

Center for Teaching

FALL 2006
Calendar of Events

Registration for workshops is required because space is limited. To register, call 335-6048 or go online at www.uiowa.edu/~centeach. Please feel free to bring your lunch to sessions over the noon hour.

Center for Teaching Fall Open House

The Center for Teaching would like to welcome University of Iowa faculty members, teaching assistant, administrators, and staff to an Open House, Thursday September 14, 1:00-3:00. Come meet our staff—including our five new Graduate Assistants—browse our teaching-and-learning resources, and let us know how we can serve you better. We'll have plenty of refreshments and several lucky guests will receive gift certificates for Prairie Lights Bookstore.

Professional Development Institute for Graduate Students

The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies is offering a weeklong institute for graduate students interested in merging public engagement with teaching and research. Participants will study methods for engaged teaching and research and develop plans for a project. Participants will receive a stipend and the title Obermann Graduate Fellow. Applications and more information are available at www.uiowa.edu/obermann/gradinstitute or call Jennifer New at 335-4360.

Professional Development Workshops for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Disciplines

will be hosted by the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program. For more information, or to register contact Chris Brus at Christine-brus@uiowa.edu or call the WISE office at 335-3530.

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4039 Main Library
319-335-6048
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The Center for Teaching promotes and supports excellence in teaching and learning at The University of Iowa.

We offer workshops, class visits, one-on-one and group discussion, and intensive teaching-and-learning institutes. Recent summer institutes on pedagogy and the scholarship of teaching and learning have focused on a variety of topics, including service learning and classroom assessment. Please let us know if you have a question about teaching and learning. Visit our web site, www.uiowa.edu/~centeach for information about future Center for Teaching events.

Ideas for New Teachers

Welcome to teaching at Iowa! Join the discussion about how to organize and teach undergraduate courses so they provide the best learning experiences for your students. The workshop will offer suggestions gleaned from experienced teachers and the teaching/learning literature. We also will introduce you to the services offered by the Center for Teaching.

Monday August 21 • 10:00-11:00 • English/Philosophy Building 102
Tuesday August 22 • 11:00-12:00 • Schaeffer Hall 51

Tips for Leading Discussion

Discussion is an integral part of learning to be a critical thinker. But effective, engaging discussions don't just happen, they are nurtured by good teaching. Join us in talking about how to encourage students to come to class primed to participate.

Wednesday August 23 • 1:00-2:00 • English/Philosophy Building 102
Thursday August 24 • 11:00-12:00 • Macbride Hall 118

Teaching Through Narrative

It was a dark and stormy semester...and students learned better because of it. Stories, cases, metaphor, vignettes, character, plot, setting, and action—the elements of narrative can be powerful tools for long-term learning. This workshop will provide techniques for using story to enhance knowledge retention and critical thinking.

Monday September 11 • 11:00-Noon • Schaeffer Hall 51

Gender Differences in Learning:

What does Research suggest? What are Effective Teaching Practices?

This discussion will focus on gender diversity in teaching and learning. To spark discussion, Chris Brus, Director of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) and Carolyn Colvin, Associate Professor of Teaching and Learning will share information and pose questions related to diversity of student needs and learning styles. Participants will share ideas for teaching tools to address student needs and learning styles.

Wednesday October 4 • 11:00-1:00 • Adler Journalism Building E205

The TA Teaching Life—Challenges, Rewards, Goals

This discussion will bring together Teaching Assistants, Center for Teaching staff, and University administrators to talk about the particular needs of graduate students as they don and develop their roles as instructors, mentors, and student/faculty liaisons. The conversation will serve as a springboard for the Center to launch future workshops specifically targeted to the needs of University of Iowa TAs.

Wednesday November 1 • 11:00-12:00 • English/Philosophy Building 203

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Center for Teaching at 335-6048. 59243/8-06