

Millersville University
CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Professional Development Sessions
Fall 2016

Types of CAE Sessions

The Center for Academic Excellence offers many different types of programs throughout the academic year. We are always looking for new topic suggestions and presenters. Please contact Dr. Oliver Dreon, Director of the Center for Academic Excellence (oliver.dreon@millersville.edu) if you have any recommendations.

Brown Bag Discussions

The Center occasionally hosts an informal Brown Bag Discussion. Faculty are invited to join their colleagues in the McNairy Library and Learning Forum (or another location), bring a lunch, and participate in a discussion about a topic of interest. These discussions may focus on general topics such as curriculum approval processes, learner-centered teaching, or grant opportunities. The conversations at Brown Bag Discussions are informal, dynamic, and informative. This is a great way to meet new colleagues and learn about a variety of topics.

Instructional Technology Workshops & Sessions

The Instructional & Technology Support Team offers a large number of hands-on workshops throughout the academic year to help faculty members develop their skills and expertise with various online tools and resources. In addition to helping to promote these workshops, the Center for Academic Excellence offers new sessions to help faculty see how their colleagues in other Departments are using these tools and techniques. These application-oriented sessions are a great way to see how these important tools and resources can be used to enhance the teaching and learning process in many different settings.

Training Series: Assessment in D2L

Efficient Management begins with good design! Whether you are new to D2L or have been using it for your courses for awhile, these sessions are aimed at making sure you are getting the most out of what the system has to offer. Enabling the right options can save you time, decrease frustration for students and keep everyone focused on what's really important- the learning!

Monday Morning Mentors

Monday Morning Mentors are online sessions offered through the Teaching Professor. Monday Morning Mentors can be accessed Mondays at 10 AM but are available on demand for a week after the published date. Mentors can be accessed online at: <http://9nl.pw/MUMentors> but will require a password available through the CAE email distribution list (see below).

NEW! The Maraudership Professional Development Series

Through a partnership with The Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, the CAE is excited to promote a series of professional development activities focused on student success on campus. The Maraudership Series focuses on four central themes: Foundations, Leadership, Diversity and Wellness.

Want to receive periodic updates on CAE happenings? Opt into the CAE email distribution list at: [**http://tinyurl.com/CAEmails**](http://tinyurl.com/CAEmails)

<p>August 29, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Develop Online Instructor Presence? Stephanie Delaney, J.D., Ph.D. Director of eLearning, Cascadia Community College Learn step-by-step guidelines for establishing an instructor presence in your online classes. Identify the things you want to share with your class and create a strategy for expressing your persona throughout the semester.</p>
<p>September 5, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: What Is Essential in a Grading Policy? Maryellen Weimer, Ph.D. Professor Emerita of Teaching and Learning, Penn State-Berks Learn the merits of absolute grading versus grading on a curve, the pluses and minuses of letter-based and point-based grading, and whether—and how—to properly weight assignments across a semester.</p>
<p>September 12, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Save Time and Money by Repurposing Online Content? Ann Taylor, M.A., Director of the Dutton e-Education Institute, Penn State University This session will inspire you to look at your existing work in new ways. Seeing all the future uses of your online education materials will motivate you to take your course preparation work to the next level.</p>
<p>September 13, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Brown Bag Discussion: Title IX Robert G.M. Wood, Title IX Coordinator, Student Affairs & Enrollment Management In this session, recent reporting mandates will be discussed and recent legal developments will be presented. Campus security and reporting authority will also be addressed. Be sure to attend this important session with Millersville’s Title IX coordinator.</p>
<p>September 15, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Customer Service vs. Student Development – Can There Be Both? Dr. Scott Helfrich, Director of Housing & Residential Programs Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Foundations.</p>
<p>September 19, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Avoid Communication “Misfires” with Students? Jennifer Waldeck, Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Strategic/Corporate Communication at Chapman University Learn communication techniques to help you navigate difficult situations with students—such as missed assignments, poor attendance, or late work—while keeping their motivation strong and their attitude about your class positive.</p>

<p>September 20, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Brown Bag Discussion: Writing Roundtable Discussants: Dr. Lynn Marquez, General Education Coordinator, Dr. Jill Craven, Dr. Justin Mando, Dr. Judith Halden-Sullivan, Dr. Kerrie Farkas, Dr. Caleb Corkery, Dr. Amber Nicole Pfannenstiel, Dr. William Archibald, Dr. Yufeng Zhang, English Join faculty from across campus as we examine results from the WAC Survey and discuss ways to support students’ development as writers. The roundtable will also serve as means of informing the Writing Summit which is being planned for the Spring 2017 semester.</p>
<p>September 20, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) Boyer 235</p>	<p>D2L Training Series: Assessment in D2L Session 1 - Gradebook Setup Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist, Information Technologies If you build it, they will come. Leverage the power of the page students will definitely log on to see. NOTE: Bring your own device or use the desktop machines in this lab space.</p>
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<p>September 22, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 118</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Student Panel: Model the Way Dr. Gordon Nesbitt, Associate Professor, Wellness & Sports Sciences and Director of Campus Recreation Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Leadership.</p>
<p>September 26, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Encourage the Growth Mindset with Three Simple Tips? Stephanie Delaney, J.D., Ph.D. Director of eLearning, Cascadia Community College Discover how to build a foundation for your students, helping them understand that there is such a thing as a growth mindset, and demonstrating for them what it is and how it works.</p>
<p>September 27, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 502</p>	<p>Using Collaborate Ultra for Synchronous Online Learning Mr. Joshua Fleming, Instructional Technologist Preview the next generation of web conferencing technology – Collaborate Ultra. Collaborate Ultra is a complete rework of the Collaborate product that does not require any software to be installed in addition to providing a uniform experience across devices (computer / tablet / smart phone). Current or prospective Collaborate users are invited to attend this session to preview upcoming changes.</p>

