

THIS WEEK IN THE TEACHING CENTER

Monday, November 9 to Friday, November 13, 2009

Please Join Us for the Following Events This Week:

Tuesday, November 10

2:00 to 3:00

Strategy Swap!

As we approach the middle of the Fall semester, it is a good time to think about what is working (or not) in your classes. Come to the Strategy Swap. We all have strategies that we use successfully in our teaching and still we face periodic challenges. Come share and learn some of your colleagues' strategies for student participation and motivation, classroom management, learning, studying, exam taking, and more. Please bring two of your favorite strategies. Each participant will adopt a new strategy and report back later in the semester. We welcome faculty from all corners of the campus and all levels of teaching experience. The Facilitator for these sessions is Dr. Rick S. Hock, Faculty member in the Biology Department, Science Specialist in the Learning Lab Department, and long-term member of the Teaching Center Advisory Board.

Contact Person: Rick Hock at rhock@ccp.edu

Wednesday, November 11

3:30 to 4:30

African Writers Book Group (meets weekly)

Contact Person: Jere Brubaker at jbrubaker@ccp.edu

Thursday, November 12

2:00 to 3:30

Mindset Seminar Series: Theories of Intelligence & Student Motivation

In this session, we will explore the biology of learning and its application in the classroom with a good look at James Zull's [The Art of Changing the Brain: Enriching the Practice of Teaching by Exploring the Biology of Learning](#) (Virginia: Stylus Publishing, 2002).

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

Thursday, November 12 (continued)

3:30 to 5:00 **Reading and book signing from the novel, *Faerie Rings: The Book of Forests***
Diane DeKelb-Rittenhouse, Classified Employee in the ABLE Program, has published a number of critically well-received short stories in the murder, horror, science fiction and fantasy genres. Now, along with the imminent release of the science fiction novel she has co-written with best-selling author Steven-Elliot Altman, comes her first book, "Faerie Rings: The Book of Forests." A young adult novel which will appeal to readers of all ages, "Faerie Rings: The Book of Forests" tells the story of fourteen-year-old Rose Seward who, with her younger brother and sister, discovers a door that leads into an enchanted realm of wonder and danger, beauty and treachery. Join Diane DeKelb-Rittenhouse in the Teaching Center on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a reading from this exciting new novel. Light refreshments will be served.
Contact Person: Diane DeKelb-Rittenhouse at ddekelb@ccp.edu

Look for these and other upcoming events in November

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| 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 | 2:00 to 3:00 | Strategy Swap |
| | 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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