Weekly Happenings Newsletter

FALL COURSES and WORKSHOPS

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.

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

dB-SERC Lunch Discussion
12:00 – 1:00 PM, Monday, October 17, 2022
During this lunch discussion, David Nero from the Physics Department will give his third dB-SERC course transformation talk titled, “Individualized Instruction for Physics 1”.

Fall Registration Is Open!
https://www.cirtl.net/ for updates.

Quote of the week:
“One of the very important characteristics of a student is to question. Let the students ask questions.”
-APJ Abdul Kalam
Developing a Teaching Portfolio
1:00 - 2:00 PM, Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Teaching portfolios are essential to many academic job applications and the promotion process. It is never too early in your teaching career to develop a portfolio. While teaching portfolios vary widely, this workshop presents some guidelines to follow and some basic strategies you can use to ensure that your portfolio will best demonstrate your teaching experience, accomplishments, and potential. Whether you are just beginning to teach or about to enter the job market, this workshop will enable you to compile and develop your best teaching portfolio.

Anti-carceral/Abolitionist Pedagogy - Part 1
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Thursday, October 20, 2022
Through a close engagement with Dylan Rodríguez’s “The Disorientation of the Teaching Act: Abolition as Pedagogical Position,” we will very briefly and broadly frame key concepts and practices of abolition. Then, we will consider collectively: What questions do we need to ask about our pedagogy across Rodriguez’s two abolitionist pedagogy dimensions of challenging common sense and dismantling presentist and ahistorical study that will create the momentum to build toward, sustain, and deepen ongoing, collective abolitionist pedagogy?

Intercollegiate Salsa Nights
University of Pittsburgh
6:00 PM, Thursday, October 20, 2022
Visit different campuses for our recurring salsa dance lessons in celebration of Latinx and Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be limited transportation available for students on a first come first served basis (must indicate the need for transportation in registration). Following registration, details will be provided closer to the event about location, specific instructions and shuttle information.

Everybody Has a Secret Face: Queer Horror & Poetry
The University Store on Fifth, C4C: The Workshop (lower level)
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Horror cuts right to the heart of our hidden fears and desires. For decades, queer horror fans have found dark reflections of our lives and experiences in scary movies. In this workshop, we mine horror film imagery to find poetic inspiration, exploring the scenes that haunt us to write about what's terrifying, intriguing, or maybe even attractive in this genre. No previous writing experience is required: beginners welcome!
See https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/content/professionalism-series for more info.

Wellness for Life
3:30 - 4:30 PM, Thursday, October 20, 2022
Have you taken a moment recently to reflect on how you can improve your wellbeing and how that can translate to career success? We can help you get started! Wellness is your overall well-being, or the act of living a healthy lifestyle. It is the balance of body, mind, and soul, which requires constant management to keep you feeling your best. In this interactive session, we will provide an overview of the "8 Dimensions of Wellness" and then you will learn about the vast range of services that are available through the university for free for Pitt faculty and trainees.

Preparing for the New NIH Data Management & Sharing Plan: Documentation, Metadata, and the "How" of Deposit
12:00 - 1:00 PM, Monday, October 17, 2022
This is one of three sessions on NIH's new Policy for Data Management and Sharing (DMS Policy), which goes into effect January 25, 2023. This Policy will require NIH-funded researchers to prospectively submit a plan outlining how scientific data from their research will be managed and shared. The Policy includes an expectation that researchers will maximize their data sharing within ethical, legal, or technical constraints, and explicitly encourages researchers to incorporate data sharing via deposit into a public repository into their standard research process. (subject matter: secure and ethical data use)

Navigating the CDC to Locate Vital Statistics, Infectious and Chronic Diseases Data, Behavioral Data, and More
2:00 - 3:30 PM, Tuesday, October 18, 2022
The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the leader of public health in the US. It administers multiple surveys, gathers vital statistics, and tracks infectious diseases, and much more, all the while making this data readily available to the public. Like all Federal agencies, though, it is a complex organization which is reflected in their Web site. During this class, we will explore key data initiatives of the CDC, focusing on publicly available data sites that allow you to find data through their interfaces. We will also review some of the CDC datasets that can be downloaded for free.

Advanced EndNote
10:00 - 11:30 AM, Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Learn how to take advantage of EndNote’s more advanced functions in this hands-on class. Participants should have experience with EndNote prior to attending this session. During this class, participants will:

- Automate reference organization
- Batch edit references
- Download and edit citation styles
- Troubleshoot common bibliography issues
Getting Started with Research Metrics
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Research metrics can be a useful way to analyze the academic impact of articles, authors, and journals. Come learn about Pitt's toolbox of resources and how research metrics, such as h-index and journal impact factor, can be used in the research assessment process. Whether you're interested in knowing who is citing your work or how to add additional value to grant applications, we'll discuss how metrics can be used responsibly to track research productivity and impact. Students, faculty, and staff are all welcome to attend.

Advanced PubMed
9:00 – 10:00 AM, Friday, October 21, 2022
This class provides an in-depth look at PubMed's indexing and search structures. You will learn how to narrow and focus search queries. Techniques for building complex search strategies will be demonstrated. Some pre-class work may be required.

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