Professional Development Opportunities
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Ann Arbor campus

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Faculty Book Club: <u>What the Best College Teachers Do</u> by Ken Bain

Three meetings:
Wednesday September 26, 4:10—5:00 in Krieger 107.
Monday October 15, 4:00—5:00 in the Manor Living Room
Thursday November 1, 4:00—4:45 in Krieger 107.

Register by **Wednesday, September 12** to receive the book in time for the first session.
Registration link.

What makes a great teacher great? Who are the professors students remember long after graduation? The short answer is—it's not what teachers do, it's what they understand. Lesson plans and lecture notes matter less than the special way teachers comprehend the subject and value human learning. The best teachers know their subjects inside and out—but they also know how to engage and challenge students and to provoke impassioned responses. Most of all, they believe two things fervently: that teaching matters and that students can learn. In stories both humorous and touching, Ken Bain describes examples of ingenuity and compassion, of students' discoveries of new ideas and the depth of their own potential. *What the Best College Teachers Do* is a treasure trove of insight and inspiration for first-year teachers and seasoned educators alike.

Further Dialogue on Creating and Changing Academic Programs

Wednesday September 5, 4:00 — 5:00 pm in the Manor Ballroom
Presented by Bernard Bull
Registration link

Following the presentation to faculty on August 13 about the new process for creating and changing academic programs, Bernard Bull will lead a conversation highlighting how the process would work. Faculty are encouraged to bring ideas for new programs or program changes to create examples for the conversation.

Critical Conversations: Curriculum in a Post-Christian Culture

Thursday September 6, 3:30—5:00 pm in the Manor Ballroom
Led by Bernard Bull
Registration link

This session is for faculty. During this session, we will consider curriculum in light of the current culture, a culture in which Christian teachings are sometimes defined or framed as intolerant, irrelevant, bigoted, and even potentially illegal. What are the implications for what and how we teach? How do we prepare students for faith and life in such a context?

Concordia Faculty Scholarship Week is October 22 –26, 2108!

Concordia's Faculty Scholarship Week is approaching! This year, in addition to the Monday poster session, we added an additional presentation session on Friday on the Mequon campus. We'll have a similar event on the Ann Arbor campus if there is sufficient interest.

Here are the details:
- Abstract submission deadline is **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 5:00 pm CDT; the abstract template is at this link: link
- The Faculty Scholarship Committee will review all abstracts and will notify authors by **October 1, 2018**
- A poster session will be held **Monday, October 22, 2018** in the Terrace Room on the Mequon campus (Ann Arbor location TBD); there will be snacks
- Presentations will take place on **Wednesday, October 24, Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26, 2017** in the Lakeshore Room on the Mequon campus (Ann Arbor location TBD); lunch will be provided
- This is a peer-reviewed event; it is a great place to get some feedback on your scholarly work, and to get a peer-reviewed scholarly product for your CV.
- All academic disciplines are welcome; we hope to have a strong representation from all 6 schools and a wide variety of departments and programs.

Contact Julie Dresen with questions.

Student Evaluation of Teaching: Getting the Meaningful Results You Want

Monday September 17, 4:10—4:50 pm in Science 101
Led by Robert Hill
Registration link

The focus of this session is how to get your students to complete their online teaching evaluations and to take them seriously, a process that begins long before the end of the semester. We will explore strategies to solicit detailed, meaningful, and helpful student feedback.

What are Qwickly Tools?

Qwickly tools are now in Blackboard. With Qwickly tools, instructors can more efficiently open courses to students, send email and announcements to students, access the Needs Grading area, and create a new kind of assignment called Jot Assignment.

Here's the Qwickly Quick Start Guide: link

September Blackboard Sessions—includes recent Blackboard updates

All sessions streamed from Mequon campus. Participate from your own computer.

Getting Started with Blackboard Collaborate
Tuesday, September 25, 6:00 – 7:00 pm Registration link
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.

Blackboard Basics
Thursday September 13, 11:00 am—Noon Registration link
This session includes recent Blackboard updates. Learn how to log in and find your courses, add a folder, upload a document, create an Assignment ("drop box"), set up the grade center, open course for students, copy a course.

Blackboard More Tools
Monday September 17, 11:00 am—Noon Registration link
This session includes recent Blackboard updates. Learn how to add more content such as web links, items, YouTube videos, Jot Assignments, and discussion forums. Learn how to directly submit papers to SafeAssign, edit notifications, send email, course messages, and announcements. Add the Panopto tool, color code the grade center, change course theme colors and add a banner.

Blackboard Assessments and Rubrics
Friday September 28, 11:00—Noon Registration link
Learn how to create online tests using a variety of test questions. Learn how to create electronic rubrics you can attach to drop boxes and other assignments.

Many self-help tutorials are on our newly revised blog: link to blog

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"Love: Unconquered & Uncommon"
"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39 ESV)