# Millersville University CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Professional Development Sessions Spring 2015

### 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

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## January/February 2015

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	Monday Morning Mentor:
	What Kinds of Questions Encourage Student
lonuoru 26, 2015	Interaction?
January 26, 2015 On demand at	Maryellen Weimer, Ph.D. Professor Emerita of Teaching and
	Learning, Penn State-Berks
http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	Changing how you use questions requires a few simple tweaks to your
	approach and not a major overhaul of your teaching methods. Learn
	the subtle things you can do to make your questions more powerful
	and your classroom interactions with students more fruitful.
	Monday Morning Mentor:
	How Should I Coach an Underperforming
	Colleague?
February 2, 2015	Robert E. Cipriano, Ed.D. Professor Emeritus, Southern
On demand at	Connecticut State University
http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	In higher education, supervisors are also colleagues, which makes
	dealing with faculty who aren't meeting expectations particularly
	challenging. Get guidance on handling poor performance. You'll learn
	how to understand what causes poor performance and concentrate
	your energy where you can do some good.
	Monday Morning Mentor:
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February 9, 2015 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014

	maximizing the educational benefits of blended learning—in a minimal amount of time make the most of what you're already doing and learn to use technology to enhance student engagement and learning.
	Promoting Quality in Online Education: An Open
February 17, 2015 12:00 – 1:00 PM McNairy 106	Forum Ms. Lauren Edgell, Director of Online Learning Dr. Oliver Dreon, Director of the Center for Academic Excellence In this open forum, we'll present different standards for quality online instruction and discuss how these can support course development.
February 19, 2015 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Lehr Dining Room Gordinier Hall	Faculty Convocation
February 23, 2015 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	Monday Morning Mentor: How Do I Use FLCs to Strengthen Institutional Assessment? Milton D. Cox, Ph.D. Founder and Director Emeritus of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning, Teaching, and University Assessment Assessment efforts are expanding and there is an untapped resource that can help you give accreditors the information they need—FLCs, or Faculty Learning Communities. With their emphasis on deep learning experiences, FLCs are able to explore assessment in a comprehensive manner, ad Sdressing the concerns of both administrators focusing on accreditation and of instructors concentrating on student learning.
February 26, 2015 12:00 – 1:00 PM McNairy 106	Fixed vs. Growth Mindset and the Implications for Teaching and Learning Dr. Sandra Deemer, Professor, Educational Foundations In this session, Carol Dweck's pivotal work on mindset will be used to frame a conversation about how we can foster positive self- perceptions and mindset within our higher education classrooms. Specific strategies related to the management and assessment of learning will be modeled and discussed.

## March 2015

	Monday Morning Mentor:
	How Do I Develop a High-Impact Capstone
March 2, 2015	Course?
On demand at	Barbara Jacoby, Ph.D. Faculty Associate for Leadership and
http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	Community Service-Learning, University of Maryland
	Capstone courses help students synthesize their college education before they embark on professional careers or graduate studies. This
	20 Minute Mentor shows you how to construct a capstone course for
	specific learning outcomes.
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March 5, 2015	Moderator: Krista Higham, University Librarian&
11:00 – 1:00 PM	Did you know that average textbook prices have increased 80% over the past 10 years. Some Millersville faculty are using creative and
McNairy 106	innovative strategies to mitigate these costs, including the use of open
j i i	textbooks and other free materials, eliminating or limiting the number
	of required texts, and encouraging the use of rentals and older editions. Please join the panel discussion to hear more about this
	increasingly problematic issue.
March 5, 2015	Paper-free grading
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist
McNairy 502	Review technologies and assignment design that helped contribute to a 47% reduction in Millersville's student printing in Fall 2014 semester.
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	How Can I Use Twitter to Improve Teaching and
	Learning?
March 0 2015	James Lang, Ph.D.
March 9, 2015 On demand at	Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, Assumption
http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	College
	Discover how you can use Twitter as an educational tool. Whether

March 19, 2015 12:00 – 1:30 PM McNairy 106

	Monday Morning Mentor:
	How Can I Help Students Develop Critical Thinking
	Skills?
March 30, 2015	Rob Jenkins, M.A. Associate Professor of English, Georgia
On demand at	Perimeter College
http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	Developing critical thinking skills is the real business of higher
	education – teaching students to analyze and dissect every idea,
	ruminate about it, and arrive at thoughtful, informed opinions. This fast, focused program will show you how to incorporate active learning
	components into every aspect of your courses, from lectures to labs,
	from writing assignments to tests.

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March 31, 2015 3:00 – 4:00 PM McNairy 502

	allowing for digital annotation and manipulation to further student success.
April 9, 2015 3:00 – 4:00 PM McNairy 502	What is MU Video and How Can I Use It With My Students? Ms. Marie Firestone, Instructional Support Specialist Did you know that Millersville has it's own YouTube? Learn about MU's new streaming web server, MUVideo, and how the tool can be used to support classroom projects and activities.
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April 13, 2015 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	Monday Morning Mentor: How Can I Incorporate a Group Poster Session into my Class? Virginia Johnson Anderson, Ed.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Towson University Learn how to successfully implement group poster sessions into your classroom. Get the tools and information you need to incorporate this impactful learning tool into your classroom.
	Monday Morning Mentor:
April 20, 2015 On demand at http://9nl.pw/MUMentors2014	What Should I Do When a Student Challenges My Authority? Ike Shibley, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Penn State-Berks Students can challenge your authority in all sorts of ways. Some are

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