible as your physical classroom.

Presenter: Maureen Boland, Technology Integration Specialist

Thursday, April 12th from 2:00-3:00pm

How to Start an Organic Garden

Come to this session to learn how and what to use to start your organic garden.

Presenter: Rose Marie Crane, English Faculty

Wednesday, April 18th from 3:30-4:30pm

An Overview of Inclusive Pedagogies for Promoting Equity in the STEM Classroom

Participants in this session will consider sources of inequity in science education and explore of culturally responsive pedagogies which support learning experiences that are more inclusive of underrepresented student groups. The goal of the session is to empower STEM faculty to adopt instructional strategies aimed at enhancing underrepresented STEM student interest, competences, and retention rates in the STEM disciplines.

Presenter: Darlene Attiah, Biology Faculty

Wednesday, April 11th from 11:00am-12:00pm

The Beauty of Outer Space

Humans have evolved to understand and appreciate Earth. How much can we appreciate the rest of the universe when our senses miss most of it and our life experience is confined to Earth? Come discuss the challenges and opportunities in seeing the beauty of outer space.

Presenter: Justin Lowry, Physical Sciences and Engineering Faculty

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

“Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer’s Day,” or You, Too, Can Write a Shakespearean Sonnet”

In this session we celebrate Shakespeare’s 454th birthday by reading several of Shakespeare’s Sonnets and setting up our own sonnet-a-day schedule. Finally, we will write our own sonnets!

Presenter: Mike Petersen, English Faculty

Monday, April 23rd from 11:00am-12:20pm

Working with Brightspace/D2L

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