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CELT Spring Faculty Book Group

5 meetings, 3:00-4:00 pm in R006: Feb 19, Feb 26, March 19, April 16, and April 30

“Overcoming Student Learning Bottlenecks: Decode the Critical Thinking of Your Discipline”
 written by Joan Middendorf and Leah Shopkow (Stylus, December 2017)

Faculty may be experts in the content of a course in a discipline, but students are often novices. Students will therefore encounter bottlenecks in learning where they get stuck and tend to fall behind. This book suggests a method of decoding the disciplines to uncover the mental tasks that students need to navigate. The method further suggests modeling that process, providing opportunities for practice and feedback, assessing learning, and revising the course in light of this knowledge. The authors invite those who try this method to share their findings with others through a scholarship of teaching and learning project. There is also a live webinar with the author on Friday February 23 at 3pm (described later in this newsletter). **Please sign up by Feb 8** for a free book. [Registration link.](#)

Tuesday February 27, 3:00- 4:30 pm in the Luptak Terrace Room

Critical Conversations in Curriculum: Foundational Questions with Bernard Bull

Between February and July, Bernard Bull will be hosting a monthly event to explore critical conversations in curriculum. This is an opportunity for faculty and academic staff to examine and discuss substantive issues about curriculum. This is not about curriculum as an exercise in compliance. In February, we begin with a shared discussion on foundational questions for the series: What is curriculum? What are dominant viewpoints and philosophies about curriculum in higher education? Is there such a thing as a distinctly Christian and/or Lutheran curriculum? How are beliefs and values manifest in a curriculum, and What are the implications for living out Concordia's distinct mission? Beverages and snacks will be provided.

[Registration link.](#)

Mark your calendar for future Tuesdays: March 20, April 24, May 22, June 19 and July 24, all 3:00 to 4:30pm.

Monday February 12, 12:00- 1:00 pm in the Lake Shore Room

Interdisciplinary Team Teaching Lunch n' Learn

With Susan Mobley (History) and Brian Harries (English)

Teaching with a partner from another discipline carries both rewards and challenges. Hear Drs. Mobley and Harries share on their collaborations across their disciplines in undergraduate teaching. Session will include tips and emerging best practices. Free lunch from the cafeteria included for those who register in advance. [Registration link.](#)

Wednesday February 28, 12:00-1:00 pm in the Lake Shore Room

Supporting Our Students: Recognizing Student Concerns & Next Steps (Lunch n' Learn)

With Rachel Pickett, PhD, and Elizabeth Polzin, MA

In recent years, college campuses have seen an increase in the amount of students dealing with mental illnesses, stressors and other concerns. Faculty are not expected to act as counselors or solve students' personal problems; but rather demonstrate Christian concern and refer students to the appropriate services. This Lunch n Learn will provide faculty information on how to recognize various student concerns, review active listening tools, as well as offer resources for faculty and students in navigating these concerns. The main focus of the program will be on discussion of case studies and practicing skills faculty can use in their interactions with students. Counseling center staff, along with the presenters, will provide insight and guidance. Free lunch in the cafeteria for those who register in advance. [Registration link.](#)

Wednesday February 7, 12:15-1:00 pm in R006

Monthly Article Discussion

Join Susan Gallanis once a month for an informal discussion of a teaching-related article from our Magna Publications subscription. The article for February is "How Should I Study for the Exam?" Here's a link to the article you can download and read beforehand ([link to article](#)). [Registration link.](#)

Thursday February 8, 7:30-8:30 am in the Lake Shore Room

Concordia Servant Leader Roundtable

The February meeting's topic is: Humility

"Humility does not mean you think less of yourself. It means you think of yourself less." ~Ken Blanchard. Coffee is provided. [Registration link.](#)

Thursday February 8, 12:15-1:00 pm in the Lake Shore Room

Concordia Faculty Seminar: The science, business and legal aspects of drug development: From CNS disorders to vascular disease

With Dr. Daniel Sem; Dean and Professor and introduced by Dan McCollum from the Office of Sponsored Programs

Research projects include targeting the estrogen receptor-beta (dementia), KCNQ ion channel (schizophrenia) and DUSP5 (vascular disease). In each case, research has focused on the science of optimizing lead molecules, then business of development and commercialization strategy and the legal considerations of intellectual property.

Concordia Faculty Seminars are informal interactive presentations and conversations on faculty projects including grants, research, and service designed to promote scholarship, spark new ideas, provide opportunities for meaningful discussion, and increase collaboration. [Registration link.](#)

Friday February 23, 3:00- 4:00 pm in R006

Teaching and Learning Author Webinar Series

In 2018, Stylus Publishing is offering a series of webinars to help readers connect with our authors. Dr. Katie Linder, host of the You've Got This podcast, will facilitate conversations with Stylus authors about their latest books and writing process. The following webinars are included:

Joan Middendorf on Overcoming Student Learning Bottlenecks, our book group at Mequon for this term. [Registration link \(to view as a group in R006\)](#)

Series Information and if you'd like to register to view at your own computer: <https://stylus-author-webinars.teachery.co/webinar-series>

Thursday February 15, 12:00-1:00 pm in LU006

Blackboard Basics (Webinar and Face-to-Face) with Susan Gallanis

Log in and basic navigation, add course content, set up grade center, grade assignments, open course to students. [Registration link.](#)

Friday February 23, 12:00- 1:00 pm in LU006

Blackboard Setting Up Groups and Group Tools (Webinar and Face-to-Face) with Susan Gallanis

Learn how to set up groups in Blackboard. From there you can create group assignments and use a variety of group tools such as group discussion boards, journals and sharing files. [Registration link.](#)

Monday February 26, 12:00- 1:00 pm in LU006

Getting Started with Blackboard Collaborate (Face-to-face only) with Susan Gallanis

Learn how to navigate and set up Blackboard Collaborate, a web conferencing tool you can use to meet virtually and synchronously with your students, such as for online office hours. You'll also see how to set up sessions for groups of students to meet without the instructor being present. [Registration link.](#)

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“Gifted by Grace, Prepared for His Purpose”

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

(Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV)