Weekly Happenings

Quote of the week:
“Critical thinking is a lot harder than people think, because it requires knowledge.”
-Joanne Jacobs

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
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.

Tuesday Lunch Discussion
12:00 – 1:00 PM, Tuesday, November 8, 2022
During this lunch discussion, Carina Rebello from the Physics and Astronomy Department at Toronto Metropolitan University will give her talk entitled, “A Model for Facilitating Engineering Design in Undergraduate STEM Laboratory”.

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

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

**Anti-carceral/Abolitionist Pedagogy - Part 2**
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Monday, November 7, 2022
We will pick up where we left off, sharing how we’ve considered Rodríguez’s two dimensions in our teaching. Then, we will consider how we incorporate and insist on the third dimension: creatively imagining and building free futures. We will build an anti-carceral pedagogy tool to take away with us. Participation in the first workshop is required to register for this workshop.

**Design Justice Follow-up**
10:00 - 11:00 AM, Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Join ID (Instructional Design) Partners for our second fall meeting! During this meeting, we will be continuing our conversation on the theme of Design Justice and return to the questions posed by guest speakers Pauline and Eliza in our first fall meeting. This will be a great opportunity to share ideas, gain feedback on current projects or consider collaborations. We hope to see you then!

**Anti-Racist Pedagogy Part 1**
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Thursday, November 10, 2022
This two-part interactive workshop series will introduce and engage with the scholarship of anti-racist pedagogy. We will offer strategies and practices for faculty to incorporate antiracist pedagogy in their classroom and teaching practice.

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

*None Listed this week.*
Information Session: Katz Courses & Leading People in Organizations Business Microcredential for Postdocs
12:00 - 1:00 PM, Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Learn about Katz graduate courses that were designed for busy, working adults like you! Take one, two, or all four courses, which will earn you a Leading People in Organizations microcredential from the University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business. A panel of your peers will answer questions about the course load, the value of the individual courses, the advantage of a business microcredential, and more. Tammy Dennis, from the OACD, will explain everything you need to know about the application process and how Pitt tuition benefits work. Join us for this comprehensive information session to learn about the unique opportunity to gain formal business training while working fulltime as a postdoc at Pitt. No matter whether you're ready to apply, undecided, or have never heard of a microcredential, this session is for you!

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

Preprints, How, Why, and Should I?
12:00 – 1:00 PM, Tuesday, November 8, 2022
In this workshop, we will discuss the facts and myths of preprint publication, addressing the questions: “What are preprints?” “Can I still publish in a peer reviewed journal?” (subject matter: responsible authorship)

Virtual Reality at HSLS
Scaife Hall, Falk Library, Classroom 2
10:00 - 11:00 AM, Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Curious about the Virtual Reality LearnSpace at Falk Library? This hands-on class will introduce you to HSLS’s available VR headsets (Microsoft HoloLens, Oculus Quest, and HTC Vive) and highlight some of our most popular medical education apps. We’ll also cover how virtual reality can fit into a student’s independent study schedule and how faculty might integrate virtual reality into their course curriculum.

Risk of Bias: What is it? How do I assess for it? What do I use to assess?
12:00 – 1:00 PM, Thursday, November 10, 2022
Assessing for Risk of Bias (RoB) is one of the expected steps when conducting a systematic review, but it can also be used to self-assess study conduct as practiced or as written in your proposal or protocol.

Scientific Drawing with Illustrator
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Friday, November 11, 2022
In this intermediate level workshop, you will work hands-on with Illustrator to create shapes and drawings to be used in figures for publication or presentation. Attendees will recreate custom figures like a bacteria with 3D shading and an endoplasmic reticulum drawing. Learn how to work with tools in Illustrator (pen, curvature, shape, mesh) as well as change color and outline properties.
**Additional Resources:**

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