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TEACHING & LEARNING CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT

September 2013

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. As a campus, we should be celebrating our teaching and student learning successes!

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



DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

In recognition of Creighton's long history in the advancement of teaching that has led us from good to reflective teaching, from Ernest Boyer's Teaching as Scholarship to Lee Shulman's Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, we celebrate our Jesuit pedagogical and campus traditions, by announcing the creation of the Creighton University Distinguished Educator in Teaching as Scholarship Award. The 2014 Founders Week Convocation will recognize the inaugural recipient(s) of this award.

You are encouraged to attend our fall programming, which emphasizes teaching as scholarship:

- **Oct. 10** -- "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," a grant series luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Skutt SC 104.
- **Oct. 23** -- "What's in a Name? Scholarly Teaching and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Skutt SC 105, facilitated by Kathy Flecky, OTD, OTRL, a Brown Bag Time-out for Lunch program.
- **Nov. 4** -- "Distinguished Educator Award: Application Workshop," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Skutt SC 105, facilitated by Mary Ann Danielson, Ph.D. This informal workshop is designed to answer questions you may have regarding the application packet, review process, and ways in which

educator-scholars elevate our institutional reputation and "best practices."

[Register](#) | [More Information](#)

AWARDS AND HONORS

SPAHP RECOGNITIONS



School of Pharmacy and Health Professions recognized the following faculty for their accomplishments: Excellence in Teaching Award to Jennifer Furze, Ph.D.; Scholarly Achievement Award to Terry Grindstaff, Ph.D.; and Creighton Students Union Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement to A. Joseph Threlkeld, Ph.D. *(pictured with Creighton President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.).*



CHAMBER RECOGNITION

Beverly Kracher, Ph.D., was named Business Woman of the Year by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce for her efforts and organization of the Business Ethics Alliance. [Read more.](#)



FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

In May, senior Amber Schaffer was awarded the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Scholarship. The Manhattan, Kan., native majored in elementary education. In March 2014, she will spend nine months in Brazil at one of the country's 59 federal universities working with two faculty members and 10 teaching assistants. The University has been recognized three times as a top Fulbright producing institution. Since 2006, 10 Creighton students have been awarded Fulbright scholarships. [Read more.](#)

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

BROWN-BAG LUNCHES

"Interpersonal Trust: Across Professions and in Our Classrooms" will be presented by Noam Ebner, School of Law, Werner Institute, on three different dates: Monday, Sept. 30, Wednesday, Oct.



16, and Tuesday, Oct. 29.

On Oct. 23, Kathy Flecky, OTD, OTRL, will facilitate a session on **“What’s in a Name? Scholarly Teaching and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.”**

Brian Kokensparger, Journalism, Media and Computing, will present two workshops focused on quantitative data collection and analysis: **“Survey Design, Implementation and Management,”** Oct. 30, and **“Quantitative Analysis,”** Nov. 20.

[More information and register.](#)

GRANT LUNCHEON SERIES

The Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment annually sponsors the AEA 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. The luncheon series of 90-minute presentations is designed to familiarize the campus with the grant recipients and their projects.



Upcoming presentations:

- Oct. 10 -- “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning”
- Nov. 5 -- “Ignatian Values”

[More Information](#) | [Register](#)

BLUELINE ASSESSMENT TOOL



The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment announces 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](#).

E-LEARNING

INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS

Online Teaching Webinars series from Innovative Educators available this fall:

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- "5 Myths about Online Learners: Best Practices to Improve Communication, Build Trust & Focus On Learning Objectives," Oct. 10.
- "The Online Classroom: Innovative Teaching Practices that Increase Retention, Satisfaction and Performance," Dec. 5.

ACADEMIC IMPRESSIONS



Learn how you can curb cheating and align assessments with learning outcomes in an online environment. View the Authentic Assessment Strategies for Online Learning Webcast, Nov. 8.

For more information contact the [Center for eLearning and Academic Innovation](#) or 402.280.3114.

