January 22, 2014

Title: Preparing for Promotion and Tenure
Leader: Karla Hull, Fellow
When: 2-4 PM
Where: IDEA Center Living Room

Does the promotion and tenure process seem daunting? Raise your anxiety level? Come talk about strategies to make the process more manageable and less stressful. Content will focus on processual issues rather than how to complete any particular College's document, so faculty of all Colleges are welcome!

Please register for this Workshop here:

February 5, 2014

Title: “Stop Doing That Please…’: Strategies for Managing Disruptive Behavior in Class”
Leader: Kathe Lowney, Fellow-in-Residence
When: 2-4 PM
Where: IDEA Center Living Room

A cell phone rings or maybe a small group of students just won't stop talking -- how do you handle it? Do you wish you would have handled it differently? Let's talk about strategies to manage these types of "bad behaviors."

Please register for this Workshop here:

February 6, 2014

Title: “Conference Presentations Reboot”
Leaders: Talley Mulligan and David Nelson
When: 2-4 PM
Where: IDEA Center Living Room

One of the best ways to stand out at an academic conference is to give a great presentation about one's research. Unfortunately, most professors are so focused on their research and instruction that they never develop comparable skills in this department— shoehorning papers written for the eyes into the ears of unwitting colleagues. This workshop will explore a range of practical approaches to preparing memorable presentations including structuring content for clarity and conciseness, creating meaningful and engaging visual aids, and delivery of well-paced accessible talk that connects with the audience.

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February 19, 2014
Title: Making A Big Class Small
Leader: Tim Henkel
When: 2-4 PM
Where: IDEA Center Living Room

Peer instruction can be a useful tool in the classroom, and does not need to be limited based on the number of students in the class. We will discuss various techniques for using collaborative groups, problem solving and peer instruction in large and small classrooms to achieve learning goals.

Please register for this Workshop here:

March 12, 2014
Title: “Using Games as Effective Pedagogy”
Leader: Larry Hilgert, Fellow
When: 2-4 PM
Where: IDEA Center Living Room

Come learn some techniques to use games as learning opportunities for students. We'll talk about the benefits of games in the classroom, and some of the down sides as well.

Please register for this Workshop here:

March 26, 2014 [rescheduled due to VSU Snow day]
Title: “Statistically Speaking…: Don’t Let the Numbers Get You Down”
Leader: Peggy Moch, Research Fellow
When: 2-4 PM
Where: IDEA Center Living Room

Data, data, everywhere and needing a way to make it all work? A general overview from coming up with a plan to talking about coding missing data. Should you use quantitative, qualitative, or both methods? How do you decide? Come get statistically refreshed so the numbers will stop getting you down.

Please register for this Workshop here: