

# THIS WEEK IN THE TEACHING CENTER

Monday, January 30th to Friday, February 3rd, 2012

## Tuesday, January 31st

12:30-1:20 ***What THEY Don't Know***

— the first workshop in the “Getting to Know Your Students: Race and Class in the Classroom” series, a Faculty Learning Certificate series  
(this workshop will be repeated on Wednesday)

Often, it can seem like students don't care about college or aren't taking it seriously, but for a first-generation college student, understanding what it means to be in college can be difficult. College is a place filled with new lingo, rules, and expectations and can overwhelm someone who has never been there before and has no college-educated family or friends to explain such terminology. Does this mean we absolve our students of all responsibility? Of course not. Does it mean we need to make sure concepts and expectations are explicitly explained? Absolutely. This session will explore ideas and standards faculty assume their students know and examine ways to clarify these in order to start students off on the right foot and empower them.

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## Wednesday, February 1st

11:15-12:10 ***What THEY Don't Know***

(see description above)

3:30-4:30 ***Faculty Learning Community on the Brain and Learning***

— the second meeting of the semester for this ongoing Faculty Learning Community

Contact: Francie Woodford at [fwoodford@ccp.edu](mailto:fwoodford@ccp.edu) or Tom Ott at [tott@ccp.edu](mailto:tott@ccp.edu)

## Thursday, February 2nd

11:15-12:30 ***Discussions of Caryl Phillips' Essays on Migration & Identity***

(sponsored by the Center for International Understanding)

Join us for the first of two faculty discussions of the writing of Caryl Phillips, who is visiting the College on April 5th. Phillips is known for his novels and nonfiction that explore themes of migration, class, race, ethnicity, displacement and identity. Led by Jonathan Pappas of the English Department, the discussions are for anyone who might be interested in using the author's writing for CCP coursework. We will explore Phillips' signature themes, and discuss texts that may be particularly well-suited to our students, particularly his new book of essays, 'Color Me English.'

Contact: Faye Beauchamp at [fbeauchamp@ccp.edu](mailto:fbeauchamp@ccp.edu) to get short advance readings for discussion

**Hours:** M, T, W, R : 10 am to 4:30 pm

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## Thursday, February 2nd (continued)

1:00-1:50 ***"Just" Pedagogy: Race, Class and Language in the Classroom***

— the first of three meetings of this a reading/study group sponsored by the Teaching Center — open to all faculty interested in the topic

In “The Silenced Dialogue,” Delpit talks about how educators are always teaching “other people’s children,” and we all know how challenging and rewarding that can be. In this group, we will talk about our experiences teaching across cultures and try to come up with pragmatic strategies to help our students and ourselves benefit from our commonalities and differences. The group will begin with Lisa Delpit’s “The Silenced Dialogue,” the first essay in her book *Other People's Children: Cultural Conflict in the Classroom*. “The Silenced Dialogue” is available online. At this first meeting, we will decide which book we will read for subsequent meetings.

Contact: Alexine Fleck at [afleck@ccp.edu](mailto:afleck@ccp.edu)

3:30—5:00 ***Center for Science and Engineering Education (CSEE) Faculty Development Group***

This semester CSEE FDG will continue working their way through James Zull’s *From Brain to Mind*.

Contact: Kristy Shuda McGuire at [kshuda@ccp.edu](mailto:kshuda@ccp.edu) or Randy Libros at [rlibros@ccp.edu](mailto:rlibros@ccp.edu)

## COMING NEXT WEEK..... Sign up now!

Introduction to Teaching Online — A Teacher-in-Residence Faculty Learning Certificate Series — Contact: Fran Lukacik or Melissa St. Pierre at [teachingcenter@ccp.edu](mailto:teachingcenter@ccp.edu)

Practitioners' Roundtables: Interdisciplinary Conversations about Teaching — A Faculty Learning Certificate Series — Contact: Lisa Handler at [teachingcenter@ccp.edu](mailto:teachingcenter@ccp.edu)

Faculty Research and Travel Series: Inaugural lecture on the “India, in Depth” series by Raili Roy, Director of South Asia National Resource Center, University of Pennsylvania — Contact: Lyn Buchheit @ [lbuchheit@ccp.edu](mailto:lbuchheit@ccp.edu)

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