

# THIS WEEK IN THE TEACHING CENTER

Monday, November 22 to Friday, November 26, 2010

## Monday, November 22nd

### 1:30 — 3:00 **Mentoring: Crash Course to Professorship II**

An examination of the duties of the professor outside the classroom  
— *the third workshop in the series "Mentoring Future Faculty"*  
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## Tuesday, November 23rd

### 12:30—1:30 **What's Too Easy? What's Too Hard? In the Effort to Go Beyond Superficial Learning, How Challenging Should Assignments Be?**

#### **Larry MacKenzie (Lindback, 2002-2003)**

— *This is part of the Lunching with the Lindbacks series, a Faculty Learning Certificate workshop*

Many of us spend a lot of our time introducing basic academic skills and fundamental concepts in a discipline. Still, some instructors give students challenging readings and assignments, or talk about challenging students to engage in critical thinking and to excel in other ways. This raises questions, not only about what it means to "challenge" students but what good, if any, can come from noticeably "challenging" assignments, given that our students are novices, many of whom are enrolled in developmental or first-year college courses. What needs to be done to prepare students for challenging assignments in a class so that they can move beyond the superficial in response to questions and assignments? Join us to discuss these questions and to look at some potentially challenging assignments.

## Wednesday, November 24th

### 3:30—4:30 **African Writers Book Group** (meets weekly)

Contact: Jere Brubaker at jbrubaker@ccp.edu

## Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th

**Happy Thanksgiving Day break!**

*Save the date!*

**End of Semester  
Gathering  
in the  
Teaching Center**

*Wednesday 12/8  
4:30-6:00 pm*

**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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