

# Center for Teaching Excellence

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

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*Happy Holidays to you and yours!*

## *Emerson Reading Circle*

*Susan C. Imholz from GSEP will be leading a discussion of Ralph Waldo Emerson's essays beginning with "The American Scholar." The discussion will involve essays written by our Provost Darryl Tippens who is also a Professor of English. Emerson (1803-1882) is an American Transcendentalist whose ideas are relevant today.*

*Each Third Tuesday  
6:30 p.m.  
Drescher*

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*Looking ahead to 2009 at Seaver!*

## *Meetings to Share Teaching Tips*

*Faculty Dining Room*

*Fridays at Lunch*

*12:00 to 1:00 p.m.*

*Bring your own lunch and drinks.*

*Dates, speakers, and topics soon to be announced.*

## *Seaver Faculty Colloquium*

*Thursdays*

*4:00 p.m.*

*Kresge Reading Room*

*Payson Library*

*February 19 Doug Swartzendruber*

*March 19 Cynthia Colburn*

*April 16 Lincoln Hanks*

*January 15 -- to be announced.*

## *The Teaching Professor Conference*

*June 5-7, 2009*

*Washington, D.C.*

*Educate – Engage – Inspire*

*Email me if you are interested in attending.*

## *Information Technology Training Sessions*

*Once again you are invited to attend training sessions on  
Blackboard, Elluminate, and TurnItIn.*

*Please visit the following links to read descriptions of the training sessions  
and to register.*

***Descriptions:*** <http://services.pepperdine.edu/it/training/descriptions.htm>

***Register:*** <http://services.pepperdine.edu/it/training/registration.htm>

*Course descriptions for Spring Semester are attached.*

*If you have questions or suggestions for this newsletter or for anything  
related to the improvement of teaching, please let me know.*

*More in January 2009*

*Happy New Year!*