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...to professional enrichment

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CTLT January Events

January 10

Teaching-Learning Symposium @ DoubleTree Conference Center, Bloomington

Jan. 8-12

Faculty Prep Week

Jan. 9, 11

NTT Self-Assessment Workshops

Click here for Short Course Schedule and Registration

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Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology Launches "THE LINK"

It is a monthly newsletter to update you on opportunities available at CTLT ... [\(click here for more\)](#)

University Teaching-Learning Symposium is Jan. 10, 2007

Plan to join your colleagues for the 7th Annual University Teaching-Learning Symposium January 10, 2007, a full day of sharing insights into teaching and learning. This promises to be the biggest and best Symposium yet, and lunch is included ... [\(more\)](#)

Faculty Prep Week Set for January 8-12

CTLT is again offering open coaching sessions the week before classes begin to support you as you prepare for the upcoming semester. Topics include technical and non-technical issues ... [\(more\)](#)

Professional Development Circles for New Faculty Forming

For new faculty, the first years tend to be the most difficult – especially if you try to do it alone. Join first-year peers in a program designed to reduce your stress and increase your success ... [\(more\)](#)

Two Workshops for NTT on Self-Assessment

For non tenure-track faculty members, self-assessment is considered in annual evaluations and employment decisions. It can also facilitate self-development and growth. These workshops will guide you in conducting your own assessment ... [\(more\)](#)

Travel Grants Through Cross Chair

Up to \$800 available ... [\(more\)](#)

Meet the CTLT staff

Several new faces have joined the CTLT veterans ... [\(more\)](#)

Welcome to “THE LINK”!

CTLT is your “link” to professional enrichment and instructional advancement at ISU. Now we have a monthly newsletter to keep you up-to-date on the opportunities we offer. Faculty and staff will receive an email with a link to the latest edition before the beginning of each month. Each issue will include upcoming programs, workshops, classes, and services. Let us know what would be most helpful to you – email suggestions to [Cyndy Ruszkowski](#).

Join Us Jan. 10 at the Teaching & Learning Symposium

From clickers to credibility, from podcasts to professionalism: the 2007 Teaching & Learning Symposium offers something for everyone interested in teaching and learning



Join your colleagues at the DoubleTree Conference Center in Bloomington for “*Civic Engagement in Classrooms and Communities*.” The Symposium features a continental breakfast with welcoming remarks by President Al Bowman, 30 breakout sessions with presentations by faculty from a wide range of departments and colleges, exhibits by community service organizations, a choice of entrées for lunch, a nationally renowned keynote speaker, the introduction of the 2006 Outstanding University Teaching Award winners, and a closing reception honoring ISU’s award-winning teachers.

Registration is required and is free, as is the luncheon.

Dr. George Mehaffy

The keynote speaker is Dr. George Mehaffy, vice president of the [American Association of State Colleges and Universities](#) and founder of the [American Democracy Project](#). His noon address is “Developing Informed and Engaged Citizens: The Imperative for Higher Education.” Provost John Presley will introduce Dr. Mehaffy. Dr. Mehaffy will also join in an “Open Conversation with the American Democracy Project Task Force” from 10-10:50 a.m. in the Brickyard I Room. All are invited to attend and learn more about the [ADP at Illinois State University](#).

Civic Engagement is the theme of the Symposium, and is one of five “tracks” offering multiple breakout sessions. Other tracks are: Teaching with Technology, Research in Teaching & Learning, Teaching & Learning Together, and Campus Initiatives. [Click here](#) for the Symposium schedule.

Spring Faculty Prep Week Jan 8-12

CTLT is again offering unstructured coaching sessions to support you as you prepare for the upcoming semester. Spring 2007 Faculty Prep Week is the week before classes begin, from Monday, January 8, to Friday January 12.

Sessions include coaching in:

- WebCT
- Web page/site design or enhancement
- Clickers (classroom response systems)
- Gradebook on Excel
- Paper feedback using "Track Changes" in Microsoft Word.

New this semester is non-technical consulting sessions, including:

- First-day strategies
- Honing your syllabus
- Making large classes interactive

[Click here](#) for the schedule and detailed session descriptions.

New Faculty Professional Development Circles Forming

All new (and newer) faculty are warmly invited to join CTLT's "professional development circles." They are part of a new program designed to help smooth your career launch and accelerate your professional productivity.

The circles are small groups of first-year faculty who meet regularly and have conversations online. Each is led by a facilitator and topics will be responsive to your interests and track your priorities in your early career. Participants benefit from the perspectives and insights of the facilitators as well as their colleagues. Circles are open to NTTs and tenure-track faculty as well as AP with instructional responsibilities.

New faculty who participated in the fall semester indicated that it was worth their time – and said that it would be worth yours as well. [Click here](#) for the signup sheet.



Two Self-Assessment Workshops for NTT Faculty

The Office of Human Resources in conjunction with CTLT is offering two Non-Tenure Track Faculty Self Assessment Workshops to assist NTT faculty members in assessing their work. Information from the self-assessment is considered in the NTT evaluation process and is used for employment decisions. It can also facilitate self-development and growth.

This workshop will suggest information to include in the self-assessment and detailed information about the NTT evaluation process. Time will be allotted for participants to work on their personal assessment. The sessions will be facilitated by Nancy Bragg, Ed. D., and Melanie Schaafsma, Office of Human Resources.

Dates:

- Tuesday, January 9, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, January 11, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Location:

- College of Business, Computer Lab 22G

Registration:

- To register, contact Human Resources at 438-8311 or hrtraining@ilstu.edu.

Travel Grants through the Cross Chair in SoTL

As part of the Cross Chair's involvement in the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) Leadership Program, the Cross Chair is funding travel grants for up to \$800 each this fiscal year. The grants are to partially fund at least one student to travel to a SoTL conference or to a conference with significant SoTL sessions. **Applications are due Jan. 31, 2007** and information is available at the Cross Chair website [at this link](#).



Meet the CTLT Team



Front Row: Cyndy Ruszkowski, Vicki Bush, Claire Lamonica, Shell Gilfillan, Patrick O'Sullivan
 Back Row: Mayuko Nakamura, Tom Silvia, Beth Welch, Amber Thomas, Shawn Billo, Greg Maier, Charles Bristow

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