ONLINE TEACHING COURSE



The Center for eLearning and Academic Innovation (CeLAI) 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 session is Nov. 4. To register or for more information, contact [Sarah Oliver](#), 280.3906.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

ASSESSMENT MENTORS



The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment has established a cadre of [assessment mentors](#) to assist individuals, programs, and departments in conducting the many activities that comprise quality assessment. This group of individuals is available to assist in those activities, but they are not available to do the work of assessment. When an individual, program or department has needs in the area of assessment, you can request mentoring assistance by completing the [Request for Assessment Assistance](#).

AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The new Virtual Center for Teaching



Excellence (vCTE) is a one-stop shop website with information, tools and resources to enhance your classroom/online professional development for both new and seasoned faculty. Visit the [vCTE website](#) to learn more about strategies to actively engage students, assessment of student learning, service learning, effective online and classroom teaching, and more.

ONLINE DEVELOPMENT



Creighton has an institutional membership to [Sloan Consortium](#) and WCET. Both are great resources dedicated to improving the quality of distance education. Sloan Consortium announced changes in the 2013 Institute program of events, which will encompass a certificate program, mastery series, workshop series and webinars.

LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP



The Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library partners with both AEA and CeLAI to offer campus-wide subscriptions. Take advantage of the great resources found in the August issue of the [Teaching Professor](#) and the September [Online Classroom](#). Contact Rick Kerns, 280.2228, for more information.

RECOMMENDED READING

FACULTY ARTICLE

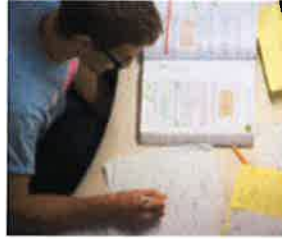
["Repeated Testing to Improve Skills in a Pharmacy Practice Laboratory Course,"](#) by Kimberley Begley, PharmD, Michael Monaghan, PharmD, and Yongyue Qi, was published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education (AJPE). The article focused on assessment in the dispensing and pharmaceutical care labs (now pharmacy-skills labs). Faculty development grants offered through the Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment assisted in funding of instructional and remediation videos, rubrics and course checklist needed for article research.



REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

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](mailto:Brian.Kokensparger@aea.org). (Doc, docx, and pdf formats are preferred; web URLs are also welcome.)

CALL FOR PAPERS



The Conference on Applied Learning in Higher Education (CALHE), scheduled for March 20-22, 2014, is accepting papers that focus on institutionalizing service learning, funding for undergraduate research, CUR document on Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research. Call for papers deadline is Nov. 1.

[Call for Papers](#) | [Conference Info](#)

PRESENTATIONS REQUESTED



The International Symposium for Emerging Technologies for Online Learning, April 9-11, 2014, Dallas, call for presentations is now open. Presentation submission deadline is Nov. 1. [Call for presentation information](#) and [conference information](#).

2013 CONFERENCES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE of INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for the SCHOLARSHIP of TEACHING AND LEARNING (ISSOTL), Oct. 2-5, 2013, Raleigh, N.C. [Conference information](#).



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

PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION (POD), Nov. 6-10, 2013, Pittsburgh. [Conference information](#).

SYMPOSIUM ON SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING, Nov. 7-9, 2013, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. [Conference information](#).

THE MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT'S 9th ANNUAL POLICY SUMMIT, "Rise of the MOOCs: Foreshadowing the Coming Transformation of Higher Education?" Nov. 18-19, 2013, Omaha. [More information](#). *There is NO FEE for the policy summit, but attendance will be capped due to space limitations, so register early.*

19th ANNUAL SLOAN CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ONLINE LEARNING, Nov. 20-22, 2013, Orlando. [Conference information](#).

LILLY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Oxford, Ohio, Nov. 21-24, 2013. [Conference information](#).

ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (ACCU), Feb. 1-3, 2014, Washington, D.C. [Conference information](#).

VIRGINIA TECH 6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION PEDAGOGY Feb. 5-7, 2014, Blacksburg, Va. [Conference information](#).

CONFERENCE ON APPLIED LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION (CALHE), March 20-22, 2014, St. Joseph, Mo. [Conference information](#).

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR ONLINE LEARNING 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, April 9-11, 2014, Dallas. [Conference information](#).

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