Weekly Happenings Newsletter

Quote of the week:

"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action."

– Herbert Spencer

FALL 2022

September 19-23, 2022

The CIRTL Network
CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TEACHING, & LEARNING

Fall Registration Is Open!

https://www.cirtl.net/ for updates.

FALL COURSES

MOOC: An Introduction to Evidence-Based Undergraduate STEM Teaching

Registration Opens August 31, 2022

Asynchronous Course: September 26 – November 20, 2022

An Introduction to Evidence-Based Undergraduate STEM Teaching is a massive open, online course (MOOC) designed to provide graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and other aspiring faculty in STEM disciplines with an overview of effective college teaching strategies and the research that supports them. This course is also suitable for other interested university staff, faculty, and administrators. The goal of the eight-week course is to equip the next generation of faculty to be effective teachers, thus improving the learning experience for the thousands of students they will teach.

FALL WORKSHOP SERIES

Exploring Careers in Teaching at a Community College

Registration Opens August 15, 2022

Three Synchronous Sessions: 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Thursdays

October 27, 2022 Introduction to Teaching at a Community College

November 10, 2022 Getting Hired at a Community College: Tips and Strategies from Faculty on Hiring Panels

December 1, 2022 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusive Teaching in the Community College Setting

Learn about teaching at community colleges straight from current staff & faculty! In this three-part series, we'll hear faculty & staff reflect on the joys and challenges of teaching at a community college, the broad diversity of students in their courses and how that diversity enhances learning, and the ins and outs of finding a full-time teaching position at a community college. The panelists will take questions from future faculty throughout the presentation.

Discipline-Based dB-SERC Science Education Research Center

Check http://dbserc.pitt.edu/ for updates.

dB-SERC Lunch Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 PM, Tuesday, September 20, 2022

The discussion will be virtual, so please sign up using the link below to receive the Zoom link. During this dB-SERC lunch discussion, Pete Bell from the Chemistry Department will give his first dB-SERC course transformation talk titled "Helping General Chemistry Students Use Spaced Practice to Improve Learning."

University Center for Teaching and Learning

Check https://teaching.pitt.edu/workshops-events/ for updates.

How to Use Classroom Audiovisual Technology

2:00 - 3:00 PM, Tuesday, September 20, 2022
2:00 - 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 22, 2022
2:00 - 3:00 PM, Tuesday, September 27, 2022
2:00 - 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 29, 2022
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN-PERSON: There is a maximum in-person capacity of SIX (6) attendees.

The University of Pittsburgh's classrooms are equipped with audiovisual technology to facilitate inclusive and active learning environments. This workshop will teach you how to operate and connect your device to a classroom's audiovisual technology system.

Canvas Refresher: SpeedGrader and Gradebook

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Learn the ins and outs of the Canvas Gradebook. You'll learn the tools and settings available for the Canvas Gradebook and how Canvas can help you to calculate your grades.

Perusall Global Integration

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Friday, September 23, 2022

When you use Perusall, there's no need to change course materials. Our platform is compatible with publisher-provided materials, videos, podcasts, OER, and more. Perusall is a free social learning platform that encourages students to engage with each other about their course content (books, articles, images, webpages, audio, and video) and integrates seamlessly with Canvas.

Political Diversity in the Classroom

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Monday, September 26, 2022

We live in a divisive political climate. Barriers of mistrust and misunderstanding exist even in a university setting. It's essential to think about how instructors can better serve students — our future civic leaders and problem-solvers — and the communities they will ultimately shape. Participants in this workshop will have an opportunity to reflect carefully on this question. They will emerge with a concrete set of plans that can foster a culture of civil public discourse.

University Center for
Teaching and Learning

Gathering, Interpreting, and Using Midterm Student Feedback
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Monday, September 26, 2022
Gathering feedback early in the term allows faculty to gauge how the class is progressing, identify concerns, and connect with students. This interactive workshop will cover the value and benefits of collecting early student feedback, best practices for designing survey questions that illicit meaningful responses, and interpreting and using the results to positively impact the remainder of the term. The workshop will also cover techniques for sharing and discussing results with students.

University of Pittsburgh Office of
Diversity and Inclusion

Check https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/ or https://calendar.pitt.edu/department/office_of_diversity_and_inclusion for updates.

Hispanic Heritage Night @ Pittsburgh Pirates v. Chicago Cubs
6:35 PM, Thursday, September 22, 2022
PNC Park
Join us at PNC Park for Hispanic Heritage Night! Each ticket purchased will include a special Pirates Hispanic Heritage Night themed hat. All tickets purchased through this offer include $5 in Loaded Value. (Loaded Value can be used for merchandise or at select concession stands and is loaded onto the ticket barcode for use on the day of your game). For questions or for groups of 10 or more, please contact Maggie Koroly at maggie.koroly@pirates.com at (412)325-4766 or Savannah McVoy at savannah.mcvoy@pirates.com at (412)325-4902.

Hispanic Heritage Night at the Riverhounds
7:00 PM, Saturday, September 24, 2022
Highmark Stadium

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Office of Academic Career Development
HEALTH SCIENCES
RESOURCES FOR CAREER SUCCESS

See ***https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/content/professionalism-series*** for more info.

University of Pittsburgh | Health Sciences Library System

See ***https://www.hsls.pitt.edu/calendar*** for more information.

Introduction to Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
3:00 - 4:00 PM, Monday, September 19, 2022
Adobe software includes two powerful image editing programs, Photoshop and Illustrator. If you are planning to work with one or both of these programs, this class will introduce you to the basics of image types, which program features are most suitable for different image editing projects, and how to continue practicing with the software of your choice. This session is strongly encouraged if you are a beginner. It is offered as the first session in a series of Photoshop and Illustrator workshops through HSLS.

LabArchives for Pitt Researchers – Research Edition Notebook, Inventory, and Scheduler
10:00 - 11:00 AM, Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Join this 60-minute session to learn how the LabArchives suite of products can be used to securely manage research data, your lab's physical inventory, and lab resources and equipment. One account offers you access to all three of these tools and helps your lab to become more organized, efficient, and productive.

Citizen Health Science: A Tool for Teaching, Learning, and Contributing
12:00 - 1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Citizen science is a form of research in which members of the public collaborate with professional scientists in the scientific research process. Although many well-known citizen science projects relate to ecology, exciting projects are also ongoing in health sciences fields, leading to tangible improvements in the understanding of various conditions. Incorporation of citizen science participation into class instruction can be an effective way to increase student engagement and encourage contribution to scientific research. This class will provide strategies and recommendations for bringing citizen science into the health sciences classroom and discuss resources and support available from HSLS and elsewhere.

Basic EndNote
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Thursday, September 22, 2022
No description given.

Additional Resources:
Pitt-CIRTL website: www.cirtl.pitt.edu
CIRTL website: http://www.cirtl.net/
dB-SERC website: http://www.dbserc.pitt.edu/
UCTL website: www.teaching.pitt.edu
Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion calendar: https://calendar.pitt.edu/department/office_of_diversity_and_inclusion/calendar
OACD website: www.oacd.health.pitt.edu
OACD Video Library: https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/video-library
AME website: www.ame.pitt.edu