

Center for Teaching Excellence

This is the sixth of a series of newsletters encouraging faculty enrichment and excellence in teaching by announcing opportunities, sharing ideas, and promoting collaboration.

Opportunities in the near future:

Colloquia on Teaching

Monday afternoon, February 25

4:00 p.m.

Kresge Room in Payson Library

Kenneth G. Elzinga will present a lecture entitled "Teaching by Lecture: Saving the Sage on the Stage." Dr. Elzinga is a visiting professor in the Social Science Division at Seaver from the University of Virginia. He has received numerous awards for his teaching.

Jeff Zalar, Assistant Professor of History, will make a brief response.

Monday afternoon, March 17

4:30 p.m.

Kresge Room in Payson Library

Stella Erbes will comment on her newly published book, entitled What Teachers Should Know But Textbooks Don't Show. Dr. Erbes is an Assistant Professor of Education. She works closely with the teacher education students who are preparing to teach in middle school and high school.

Responses will be given by Damian Jenkins, Visiting Instructor in Education, and classroom teachers from the elementary and secondary levels.

Faculty Colloquium

Thursday afternoon, February 28

4:00 p.m.

Kresge Room in Payson Library

Victoria Myers, Blanche E. Seaver Professor of English, will present a lecture entitled "Coleridge's 'Book of Pantisocracy' and the Narrative Imagination." It concerns the well-known poet/philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge and his friend Robert Southey.

TurnItIn Training Sessions

Alan Regan and Mark Giglione will offer a training session on the use of this new feature of Blackboard which addresses plagiarism. The same session will be offered three times.

*Friday afternoons, February 22, March 14, and April 4
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Payson Library Computer Room.*

Please register yourself for the session you can attend!

Here is the link:

<http://www.pepperdine.edu/it/training/registration.htm?loc=mal>

From the above page:

- 1. Select one of the "TurnItIn (Faculty Only)" courses listed.*
- 2. Enter name and contact information.*
- 3. Click "Submit"*

Workshop on Teaching Writing

Lee Carroll, Professor of English, and Theresa Flynn, Director of the Writing Center, will offer a one-day intensive workshop on the effective teaching of writing. Topics to be covered will include developing assignments, responding to and evaluating assignments, and other teaching tips.

*May 6
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Dresher Campus*

This workshop will be designed primarily for those who teach courses which are designated as “writing intensive.” But everyone is invited to attend. Save the date; more details will follow.

The Teaching Professor Conference

If you are interested in attending this conference, please let me know; the Center for Teaching Excellence will provide funding for you!

The Teaching Professor Conference: Educate, Engage, Inspire

May 16-18, 2008,

Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center

Kissimmee, Florida

Go to <http://www.magnapubs.com> to learn more about the conference. It is an energetic event which will help you to renew and invigorate your commitment to teaching.

At least four of our colleagues and I plan to go. Please think seriously about this. The time to register is at hand!

*If you have questions about any of these, please email me.
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