

THIS WEEK IN THE TEACHING CENTER

Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2

Please Join Us for the Following Events This Week:

Monday, March 29

1:25 to 2:20

Online Learning: Understanding competencies, skills, and partnerships

In creating online courses, there are lots of exciting things to understand and think about such as what are instructional designers and subject matter experts? Additionally, what kind of competencies, skills, and partnerships do you need to design courses for online learning and interactivity? What kinds of communication breakdowns or gaps can happen between those who teach, design, and those who know the technical sides of online functionality? Come explore these issues and identify strengths and weaknesses involved in course design and online facilitation including what and how to negotiate the relationship between various stakeholders who share the goal of successful implementation of online courses.

This session is for those interested in moving to online facilitation, those already teaching online, distance education staff, administrators and IT, as well as anyone interested in discussing 21st century learning challenges.

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Tuesday, March 30

3:30 to 5:00

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

Many define the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) as a growing movement in higher education, grounded in the notion that teaching is a serious scholarly endeavor and that faculty inquiry into student learning, shared publicly, will increase our understanding of how students learn and how best to help them learn. The SoTL group at CCP takes this definition one step further: we believe that it is quite good fun! Our sessions over this academic year are designed to give faculty the support they need to engage in their own investigations and to share their findings. If you are interested in publication and like to do research, you will find us a bunch of like-minded blokes. Join us for the Spring semester sessions even if you could not join us in the Fall. Our next session will meet from 3:30 – 5:00pm on Tuesday 4/20.

Contact Person: Maddy Marcotte Rolston at mmarcotte@ccp.edu or Rick Frei at rfrei@ccp.edu

Wednesday, March 31

3:30 to 4:30

African Writers Book Group (meets weekly)

Contact Person: Jere Brubaker at jbrubaker@ccp.edu

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Hours: Monday to Thursday: 10 am to 5 pm • Friday 10 am to 4 pm

Thursday, April 1

12:30 to 1:30

**Teaching the Iliad and the Odyssey in English and Humanities classes:
Rationale, Approaches and Materials**

Professor Luke Russell has developed an expertise in teaching Greek literature in Community College of Philadelphia's English classes ranging from teaching the Odyssey in English 97-89 linked courses to more recently teaching the Iliad in English 102.

In conjunction with the Study Abroad Program in 2010 to Greece (to be led by Girija Nagaswami and Nicole Vadino), we have asked Luke to lead a workshop with readings and suggestions for how they can be incorporated into a variety of courses. Luke's work also illustrates working closely with a Learning Lab instructor and a Librarian, in his case Ann Francis, Learning Lab, and Jerry Fedorizjic from the Library, while teaching English 102 sections.

Contact: Fay Beauchamp at fbeauchamp@ccp.edu

IT'S THE 1ST!! Don't forget to get your Teaching Tips!

Check them out 1st and 15th -- our new bi-weekly teaching tips on the Teaching Center's website.

There are lots of wonderful teachers at the Community College of Philadelphia. Which of them would you like to see honored? Be sure to submit your nomination for this year's *Alana Collos Teaching Award*.

Many thanks to the following faculty and staff who help keep the Teaching Center open:

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