

Faculty Center Newsletter

Parenzo 215

Spring 2007, No. 18

Mentoring Lunches, New Faculty
Feb 7 & Apr 5
for 1st year and 2nd year Faculty

First lunch, Wed, Feb 7
11:45a - 1:15p, Faculty Center (P215)

Wednesday Coffee

This Spring and next Fall, coffee and conversation with colleagues will again be available in the Faculty Center from 9:00am to noon on *Wednesdays*.

Coffee hours scheduled:

- 4) Feb 7, Marketing, Copy Center, & Mailroom
- 5) Feb 14, Computer Information & Technology Center
- 6) Feb 21, Mass. Women in Public Higher Education
- 7) Feb 27, Public Safety
- 8) March 7, Registrar's Office
- 9) March 21, The Library
- 10) March 28, Athletics
- 11) April 4, Career Services
- 12) April 11, College Bookstore
- 13) April 18, *tba*
- 14) April 25, *tba*
- 15) May 2, Admissions & Financial Aid
- 16) May 9, President's Office

If your office, program, or department would like to sponsor a Wednesday coffee as a way of introducing more faculty to your activities, please contact Katy Milford, ex. 8140 or Diana Schwartz ex 5298.

Past Coffee hours this semester:

- 1) Jan 17, Wellness Center
- 2) Jan 24, Counseling Center
- 3) Jan 31, Academic Affairs

For Fall 2007

Proposing Lunch Topics

Topics may be wide-ranging in terms of the mission statement and of interest to faculty. Anyone proposing a session can organize other professors or staff to attend and share their ideas and observations informally, open with brief prepared remarks, or simply allow discussion to proceed from the topic.

More details are available from committee members. Sessions rotate among mid-week days during mid-day (11:30a to 1:45p).

Brown Bag Lunches

watch for email/Webpage updates

Technology-Enhanced Teaching & Learning I: WebCT and Virtual Course Environments

Wed, Feb 14, 12:30 - 1:30p, Parenzo 215
Details on back page

March 27, The College Library, Its Future, Technologies, & Resources

Faculty Center Focus Series

FIRST TIME: FACULTY SCREENING

a WSC student-made film:

Behind the White Curtain

Tuesday, February 20, 3:45p
Parenzo 215

"Not me!? Feminists and Feminisms in the Classroom"

Faculty Roundtable discussion, Tuesday,
March 20, P215, 3:00pm
Details on back page

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning SoTL

The Center encourages conversations about issues of teaching and learning. With others, we have been discussing ways to support the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ToSL) and to define what this could mean at Westfield. Ideas include coordinating working groups to discuss faculty innovations in teaching and developing more formal ways of supporting research on teaching. Interested? Contact Tim Parshall, Biology (5303) <tparshall@wsc.ma.edu>

We are always looking for...

Publications, art work, and other expressions of faculty professional activities for display and review in Parenzo 215, the Faculty Center. If you would like to share materials, or make suggestions about how to make them more widely accessible to the faculty, send materials to Diana Schwartz <dschwartz@wsc.ma.edu> x 5298) and share your ideas with any of us.

End-of-Year Party

Weds. May 16, noon, Parenzo 215
(same day, senior grades due at 2:00p)

The Faculty Center

The Faculty Center promotes discussion of and reflection on our faculty's ideas and concerns about teaching, learning, scholarship, and the profession. The Center seeks to foster a community that celebrates both the diversity of individual fields of study and the unity of academic inquiry.

The Faculty Center (Parenzo 215) is open every weekday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please feel free any time to check our resources on pedagogy and the profession. We have a growing library of books on teaching and learning, a subscription to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, handouts from previous brown bag lunch discussions, and a sample of WSC faculty promotion and tenure materials. You're also welcome to use the Faculty Center as a retreat from your office: you'll find sofas and comfortable chairs, a microwave, a coffee maker, and bottled water. We're eager to see more professors use the space, so please let us know if you have any suggestions for what you'd like in the Faculty Center.

Web Page

A WEB page for Faculty Center events is available at the WSC.edu site. Archives of reports on FC events published in the Newsletter, along with useful links to other sites are already there. Further suggestions: Oliver Zeff ozeff@wsc.ma.edu.

Faculty Center

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