

Faculty Center Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 7

Your Business is Worth a Mint to Us!

The Marketing Department, in cooperation with the Copy Center and Mailroom are sponsoring the Faculty Center Coffee Hour on Wednesday, February 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn what the marketing and publications office can do to assist your department with promotion, newsletters, brochures, web development, photography, press releases and more! Take a tour of the copy center to learn more about the new equipment that is available to help you create color signs, posters, flyers, and all of your other copy needs. Pick up tips on how to get the most from your mailing by learning what the mailroom can do for you.

"We will have pastries, fresh fruit, juices, popcorn, and other refreshments. Help us learn how to better serve the campus community by filling out our survey and be entered into a drawing for a basket of Westfield State College goodies! We hope to see you there!" - Janet Garcia, Director, Marketing.

Brown Bag Lunch Notes

February 14

How do you prepare, design, and teach in a virtual course environment? What are the differences between teaching online versus face-to-face (F2F)? How do you develop an online learning community? What are some online instructional techniques that help address various learning styles? Come hear faculty discuss their experiences with enhancing a F2F course with an online component and with completely online courses.

Discussion Leaders: Lynn Zayac, CIT, Melissa Roti, Movement Science, and others.

Focus Event Notes

March 20

A Women's Studies Affiliated Faculty panel discussion about resistance to feminism among our students in WS offerings. Panel tentatively will include:

Maddy Cahill, Vanessa Diana, Jennifer DiGrazia, Jack Loughney, Kathleen McIntosh, Margot Hennessy, Roth Ohayan, Erika Pilver, Shoba Rajgonal, Elizabeth Stassinis (chair)

This event is linked to an additional Westfield faculty panel discussion of an article by Jane Mildred, and Ximena Zúñiga (UMass, Amherst): "Working with Resistance to Diversity Issues in the Classroom: Lessons from Teaching Training and Multicultural Education," to be held at a UConn conference, "**Situating Gendered Violence within a Global Context.**" The topic there will be "*Not me!? Feminisms and feminists in the classroom: An interdisciplinary roundtable discussion by Westfield State College faculty and students on the issue of resistance to feminism in the classroom.*"

Faculty Center News

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing with exciting news about the Faculty Center. As you may remember from an e-mail at the end of last semester, Dr. Rasool has appointed Diana Schwartz (Movement Science) to serve for the spring semester as the first-ever Faculty Center coordinator. The coordinator position will make it possible for the Faculty Center to grow in new ways, and so we are naturally delighted with this increase in support from the administration and look forward to a fruitful collaboration between the Faculty Center and Academic Affairs.

Having a faculty member as Faculty Center coordinator will both ensure fundamental continuity and allow growth. Faculty members will continue to plan all the Faculty Center's programs: this semester we will sponsor our usual brown bag lunches, weekly coffee hours, mentoring lunches for new faculty, and faculty development workshops. The additional support from Academic Affairs, however, will make a range of new initiatives possible, including, we hope, funding for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning projects.

This is a pilot program, so any feedback about how it works will be immensely valuable. If you have anything to say, including ideas for Faculty Center programming, contact Diana Schwartz dschwartz@wsc.ma.edu x5298.

Diana Schwartz, *Coordinator, Spring 07*
Movement Science

Emily Todd, *English*
Joan Rasool, *Vice President, Academic Affairs*