<p>September 29, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 118</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Inspire a Shared Vision Dr. Miles Gallagher, Director of Athletics Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Leadership.</p>
<p>October 3, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Design Critical Thinking into My Course? Linda B. Nilson, Ph.D. Director, Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation, Clemson University This program identifies both general and discipline-specific critical thinking skills and how to turn these skills into good student learning outcomes.</p>
<p>October 4, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 502</p>	<p>College Students & Mental Health Dr. Kelsey Backels, Counseling and Human Development In this session, we will discuss the top five mental health problems among college students and how to recognize and refer these students for counseling.</p>
<p>October 4, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) Boyer 235</p>	<p>D2L Training Series: Assessment in D2L Session 2 - Discussions Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist, Information Technologies Design discussions in a dozen different ways (or just the one way you want) and still assess with just a few clicks. NOTE: Bring your own device or use the desktop machines in this lab space.</p>
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<p>October 6, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) SMC 24</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Challenge the Process Mr. Kyle Miller, Director of the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Leadership.</p>
<p>October 10, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Use Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATs) Online? Stephanie Delaney, J.D., Ph.D. Director of eLearning, Cascadia Community College Learn how to use the insights gained from using CATs to adjust future lessons and target your instruction to better meet the needs of your students. Gain skills you can apply in both online and traditional classrooms.</p>

<p>October 13, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Degree Works Planner & Academic Advisement: A Guide for Student Academic Success Ms. Meghan Jones, Senior Assistant Registrar & Mr. Joseph Sciarretta, Academic Advisement Coordinator for Underrepresented Students Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Foundations.</p>
<p>October 17, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can Course Design Help Prevent Online Cheating? Thomas Tobin, Ph.D. Coordinator of Learning Technologies at the Center for Teaching and Learning at Northeastern Illinois University Learn the techniques that other schools have successfully used to slash the potential of cheating, assuage student anxiety about their academic performance, and propel them toward being more honest, self-reliant learners.</p>
<p>October 18, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Embracing Internationalization Ms. Patricee Campbell, Director of International Programs & Dr. Christine Gaudry, Coordinator of Global Education & Partnerships In this session, we will discuss strategies for working with international students and supporting their success on campus.</p>
<p>October 18, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) Boyer 235</p>	<p>D2L Training Series: Assessment in D2L Session 3 – Turnitin Feedback Studio for Assignments* Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist, Information Technologies Save paper. Save time. It's a win-win for assessing student submissions. NOTE: Bring your own device or use the desktop machines in this lab space. *New interface for 2016.</p>
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<p>October 24, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Assess Critical Thinking with Objective Items? Linda B. Nilson, Ph.D. Director, Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation, Clemson University Learn how to assess most critical thinking skills using an assortment of methods, such as true/false, matching, multiple choice, and multiple true/false tests. Receive step-by-step instruction for designing objective items to assess particular cognitive operations in critical thinking skills for a wide range of disciplines.</p>
<p>October 25, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Alcohol and Other Drugs Dr. John Baltzer, Counseling and Human Development Understanding the Good and Less Good Things about collegiate alcohol and other drug use. We will also look at simple harm reduction strategies that reduce its impact on learning, GPA and retention.</p>
<p>October 25, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 502</p>	<p>Office 365 for Department and Committees Mr. Joshua Fleming, Instructional Technologist Streamline collaborative work with Office 365! Instead of emailing back and forth edits, Office 365 enables users to have one "document of record" where changes and contributions are tracked. Cross platform + lives on the web – think Google Docs but better.</p>
<p>October 27, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 118</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: <i>Dear White People: Debriefing & Reflections</i> Maraudership Diversity Team & Ms. Jasmine Whitlow, Assistant Director for Center for Student Involvement & Leadership Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Diversity. <i>Dear White People</i> is a 2014 American satirical drama film focusing on escalating racial tensions on a college campus that is being shown on Oct. 20.</p>
<p>October 31, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: Beyond the Discussion Board: How Can I Engage Online Students? Stephanie Delaney, J.D., Ph.D. Director of eLearning, Cascadia Community College Learn how to overcome common challenges of discussion boards. Examine other options for engagement in your learning management system (LMS) and engaging students outside of the online classroom.</p>
<p>November 1, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) Boyer 235</p>	<p>D2L Training Series: Assessment in D2L Session 4 – Using Rubrics in D2L Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist, Information Technologies Consistency and convenience: a go-to combination when communicating expectations and feedback. NOTE: Bring your own device or use the desktop machines in this lab space.</p>

