What the Teaching and Learning Network Can Do for You

While the Teaching and Learning Network (TLN) has many goals as it works directly with the Provost’s Office, one that is currently very much in the foreground is the Teaching Plan Workshop scheduled for May. This workshop seeks to guide and aid new, mid-career, and veteran faculty in preparing to create their five-year teaching plan. You may be directed to the TLN in this regard by your chair or dean; you may be toying with incorporating a new strategy into your teaching. You may be developing courses to meet new standards and/or assessment requirements. Perhaps you are grappling with a particular element in your teaching that strikes you as needing some significant thought and/or research. If this is the case, this workshop is planned with you in mind.

You might ask, who or what is the TLN? This network has been developed over the past six years to support all faculty in their teaching. While your teaching might be your scholarship, most faculty regard their teaching load and responsibility as running alongside their scholarship plans. There may be significant crossover, some, or none at all. In any case, just as we wish to thrive in scholarship and to plan for it, we wish to improve and advance in our teaching. Hence the five-year Teaching Plan Workshop.

Three fellows are currently available to be mentors for faculty in their teaching. These fellows also act as directors of events such as lectures, teaching/learning reading groups, the New Faculty Conference, classroom innovations, grant funding, and the five-year Teaching Plan workshop. Have you heard of the new Sandbox Classroom? This innovative format for teaching is the work of CIT and the TLN.

This year’s Teaching Plan Workshop is in the works for May 26 and will be paired with a faculty scholarship planning workshop, so watch for upcoming announcements with details.

Chairs, please feel welcome to recommend this. Folks who participated in the last two years of workshops will be joining this workshop to share plans and progress.

Come prepared to discover, discuss, and develop the ways to create a teaching plan for your next five years or to alter/improve one already in place.

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for the Teaching and Learning Fellows

Lynda.com, a New Resource for Staff and Faculty

CIT and HR are proud to announce a new training resource available to all Calvin students, staff, and faculty: Lynda.com. Discover how educators and administrators supplement curricula, promote student readiness and 21st-century skills development, support staff and faculty development, stay current with classroom technologies, and more. Simply log in using your Calvin credentials. A training session will take place on April 26, at 2:30–3:30 p.m., in the Meeter Center lecture hall. Contact Amber Lepard-Nichols with questions.
From the Faculty Activity Reports

- Kristine Johnson (English), “Discursive Thresholds” (lecture, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Houston, TX, April 6–9, 2016).

Be sure to fill out your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the FAQ page.

Note: FEN activities are now called Intercultural Competency Professional Development Activities and are entered in a new system—not as FARs. You can report these types of activities via this new link. Contact diversity@calvin.edu if you have any questions.

Coming Up on Campus

**Monday, April 25**
- Chapel. Nygil Likely. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Faculty Senate meeting. 7:00 p.m., Hoogenboom 280

**Tuesday, April 26**
- Academic Advising; no classes
- Lynda.com training session. 2:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall

**Wednesday, April 27**
- Academic Advising; no classes
- Lecture. Jeffrey Andrew, Hong Kong Umbrella Movement. 3:30 p.m., Commons lecture hall
- Heritage Alumni lecture. Robert Swierenga, “A Scholar’s Life and Calvin’s Influence.” 3:30 p.m., CFAC recital hall
- Honors Convocation. 7:30 p.m., CFAC auditorium

**Thursday, April 28**
- Chapel. Jazz Prayers with Calvin Jazz Combo. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Chemistry seminar. Wentiirim Annankra, “Development of Initial Structure-Activity Relationships (SAR) of an Arylcarbamate Series for the Treatment of Neglected Filarial Tropical Diseases.” 11:30 a.m., Science Building 010
- Mathematics and Statistics colloquium. Honors student presentations. 3:30 p.m., North Hall 276

**Friday, April 29**
- Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Biology seminar. Peter Dornbos (MSU), “Biomedical Toxicology.” 1:30 p.m., Science Building 010