

# THIS WEEK IN THE TEACHING CENTER

Monday, November 2 to Friday, November 6, 2009

## Please Join Us for the Following Events This Week:

### Wednesday, November 4

2:00 to 3:30      **Approaches to Teaching Grammar** from the series *Conversations on Teaching Developmental English*. Join us as we hear seasoned DE faculty discuss their methods for teaching grammar.

**Contact Person:** Julie Odell at [jodell@ccp.edu](mailto:jodell@ccp.edu)

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

**Contact Person:** Jere Brubaker at [jbrubaker@ccp.edu](mailto:jbrubaker@ccp.edu)

### Thursday, November 5

2:15 to 3:15      **E-Portfolio's (presented by Jackie Knuckle and Julie Odell)**

There is increasing use of students creating learning portfolios for all majors to showcase their educational experience. This session will focus the benefits of using portfolios and how to use a free e-portfolio software program. Learning portfolios can include: reflective assignments, peer-reviewed coursework, assessments and evaluations, demonstrations of student accomplishments and a documented progression of learning. Come to this session to learn more about how you can incorporate e-portfolios into your classroom.

**Contact Person:** Fran Lukacik at [flukacik@ccp.edu](mailto:flukacik@ccp.edu) or Melissa St. Pierre at [mstpierre@ccp.edu](mailto:mstpierre@ccp.edu)

3:30 to 5:00

**The Cost of Neoliberalism in Latin America, 1980's - 2009 Part 2**

Neoliberalism is a governmental policy based on a free-market economy and a "pull yourself up by your own bootstraps" attitude toward any social programs--Reaganomics for Latin America. The US during the Reagan years coerced and persuaded many Latin American leaders to adopt neoliberal policies, partly by the US exerting its own pressure and through such agencies as the IMF and the World Bank. Overall, the result of these policies has not been a good one and some Latin American people have rejected them by electing populist leaders and not neoliberal ones. Please join Mildred Savard, History, in a discussion of the history and cost of these policies, with focus especially on the impact in Mexico and Brazil.

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**Hours:** Monday to Thursday: 10 am to 5 pm • Friday 10 am to 1 pm

3:30 to 5:00

**New Faculty Orientation (*open to all new faculty*)**

This session, in the Counseling Center Conference Room (W2-2), will focus on the diversity of CCP students, including developmental education. Guest speakers include Paula White (*Director, Developmental Education*) and Theresa Tsai (*Associate Professor, Counseling Department/Center on Disability*).

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## A Message from the Facilitator

November has come speeding in with mid-semester slumps and gray skies. The Teaching Center is still going with strong with good spirit, though. Stop by to join in collegial conversation over a copy of coffee or to grade your midterms! We are the perfect spot for your teaching circles or informal faculty gatherings. Join us for the programming events we are sponsoring and hosting. If you have a workshop you would like to lead for your colleagues before the semester ends, or to see happen, let us know.

We are pleased to report that those of you who have been looking for our website can now find it more easily as we are now accessible through the College Staff Page (<http://www.ccp.edu/stafpage>). Look for us under the Academic Affairs link. We are working on updating what is available on the website and will be announcing changes as they happen. We continue our efforts to lessen the amount of paper we use. Please look for our *This Week in the Teaching Center* email announcements.

## Look for these and other upcoming events in November

11/12/09	2:00 to 3:30	Mindset Seminar Series
11/17/09	12:30 to 2:00	Academic Freedom Session
	3:30 to 5:00	Prose Writers group
11/18/09	1:00 to 2:30	Education at 2 year technical universities in Mexico
11/19/09	2:00 to 3:30	Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)
	3:30 to 5:00	Course & Syllabus Design (New Faculty Orientation - All Faculty Welcome)
11/24/09	3:15 to 4:50	Faculty Poetry Workshop

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

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