

CAE NEWS

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What We've Been Up To This Spring at CAE

Enjoy brushing up on what's been happening at CAE this Spring, and don't miss summer grant and conference opportunities on page 2, followed by a review of our year's programs on page 3. Happy reading.

Spring FDEC Day: Learning from Unsung Teachers in Our Midst

Have you ever sat in a class to observe a colleague's teaching and witnessed a teaching technique executed wonderfully? There are many times that we learn from each other's teaching and subsequently improve our own, but the people who inspire us do not necessarily get the widespread recognition they deserve. Join us as we celebrate the successful teaching of colleagues who ordinarily may not be recognized.

Wednesday, May 3rd, 12:15 - 2:00, Kelley Presentation Center. Lunch provided.

[Register at this link.](#)



Grants Available for Interdisciplinary Learning

Schoolchildren at Ben's Bells are taught to collaborate together to make kindness coins that have been touched by many hands, and we at CAE are following their lead by inviting applications for faculty to develop new interdisciplinary courses or redesign existing interdisciplinary courses, for individual, team-taught or cluster courses through our June Interdisciplinary Course Design Institute. Faculty are encouraged to apply in pairs, though individual instructors interested in designing an interdisciplinary approach to a single course may also apply. Participants will participate in a three-day Course Design Institute the week of June 5, 2017 and showcase their course design in a late August Showcase at the CAE. \$1000 per participant will be paid in two intervals: \$500 upon completion of the Course Design Institute and the balance after the August showcase.

Deadline for applications is May 15; apply at www.fairfield.edu/cae

Late Spring is a great Time to Reconsider Your IDEA Results

As the semester winds down--or as May brings the chance to consider your case for promotion--take a chance to consider your teaching in a more relaxed environment. Ask someone from the CAE to take a fresh look at your IDEA results. We will come to you, and work with you to interpret your results in ways that can transform your teaching. Looking at several years of results in aggregate can transform how you think about yourself as a teacher and provide new opportunities to reflect on often-taught courses. Learn to track what strengths of your teaching you should retain and take the time to reflect on who you are as a teacher so that the next time you enter the classroom you bring a clear awareness. Email cae@fairfield.edu to schedule a consult.

Congratulations to Chris Vescovi!

The CAE's Curriculum & Technology Specialist, Chris Vescovi, completed his final Capstone Course in April and is now officially the holder of an MA in Educational Technology from the Graduate School of Education & Allied Professions. Congratulations, Chris!

Summer Opportunities

Register for a Course Design Institute

Summer is a great time to focus on re-imagining your teaching, and the CAE is there to help you every step of the way. This year, we'll be offering a number of Course Design Institutes (CDIs) - from June through August - that focus on different types of courses. From June 5th through the 9th, CAE staff will be running two CDIs: a general version that addresses the vast majority of face-to-face classes we all teach each semester, and a special Interdisciplinary offering that will allow you and a colleague (or you on your own) to build a team-taught or set of cluster courses across disciplines and departments. Then, later in August, we'll be convening again (during a yet-to-be-determined week) for CDIs on Social Justice and Writing. And don't forget that we're still accepting rolling applications for our Online Course Design Institutes. This spring has seen 25 faculty, grouped in three separate cohorts, working hard on developing new and online courses to serve our students in an engaging manner. We're hoping to launch a fourth cohort in late May or early June. Complete details along with the grant application can be found at <http://faculty.fairfield.edu/online>.

Attend the AJCU Conference on Diversity and Equity

CAE Registration Funds Available

June 13 - 16, Fairfield University will host the 37th meeting of the AJCU Conference on Diversity and Equity (CDE). Among AJCU members, the CDE fosters critical discourse on a broad range of issues regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, as these pertain to communities such as ours. Via collaboration and networking, the CDE provides a forum that enhances the educational and professional experiences of all individuals on AJCU campuses.

The theme of this year's meeting is *Where Do We Go From Here: Creating an Intersectional Vision for Radical Social Change*. Faculty seeking resources to attend may contact cae@fairfield.edu to apply for funding. Registration for the conference includes access to conference material as well as all meals (beginning with a Tuesday night reception). For more information, please go to www.fairfield.edu/ajcucde. You can also contact William Johnson, Associate Dean of Students, and the CDE 2017 Host Chair.