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<p>November 3, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 118</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Lessons and Their Application at MU Maraudership Diversity Team & Ms. Jasmine Whitlow, Assistant Director for Center for Student Involvement & Leadership Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this event focuses on the central theme of Diversity.</p>
<p>November 7, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Make Online Group Projects More Effective? B. Jean Mandernach, Ph.D. Director of the Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching, Grand Canyon University Learn methods for enhancing student satisfaction with online group work and see how to integrate current technology to enhance the effectiveness and ease of asynchronous collaboration.</p>
<p>November 8, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Using Qualtrics, MU's Online Survey Research Tool Dr. Lisa Shibley, Assistant Vice President, Institutional Assessment & Planning & Dr. Lawrence Adams, Assistant Director, Research & Assessment In this session, we will examine strategies and techniques for using Qualtrics, MU's new survey tool. Acquired in Spring 2016, the tool has powerful instructional and research opportunities.</p>
<p>November 10, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Understanding FERPA Ms. Allison Hutchinson, Registrar & Mr. Tom Richardson, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Foundations.</p>
<p>November 14, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: What Ethical Issues Lurk in My Grading Policy? Maryellen Weimer, Ph.D. Professor Emerita of Teaching and Learning, Penn State-Berks Assess your current grading practices to ensure they are grounded in fairness and objectivity. Learn about the checks and balances you can apply to your grading policies to ensure they conform to your ethical standards.</p>
<p>November 15, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Recruitment and Retention Efforts at MU Ms. Katy Ferrier, Director of Admissions and Dr. Candice Baldwin, Assistant Vice President for Student Success & Retention In this session, participants will learn about the university's recruitment and retention initiatives.</p>

<p>November 15, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) Boyer 235</p>	<p>D2L Training Series: Assessment in D2L Session 5 – Multimedia Projects: Letting go of the Medium Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist, Information Technologies Powtoon and Prezi and Timetoast oh my! Your learning objectives may not change, but the tools students use to demonstrate learning surely can.</p>
<p>November 16, 2016 2:00 – 2:55 PM Boyer 235</p>	<p>D2L Training Series: Assessment in D2L Session 5 – Multimedia Projects: Letting go of the Medium Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist, Information Technologies Powtoon and Prezi and Timetoast oh my! Your learning objectives may not change, but the tools students use to demonstrate learning surely can.</p>
<p>November 17, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 118</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Counseling and AOD Issues Dr. Dan O’Neill, Dr. Joseph Lynch & Mr. John Baltzer, Counseling and Human Services Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Wellness.</p>
<p>November 21, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: What Activities and Assignments Promote Critical Thinking? Linda B. Nilson, Ph.D. Director, Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation, Clemson University Learn to create a discipline-specific strategy to grow your students’ critical thinking skills, identify critical thinking content, and adapt your courses accordingly. This program will give you a clearer and deeper understanding of critical thinking and how to teach it in your courses.</p>
<p>November 28, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Build Academic Integrity into My Online Programs? Thomas Tobin, Ph.D. Coordinator of Learning Technologies at the Center for Teaching and Learning at Northeastern Illinois University Identify academic-integrity tools and techniques that can be adapted to fit the specific needs of your program or institution—and learn the three-stage process for putting these policies and procedures into practice.</p>
<p>November 29, 2016 Tuesday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 106</p>	<p>Brown Bag Workshop: Assessment Strategies Dr. Lisa Shibley, Assistant Vice President, Institutional Assessment & Planning In this session, Lisa will lead a workshop on strategies to effectively assess student learning in collegiate classrooms.</p>

<p>December 1, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) McNairy 118</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Counseling and Mental Health Issues Dr. Kesley Backels, Dr. Kendra Saunders & Dr. Lisa House, Counseling and Human Services Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Wellness.</p>
<p>December 5, 2016 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors</p>	<p>Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Use Peer Mentoring to Improve Online Teaching? B. Jean Mandernach, Ph.D. Director of the Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching, Grand Canyon University Explore the features of a holistic approach that aligns the selection, training, support, and evaluation of online-teaching peer mentors. Learn about the considerations of working with adjunct and/or geographically remote faculty and how to address their particular concerns.</p>
<p>December 8, 2016 Thursday Common Hour (12:05 – 1:10 PM) Byerly 8</p>	<p>Maraudership Professional Development Series: Balancing College Life: A Student Lens Maraudership Wellness Team Offered in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, this Maraudership event focuses on the central theme of Wellness.</p>