Director’s Welcome

Happy Spring, everyone!

As the semester winds to a close, we wanted to keep you up to date on what has been happening at the CTE the last few months. Our Symposium on Teaching and Learning in January (see below for more information) was a particular highlight, but we are also looking forward to the university-wide teaching award ceremony and reception we will be hosting on Monday, April 28th, in Herring Hall 100. Furthermore, we are very excited to announce that we have hired two Assistant Directors, Dr. Betsy Barre and Dr. Robin Paige, who will begin on July 1st. We will introduce them more thoroughly next time, but we wanted to formally announce that we will have some new faces joining us! Enjoy this new issue of our newsletter, and as always, do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to talk about teaching and learning.

Josh Eyler
CTE Director

CTE Hosts Symposium on Teaching and Learning

On Friday, January 17, 2014, over 170 students, staff, faculty and alumni attended the CTE’s inaugural Symposium on Teaching and Learning. Led by CTE Director Josh Eyler, the event featured interactive roundtables highlighting effective teaching techniques and a keynote address by Eden King, Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. CTE faculty fellows also led small group discussions on teaching and learning over lunch. Missed the event? We invite you to explore the complete recording.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Interactive Roundtable: Effective Teaching Techniques

Keynote Address: The View from the Shoulders of Giants

Roundtable: Rice Faculty Reflecting on their Roles as Teacher-Scholars

Closing Remarks
**What We Do for You**

In addition to hosting workshops and events throughout the year, the CTE offers a variety of services for all Rice instructors, including students. Please see our Services and Support page for more information.

**New Courses**

Beginning in the fall of 2014, the CTE will be offering new graduate-level seminars in teaching and learning. CTE Director Josh Eyler and our new Assistant Directors will serve as the instructor(s) for each class. Please visit courses.rice.edu for more information. All courses are graded on a standard grading scale.

- **UNIV 500**: Principles of Effective Teaching, available each fall. 3 credits.
- **UNIV 501**: Research on Teaching and Learning, available each spring. 3 credits.
- **UNIV 502**: Practicum in College Teaching (prerequisites: UNIV 500 + 501). Available fall, spring. 3 credits.
- **UNIV 599**: Teaching Portfolio (prerequisites: UNIV 500 + 501). Available fall, spring, summer. 2 credits.

**Save the Date: De Lange Conference IX**

**“Addressing the Challenges of a Changing Landscape: Teaching in the University of Tomorrow”**

October 13-14, 2014

De Lange IX will consider our historical understanding of teaching, learning, and the goals of university education. How do contemporary transformations affect these understandings? How might technological advances—those anticipated as well as those existing—improve teaching? How do they impact when, where, and how teaching happens? The De Lange Conference IX will provide a setting in which collective reflection on these issues will occur in concert with the opportunity to experience, envision, and debate ways of transforming our own teaching practices.

Visit delange.rice.edu for more information. Learn more about the conference’s distinguished speakers here.

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**Spring Forward: Looking Ahead**

**Project-based Learning in the Humanities**

Co-sponsor: Humanities Research Center

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

11:30 AM (lunch; RSVP), 12:00 PM (session) Fondren Library Kyle Morrow Room

**University Teaching Awards Ceremony and Reception**

Monday, April 28, 2014

3:00 - 4:30 PM at 100 Herring Hall

Join us as we celebrate teaching at Rice and—in particular—those instructors who care very deeply about student learning. Michael Gustin, professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and recipient of the 2013 Brown Award for Excellence in Teaching, will present the Brown Lecture on Teaching Excellence. No RSVP required. Click here for event updates!

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**Semester in Review**

The CTE has greatly enjoyed working closely with faculty and graduate students in our workshops this spring. Join us again in the fall! As a reminder, the TEACH series is designed for postdocs and graduate students. Learn more.


**Teaching, Learning, & Technology Workshop: Teaching Large Classes: How to Effectively Engage 40 or More Students** - February 24, 2014 (learn more)


**TEACH Workshop: “Designing Effective Courses and Syllabi”** - March 14, 2014 (learn more)

**Student Response Systems in the Classroom: A Hands-on Workshop to Enhance Engagement** - March 24 and 31, 2014


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Questions? Comments? Suggestions? We’d love to hear from you!

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