



Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Focus: Summer Term



It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts... it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves.

-- Robert Hutchins

Discover the World Within Your Classroom

Discover global diversity and cultural perspectives within your classroom by asking students “Who has experienced living in another country for 6 months or more?” “Who can speak a language other than English?” “Who lives or have lived with a person from a different part of the world?”

Invite students to share their cultural insights and integrate their experiences/perspectives into the classroom learning. This simple teaching strategy creates classroom community, brings in real world global and cultural experiences, gives international students a voice, and allows for a lively discussion inside and outside of class.

Conference Opportunity: Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching

Traverse City


September 24-27

<http://lillyconferences.com/tc/default.shtml>

Summer Term in the Center for Teaching and Learning

June was busy in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). As usual, we would like to acknowledge those who offered sessions. . Clark Harris (Technology Division) presented the Personal Enrichment Session in which he explained how to design low maintenance landscaping. While we had to cancel the session by Candace Perkins (Health Science Division), we hope to offer this session during the coming academic year. The CTL also hosted a teleseminar from Emphasis on Excellence, "Be Smart, Sensible, and Savvy with Social Media: LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter," which was very well attended. Later in the month, we offered a webinar from Innovative Educators, "Designing a Successful Service-Learning Course." The CTL's new monthly reading circle attracted several faculty for discussion of the spring book choice, Jonathan Kozol's *Savage Inequalities*. We also continued to schedule gmail training.

Steve Robinson (Academic Affairs) is leading off July's schedule with the Personal Enrichment Session, "Selling on eBay" that will present strategies for selling those treasures cluttering the basement, garage, and attic for fun and profit. Linda Rutheford (MCC Library) will present one of two Brown Bag Professional Development Sessions. "The MCC Reserve Desk Copyright Policies" will be the focus of Linda's session. The second Brown Bag PD Session will feature Linda Motter providing a presentation on navigating the Microsoft 2007 Office Suite. The CTL will also host a webinar from the Google Apps Channel, "Google Apps Product Overview." The CTL reading circles will switch to a discussion of uTube Educational Videos. If you are interested in joining the discussion, bring a link to your favorite uTube Educational video. If anyone still needs gmail training, contact the CTL, and we will try to schedule a session for you.

July 2009					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
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6	7	8	9	10	11/12
13	14	15	16 Steve Robinson, "Selling on eBay," 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CTL (CM1120)	17	18/19
20	21 Linda Rutheford, "The MCC Reserve Desk Copyright Policies," 1:00-2:00 pm, Quest Center (MCC Library, First Floor)	22	23	24 Linda Motter, "Overview of Microsoft Office 2007," 10:30 am-12:00 noon, CM2125	25/26
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August 2009					
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10	11	12	13 Google Apps Channel, "Google Apps Product Overview." 12:00-1:00 pm, CTL (CM1120)	14	15/16
17	18	19 CTL Reading Circle, "Discussion of uTube Educational Videos," 3:00-4:00 pm, CTL(CM1120)	20	21	22/23
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31	<p>"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">William Butler Yeats</p>				