

## LARGE LECTURE SERIES: ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING

Teaching large classes presents new and interesting dimensions to the usual challenges of teaching well. The following workshop series is hosted by the Center for Teaching and ITS-Instructional Services.

### Lots of Content, Many Students

This workshop will provide an opportunity to share ideas about how to create learner-centered large classes by sparking respectful and lively classroom discussion, supporting peer instruction, recognizing learning style preferences, and teaching through writing.

**Monday August 17 • 12:00-1:30**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

### Helpful Instructional Technology

This workshop will examine ways to incorporate technology to create a well-orchestrated, interactive, and effective student-centered learning experience regardless of class size.

**Monday October 5 • 12:00-1:30**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

### Assessing Student Learning in Large Lectures

One of the challenges instructors of large lectures face is knowing what students learn. This workshop will cover basic assessment principles and provide tips on ways to combine formative and summative techniques during the course to gain regular feedback on student progress.

**Monday, November 9 • 12:00-1:30**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

## THE CROSSROADS PROJECT

The Center for Teaching is launching a yearlong series of events that will serve as a forum for faculty, staff, and graduate students to address how civic responsibility and diversity intersect and to consider our role as a publicly engaged university.

### Michelle Dunlap Associate Professor and Chair of Human Development Connecticut College

Join a workshop and discussion about how civic responsibility and diversity broadly defined are framing higher education today. What challenges should we pose for our students and what do we want them to understand? How can we shape curricula to provide both content and community involvement? What are the risks and benefits? Come learn from a scholar in the field and share your thoughts and ideas.

**Friday September 11 • 1:00-3:00**  
Pappajohn Business Building W-401



ITS-Instructional Services and  
the Center for Teaching  
will host the second annual 4CAST  
Thursday January 14, 2010.  
Save the date and stay tuned!

# CENTER for TEACHING

## FALL 2009

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR INSTRUCTORS ORIENTATION AND RECEPTION

The Office of the Provost will host an orientation and information session, followed by a reception for faculty and staff members teaching First-Year Seminars during the 2009-10 academic year.

**Tuesday August 18 • 4:30- 6:00**  
Pomerantz Center C-310

### “CLICKERS” USER CONFERENCE

Featuring Derek Bruff (Vanderbilt University) and University of Iowa faculty members.

Many instructors employ student response systems to great advantage. We will share best practices for using “clickers” to engage students and assess their learning. The conference also will introduce the UI’s new clicker systems, TurningPoint and TurningPoint AnyWhere. For novice and experienced users.

Sponsored by ITS-Instructional Services and the Center for Teaching.

**Friday September 18 • 8:30-3:30**  
University Capitol Centre Conference Center

### DRAWN INTO LEARNING

Join us for a lively, hands-on, artful workshop about how to help students tap into deep learning—and their visual and kinesthetic learning styles—by creating cartoons and comic strips.

UI faculty members **Mark Isham** and **Rachel Williams** will illustrate how comic strip and cartoon assignments can help students improve their recall, better reflect on their learning experiences, and share narratives. Participants also will discuss how these genres can stimulate and supplement writing instruction.

Paper and art supplies will be provided.

**Tuesday September 22 • 11:00-1:00**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

 **ifolio: The University  
of Iowa’s Innovative  
Learning Portfolio Tool**

This workshop will highlight the rich learning opportunities offered by the portfolio approach and showcase several ifolios custom-designed by ITS-IS staff for a number of UI departments and programs.

**Friday October 16 • 11:30-1:00**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

**Registration for workshops is required because space is limited. To register, call 335-6048 or go online to our website. Feel free to bring your lunch to sessions during the noon hour.**

### EVENTS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

#### Tips for Teaching

Come share ideas about how to organize and teach undergraduate courses to provide the best classroom experience for you and your students. This workshop will offer suggestions about pre-semester preparation, the early days, learner-centered teaching, and classroom management.

**Friday August 28 • 3:00-5:00**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

#### Motivating Student Learning

Sometimes students seem less-than-involved in classroom activity. They may appear to stare into space, text on their cell phones, surf the Internet, or even sleep. We will discuss strategies and activities to encourage and reward classroom participation.

**Friday October 2 • 3:00-5:00**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

#### Technology to Enhance Teaching

Has chalk gone the way of the steam engine? Today’s instructors can choose from an array of innovative technologies—ICON, Elluminate, “clickers,” and social media such as Facebook and Twitter—to help students develop critical thinking skills.

**Friday October 16 • 3:00-5:00**  
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

#### End-of-the-Semester Challenges

Tests are an important way to evaluate student performance—but only one of many. We’ll talk about how you can help students prepare for exams as well as how to respond when they ask questions about their grades. We’ll also address the issue of cheating and plagiarism.

**Friday November 13 • 3:00-5:00**  
Pappajohn Business Building S-401

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