



## A Flock of Bluejays

"Getting Blue" is downright fun for Creighton alumni, who join together for Creighton athletic events. Come cheer with us. Go Bluejays!

## Teaching and Learning Connections - March 2013



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### About Us



The Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment (AEA) at Creighton University provides ongoing support and resources to enhance teacher effectiveness and student learning.

To learn more about faculty development programming, assessment, course design, student learning processes and/or effective teaching methods, or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), contact [Mary Ann Danielson](mailto:MaryAnn.Danielson@creighton.edu) at 402.280.2535.

To help us all CONNECT, please forward your suggestions for materials to be included, as well as your awards and honors, to Danielson at [maddam@creighton.edu](mailto:maddam@creighton.edu). As a campus, we should be celebrating our teaching and student learning successes!

Find past issues of this newsletter [here](#).

## TEACHING & LEARNING CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT



### NEW AWARD TO RECOGNIZE DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS

Creighton President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., has announced a new award, the **Distinguished Educator in Teaching as Scholarship Award**, which will be presented to up to two faculty members at next year's Convocation.

While Creighton has various teaching awards across campus, this will be an all-University award that recognizes excellence based on "evidence of effective teaching."

This University teaching award will allow Creighton to model best practices in scholarly teaching, clearly communicate the value of teaching as our core enterprise, and advance our efforts to be more competitive in state and national teaching award programs. [Click here](#) for introductory information on the award and nomination process.

#### AWARDS



#### ART'S & SCIENCES HONORS

Congratulations to **Joan Mueller, Ph.D.**, Department of Theology, who received the Tenure Track Teaching Award and **Sybill Bartels, Ph.D.**, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, who received the Non-Tenure Track Teaching Award at the College of Arts and Sciences' Annual Faculty Awards Luncheon.

## IISSAM/SOTL UPDATES



## POSTER SUBMISSIONS

The 2013 IISSAM Faculty Development Institute invites poster submissions by April 19. Get more information [here](#). The IISSAM conference will be held May 30-June 2 at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.



## SOTL BIBLIOGRAPHY

Mick Healey, a higher education consultant and active SoTL scholar, has compiled a rich array of bibliographies and resources. This month, we feature his [Linking Research and Teaching: A Selected Bibliography](#), as we encourage you to continue your scholarly development of teaching.

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT



## TIME-OUT FOR LUNCH

On April 18, **Kathy Flecky, O.T.D., OTR/L**, will facilitate a session on engaged student-learning and strategies to assess learning and community outcomes, both within the context of community experiences. The title of her presentation is "Conversations on Student Learning with Others: Interprofessional Community Engagement." [More information/register.](#)



## GRANT LUNCHEON SERIES

The Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment annually sponsors a development grant program to provide "seed" money for early-stage work related to the assessment of student learning or the development a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) project. A luncheon series of 90-minute presentations is designed to familiarize the campus with the grant recipients and their projects. Upcoming presentations will be "Transcultural Immersions and Innovative Pedagogies," March 7, and "Interprofessional Education and Ignation Values," April 12. [More information/register.](#)



## ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

The Assessment Workshop Certificate Series continues Monday, March 25, 8-11:30 a.m., Skutt SC Ballroom East. Topics: collecting and analyzing of assessment data; analyzing and reporting on assessment results; and using results to inform the program's continuous improvement plan. Participants are asked to bring program goals, assessment plans, curriculum maps, evidence, reports, and/or supporting documents to work with facilitators. Questions? Contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#) or [Michele King](#).

## BLUEJINE ASSESSMENT TOOL



The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment is proud to announce a self-paced workshop to complement the campus assessment certification/training efforts. Special thanks to AEA associate [Brian Kokensparger](#) for developing this BlueLine2 Assessment Tools Workshop. Information on the self-paced workshop can be found [here](#).



#### ONLINE TEACHING COURSE

The Creighton Office of Online Learning (COOL) is pleased to announce the availability of the Foundations of Effective Online Teaching and Learning certificate course. The course encompasses foundational knowledge and skills necessary for successful online course facilitation. The next available sessions are April 8 and July 22. To register or for more information, contact [Sarah Oliver](#), 280-3906.



#### ONLINE DEVELOPMENT

Creighton has an institutional membership to [Sloan Consortium](#). The 6th Annual International Symposium on Emerging Technologies for Online Learning (ET4Online) Conference will be held April 9-11, Planet Hollywood Resort, Las Vegas. [Conference information](#).



#### DISTANCE EDUCATION

A resource page that includes information on distance-education journals and distance-education scholarship is available on the [COOL website](#).



#### LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

The Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library partners with both COOL and AEA to offer campus-wide subscriptions. Take advantage of the great resources found in the February issues of the [Teaching Professor](#) and the [Online Classroom](#). Contact Sally Gibson, 280-2228, for more information.

#### RECOMMENDED READING



#### FACULTY ARTICLE

The article [Problem-Based Learning in Upper Division Courses: Student Successes, Perceptions, and Reactions](#), co-authored by physics professor Gintaras Duda (*pictured*) and alumnus and postdoctoral research fellow James Ross, MS'12, examines problem-based learning.

#### REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS



#### ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

The 2013 Assessment Institute, scheduled for Oct. 27-29 in Indianapolis, invites proposals (due March 29), particularly as they address high-impact practices, ePortfolios, faculty development, global learning, STEM, and student affairs programs and services. [More information and submit a proposal](#).



#### RUBRICS WANTED

Do you have a rubric that works particularly well for assessing student learning of any kind (course assignments, co-curricular, service-learning, etc.)? If so, please consider submitting it to the AEA office for inclusion in a Rubric Gallery and for possible inclusion in BlueLine2. Send rubrics as an e-mail attachment to [Brian Kokensparger](#). (Doc, docx, and pdf formats are preferred; web URLs are also welcome.)



#### MEET THE EXPERTS

Marketing and Communications has launched a "Meet the Expert" project to regularly highlight the University's faculty experts on a variety of topics. [Watch the faculty videos](#). Questions? Contact [Deborah Daley](#).

#### 2013 CONFERENCES



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THE 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON APPLIED LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION, March 21-23, Missouri Western State University, Saint Joseph, Mo. [Conference information](#).

THE SoTL COMMONS 6th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, hosted by The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship (CTLS), Georgia Southern University, Savannah, Ga., March 27-29. [Registration information](#).

SHARING THE VISION, April 19-20, 2013, hosted by UNMC, Omaha. [Conference information](#).

6th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW LEARNING AND TEACHING CONFERENCE, April 19, Scotland. [Conference information](#).

12th ANNUAL INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY AND COURSE REDESIGN XII COLLABORATIONS FOR EMPOWERMENT AND LEARNING, May 21-31, Fairfield, Conn. [Conference information](#). (Conference brochures located in the AEA Office.)

2013 IISSAM Faculty Development Institute Conference, May 30-June 2, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. [More information](#).

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION (AALHE) THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE, June 3-5, Hilton Lexington/Downtown, Lexington, Ky. [Conference information](#).

BLENDED LEARNING 10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, July 8-9, Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, Wis. [Conference information](#).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JUSTICE IN JESUIT HIGHER EDUCATION, Aug. 1-4. For more information, contact [Roger Bergman](#).

29th ANNUAL DISTANCE TEACHING

AND LEARNING CONFERENCE, Aug. 7-9, Madison, Wis. [Conference information.](#)

2013 ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE, Oct. 27-29, Indianapolis. [Conference information.](#)

19th ANNUAL SLOAN CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ONLINE LEARNING, Nov. 20-22, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Fla. Call-for-presentations scheduled to open in February. [Conference information.](#)

