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Tuesday, January 9, 12:00-1:00 in R006

Magna Publications: What is it and how can you use it to improve your teaching?

Led by Susan Gallanis, CELT

Bring your lunch and we'll watch, then discuss a 20-minute recorded presentation that can help you improve your teaching. You'll also learn how to access the four Magna subscriptions Concordia provides to faculty. Feel free to pull out your laptop to set up your account on the spot. **Today's topic: How does grit team with a growth mindset to cultivate lifelong learning?** [Registration link.](#)

Wednesday, January 10, 10:30-11:30 in LU006 (Media Viewing Room)

What's New with Panopto?

Led by Justin Frisque

Panopto is a software instructors can use to record their lectures, or create voiceover PowerPoint videos. Justin will cover new features including quizzing within video, captioning, as well as review some existing features that may not be known to participants. At the end he'll cover the basics of using Panopto for new users. [Registration link.](#)

Thursday, January 11, 7:30-8:30am in the Lake Shore Room

Concordia Servant Leader Roundtable



The January meeting's topic is: **Interest vs. Commitment**

"There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in doing something, you do it only when it is convenient. When you are committed to something, you accept no excuse – only results." ~ Ken Blanchard [Registration link.](#)

Friday, January 12 in Pharmacy 205.

Two (identical) sessions to choose from: 9:00-11:00 or 1:00-3:00

Linking Classroom and Community: Service-Learning as a Teaching Strategy

Presented by Gavin Luter from Campus Compact and introduced by Randy Ferguson

Linking community issues with your course content, known as service-learning, has many benefits for student learning and for the community. Come to this interactive session, and you will learn about what makes high-quality service-learning. You will also get information about organizations and resources that can help build your capacity to bring service-learning into your classrooms. This session also includes a planning session where will explore what faculty need to feel supported in doing this work. [Registration link](#)

Wednesday, January 17, 12:00-1:00 in R006

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Today's topic: How do I get students to come to class prepared? [Registration link.](#)

Monday, January 22, 1:00-2:30 in R006

Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

Led by Julie Dresen and Dan McCollum from the Office of Sponsored Programs

This workshop will cover the role of the OSP and best practices in reviewing announcement criteria, grant proposal preparation, including budget preparation, and working with external partners. Participants will leave with tips that will help them become more successful in writing proposals and securing grant funding.

The workshop will go over several different funding opportunities and allow participants to see what is important to include in all proposals and what each proposal is specifically looking for. Participants will be able to engage with their fellow faculty and staff members and will be able to make mistakes in order to avoid them when they begin writing their first proposal.

Participants are encouraged to submit their own funding ideas to the OSP so they can be used as examples during the workshop and give participants a better idea of the types of requirements different institutions have. [Registration link.](#)

Tuesday, January 23, 10:30-12:00 in the Lake Shore Room

A Discussion of Bethesda College as CUW Auditing Students: Successes and Strategies

Presented by Carol Burns, Director of Bethesda College

During fall semester 2017 the Bethesda College students are participating as auditing students in over 15 CUW traditional undergraduate classes including Freshman Seminar, History, Art, Christian Faith, Fitness, Human Learning, Interpersonal Communication, Essentials of Business, Children's Literature, Orientation to Theater, and more. Student Instructors facilitate their participation, working with the BC students in and outside of class, as well as with Professors and Bethesda College staff to modify, accommodate, and lead the Bethesda College students toward successful learning outcomes. Bethesda College students benefit greatly from this arrangement and traditional students are generally welcoming and helpful, submitting many positive comments about learning alongside of their Bethesda College peers.

This workshop will include background information regarding the characteristics and neurological processing complexities of this population of students, along with strategies helpful for instruction and class inclusion and management. Carol Burns will lead the workshop, joined by some of the seasoned professors who have been part of these pilot years sharing their experiences and discussing future options. [Registration link](#)

Thursday, January 25, 12:00-1:00 in R006

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Today's topic: What are the three worst mistakes to make in the classroom?

[Registration link.](#)

Blackboard and Blackboard Collaborate Sessions in January

Getting Started with Blackboard Collaborate (face-to-face only)

Thursday January 11, 11:00-12:00 in LU006 (Media Viewing Room)

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.](#)

Blackboard Basics (webinar and face-to-face)

Monday January 22, 11:00-12:00 in R006

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

Getting Started with Blackboard Collaborate (webinar only)

Tuesday January 23, 5:30-6:30

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.](#)

Blackboard More Tools (webinar and face-to-face)

Wednesday January 24, 11:00-12:00 in R006

Learn how to embed YouTube videos, discussion forums, email/course messages, add the Panopto tool. [Registration link.](#)

Blackboard Assessments and Rubrics (webinar and face-to-face)

Thursday January 25, 11:00-12:00 in R006

Create an assessment with 5 question types, create a question pool, create a rubric and grade using a rubric. [Registration link.](#)

Blackboard: Setting up Groups and Using Group Tools (webinar and face-to-face)

Friday January 26, 11:00-12:00 in R006

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.](#)

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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)