The Center for Teaching and Learning

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Upcoming Events

February	
13	Open Textbooks: Access, Affordability, and Academic Success Workshop
14	TET Discussion – Engaging Student Athletes in the Classroom
19	Lunch&Learn – Promoting Critical Thinking
March	
6	Lunch&Learn – How Can I Assess Critical Thinking with Objective Items
19	2nd Master Class Series – Teaching for Learning
22	Teaching Square Session Two
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April	
5	Book Club – Teaching Across Cultural Strengths
11	Lunch&Learn – How Can I Assess Critical Thinking with Student-Created Work

Register for all workshops through the Marian Events Page or by clicking the title above

New Resources for Faculty

The University now has a site license to The Teaching Professor newsletter and online services. When you register you will receive weekly articles and resources sent to your inbox, access to one instructional video a month, full access to the archives of the Teaching Professor and Online Classroom, as well as many other resources to assist you in refining your teaching skills.

To access your subscription go to http://tinyurl.com/MUteachingprof, enter your name and university email and the following access code – MARIAN2427. This is also available for interested students!

Three Teaching Tools

The Center for Teaching and Learning, in conjunction with IT, have three new tools for faculty to use:

- **H5P** – which allows for the easy creation of practice items in Canvas.
- **Screencast-O-Matic** – a user-friendly tool for videos, screen capture, tutorials, and short lectures.
- **Webex / Canvas Integration** – you can now integrate Webex directly into your Canvas course for lectures, office hours, and collaborative spaces.

Contact Tom Harrington in the CTL for more information.

Spring Book Club – The Books are In!

If you are interested in participating in this semester's book club, we will be reading "*Teaching Across Cultural Strengths*" by Alicia Fedelina Chavez and Susan Longerbeam. This is an insightful book with lots of ideas to make your classroom more inclusive for all students.

Books can be picked up in the CTL. We will be meeting on Friday, April 5th at noon for lunch and to discuss what we have learned. Register for the discussion here.

2019 Celebration of Scholarship and Research Symposium

Wednesday, May 8th

We seek to celebrate those actively engaged in scholarship at Marian University; encourage those who wish to become active; and provide an environment for connecting scholars across the campus community.

If you would like to share what you are doing in the area of research, regardless of the form or format, you are encouraged to submit an abstract to present a poster at the 2019 Research Symposium on Wednesday, May 8th. There is room at the symposium for those doing traditional research, action-based research, pedagogical reflections, creative works, community-based research, etc.

A limited number of submissions will be selected to present their research during the faculty showcase presentations during the Symposium.

Say Good-Bye to Big Blue Button

With the integration of Webex into Canvas, the University will not be renewing its license with Big Blue Button. If you have recording saved in this system, please make sure to save them. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Osika.

Launch of Teaching Squares

This is a fun and low commitment professional development opportunity that involves visiting each other's classrooms in order to reflect on your own teaching style. A Teaching Square last five weeks, beginning with an Organizing Session and concluding with a Reflection & Group Share Party.

We will have our final session for the semester start on Friday, March 22 and concludes on Friday, April 26. If you are unable to make the Friday meetings, you can still sign up and be included. Just indicate this on the registration form. You will get a lot from the experience including meeting colleagues from across campus.

Focus on Critical Thinking Skills

Critical thinking is an often misunderstood cognitive skill. Faculty might think they are teaching it when, in fact, they are not. Thus, the four Lunch and Learn events this spring will focus on effective incorporating critical thinking skills into your classroom. Reserve your spot today!

- How Can I Design Critical Thinking into My Course (Resources available – contact Mona)

What Activities and Assignments Promote Critical Thinking (Tuesday, Feb. 19 at noon)

- How Can I Assess Critical Thinking with Objective Items? (Wednesday, March 6 at noon)
  How Can I Assess Critical Thinking with Student-Created Work? (Thursday, April 11 at noon)

Expansion of the Master Class Offerings

A second series was add to our Master Class offerings late last term. Faculty now have two Master Class Series in which to participate.

Our flagship Master Class series – **Teaching with Canvas** – is comprised of three classes:

- MC 1.1 – Effective Course Design
- MC 1.2 – Developing Courses for Learning
- MC 1.3 – Facilitating Learning

Our second Master Class series – **Teaching for Learning** – is comprised of two classes:

- MC 2.1 – Developing Student Mastery
  MC 2.2 – Supporting Self-Directed Learners

During the past twelve months, 67 instructors have completed our flagship series, **Teaching with Canvas**. Of these, 34 also completed the work required to demonstrate their mastery of the content and "graduate" with a certificate of achievement.

This semester, the majority of this flagship series – Teaching with Canvas – will move online. Only the first class will be continued to be taught face-to-face. This will allow time for Mona to facilitate our second series – **Teaching for Learning**. You can expect a third series to launch within the next 18 months.

While the first series is already underway this semester, if you are interested in participating in the second series, indicate your interest through this link, indicate your interest through this link.