FALL 2009

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR INSTRUCTORS ORIENTATION AND RECEPTION
The Office of the Provost will host an orientation and information session, followed by a reception for faculty and staff members teaching First Year Seminars during the 2009-10 academic year.
Tuesday August 18 • 4:30-6:00
Pomerantz Center C-310

“CLICKERS” USER CONFERENCE
Featuring Derek Bruff (Vanderbilt University) and University of Iowa faculty members.
Many instructors employ student response systems to great advantage. We will share best practices for using “clickers” to engage students and assess their learning. The conference also will introduce the UI’s new clicker systems, TurningPoint and TurningPoint Anywhere. For novice and experienced users.
Sponsored by ITS-Instructional Services and the Center for Teaching.
Friday September 18 • 8:30-3:30
University Capitol Centre Conference Center

DRAWN INTO LEARNING
Join us for a lively, hands-on, artful workshop about how to help students tap into deep learning—and their visual and kinesthetic learning styles—by creating cartoons and comic strips.
UI faculty members Mark Isham and Rachel Williams will illustrate how comic strip and cartoon assignments can help students improve their recall, better reflect on their learning experiences, and share narratives. Participants also will discuss how these genres can stimulate and supplement writing instruction.
Paper and art supplies will be provided.
Tuesday September 22 • 11:00-1:00
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

ifoio: The University of Iowa’s Innovative Learning Portfolio Tool
This workshop will highlight the rich learning opportunities offered by the portfolio approach and showcase several ifoios custom-designed by ITS-IS staff for a number of UI departments and programs.
Friday October 2 • 3:00-5:00
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

Technology to Enhance Teaching
Has chalk gone the way of the steam engine? Today’s instructors can choose from an array of innovative technologies—ICON, Illuminate, “clickers,” and social media such as Facebook and Twitter—to help students develop critical thinking skills.
Friday October 16 • 3:00-5:00
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

End-of-the-Semester Challenges
Tests are an important way to evaluate student performance—but only one of many. We’ll talk about how you can help students prepare for exams as well as how to respond when they ask questions about their grades. We’ll also address the issue of cheating and plagiarism.
Friday November 13 • 3:00-5:00
Pappajohn Business Building 5-401

CALANDAR OF EVENTS

EVENTS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Tips for Teaching
Come share ideas about how to organize and teach undergraduate courses to provide the best classroom experience for you and your students. This workshop will offer suggestions about pre-semester preparation, the early days, learner-centered teaching, and classroom management.
Friday August 28 • 3:00-5:00
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

Motivating Student Learning
Sometimes students seem less than involved in classroom activity. They may appear to stare into space, text on their cell phones, surf the Internet, or even sleep. We will discuss strategies and activities to encourage and reward classroom participation.
Friday October 2 • 3:00-5:00
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PAPER AND ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.