Recognizing Enduring Programs:**New Faculty Cohort Highlights**

The **New Faculty Cohort** meets monthly to address and discuss issues of relevance to first-year faculty, including tenure-track, visiting and professors of the practice. This year, our sessions have focused on active teaching strategies, understanding IDEA, advising, developing a mentor network, service, publishing and setting a course for promotion.

New Leaders Cohort Highlights

The **New Leaders Cohort** brings together faculty and staff across schools and centers who are new or rising leaders. Participants learn from both each other's experiences and issues, as well as from monthly topics focused on new leaders' developmental needs. This year, we've focused on: developing a vision, negotiating conflict, facilitating effective meetings, self-assessment, developing relationships, giving feedback

With Gratitude

The variety of CAE offerings are made possible with the assistance of CAE staff and campus collaborators including: Academic Affairs, Academic Computing, DiMenna-Nyselius Librarians, the Office of Student Learning, the FDEC, and individual faculty and staff.

A Look Back at New Programs Launched This Year:*Revisiting Critical Conversations in the Classroom*

During the 2016-2017, the CAE collaborated with the Faculty Chair for Diversity, Martin Nguyen, to host a series of brown bag discussions on topics that are difficult to address and discuss in the university classroom. Seven brown bag discussions were held on the topics below. Look for this series to continue next year and pass along suggested topics to as at cae@fairfield.edu.

9-26-16: Inaugural Meeting of Critical Conversations in the Classroom

10-18-16: Responding to Hot Button Topics

11-16-16: Microaggressions and the Current Political Climate

12-1-16: Teaching Black Lives Matter

1-25-17: Reflections on MLK "The Purpose of Education"

**2-22-17: Racism/Gender Equality/LGBTQ:
Difficult Conversations on Jesuit Campuses**

3-21-17: Teaching Religion in a 'Spiritual but not Religious' Moment

Celebrating Lunch Money For Writing Groups

More than 25 faculty members in 10 writing groups met all year to discuss their research projects and hold each other to task for deadlines for articles, book proposals, and conference papers. All schools were represented, with many faculty joining groups from outside of their departments. Watch for mini-grant deadlines in the fall to participate in next year's program.

Exploring Teaching Circles with Valeria Martinez

CAE Faculty Liaison reports on successful teaching circles this year below. Watch for opportunities in the fall to join a teaching circle! From Valeria:

Throughout this academic year we've had a lot of fun in teaching circles. We've enriched our teaching by learning from our colleagues' best teaching practices in different disciplines. We celebrated each other's teaching triumphs and helped each other through our teaching challenges. We also talked about how to better manage our time in and out of the classroom to help us grow in our careers and enrich our lives. But most importantly, we have laughed together throughout!



Introducing Faculty Liaison Dr. Kris Sealey

We at CAE are happy to welcome Kris Sealey as Faculty Liaison; she joins fellow Faculty Liaisons Michael Andreychik, Valeria Martinez, and Sriharsha Sundarram in supporting faculty development. Kris will assist in summer Course Design Institutes and Faculty Learning Communities in the areas of Interdisciplinary Learning and Social Justice. An Associate Professor of Philosophy, Kris has served as the director of the Peace and Justice Studies Program since 2012. Her research is situated in the areas of Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, and Postcolonial Theory. Among many appointments, she serves on the FDEC, the ASPC, and on the search committee of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. See her full bio at www.fairfield.edu/cae/

Two Faculty Share Research from FRN Refugee Seminar

Silvia Marsans-Sakly and Terry-Ann Jones created video diaries of their experience of the FRN (Faculty Resource Network) Seminar on Refugees and Migrants in the 21st Century. Check out their diaries at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/hIhJai6mBXLWI/>. We also recognize the following faculty who will participate in FRN opportunities this summer: Jessica Planas, "Designing Innovative Curricula for Health Science and Public Health"; Michelle Farrell, "The Global South and Cinemas of the Americas"; Noemi Morriberon, "Understanding Story for Social Justice in the Classroom"; Nazli Alan, Scholar-in-Residence. Find out more about FRN opportunities at www.nyu.edu/frn.

The Many Weathers of a Teaching and Research Life

With teaching and research sometimes we see only gathering clouds...



... and other times the light pokes through onto wide new vistas to navigate. We're here at the Center in all weathers to assist you with your teaching and research needs. Let us know what we can be doing to serve you better by writing to us at cae@fairfield.edu

Emily, Carol Ann & Jay

