

THIS WEEK IN THE TEACHING CENTER

Monday, September 20 to Friday, September 24, 2010

Tuesday, September 21st

9:30-11:00 **How To Uncover The Big Ideas And Frame Essential Questions** — *the first workshop in the "Understanding by Design" series, a Faculty Learning Certificate series*
Contact: Maddy Marcotte-Rolston at teachingcenter@ccp.edu

Clarifying goals, as teachers, is the first step in designing effective and meaningful learning experiences for our students. UbD begins with uncovering the core ideas of our discipline and framing those ideas with essential questions, committing both teacher and student to genuine inquiry. This session will examine the logic of backward design, the big ideas hidden in standards, the multiple dimensions of understanding as well as why a focus on big ideas helps ensure learning that lasts (aka transferability).

2:00-3:30 **How To Uncover The Big Ideas And Frame Essential Questions**
(see above for description)

Wednesday, September 22nd

3:30—4:30 **African Writers Book Group** (meets weekly)
Contact: Jere Brubaker at jbrubaker@ccp.edu

Thursday, September 23rd

12:30—1:30 **Building Online Courses the CCP Way** — *an informational session for anybody thinking or wondering about how to get a class online at CCP*
Contact: Peter Margolis at pmargolis@ccp.edu

The "CCP Method" of online course development can be summed up in one sentence: Teaching is more important than technology. Of course, technology is not un-important, but what makes CCP unique is that we don't try to "computerize" the faculty with lengthy technical tutorials. Rather, we "humanize" the Internet to deliver the course that you have in mind. Find out how building an online course can be a collegial and enjoyable adventure.

2:00 —3:30 **Integrating a Juicy Primary Source with a Reading Textbook**— *the second workshop in the series "Teaching Developmental Reading: English 099 and 108 "*
Contact: Julie O'Dell at jodell@ccp.edu

While the use of a good reading/study skills textbook is essential for teaching English 099 and 108, a fascinating primary source can really give a course life. Find out which reading textbooks work best and why. Also discover what books your colleagues use to give their courses depth and meaning, and how they allow students to practice the reading skills we teach them.

3:30—5:00 **Prose Writers Group**
Contact: Joe Kenyon at jkenyon@ccp.edu

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Hours M, T, R 10 am to 5 pm • W 11:30 am to 5 pm • F 10 am to 2 pm

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