

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

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Dear faculty,

Halfway through the semester, many of us have used a lot of our old faithful strategies and are running out of ideas to motivate and encourage attention. Here's a fun tool to help out: The [Active Learning Library](#) offers 40 different learning activities. You can filter various ways. For example, I filtered for an "easy activity" that "encourages students to monitor their own progress," and I got 7 suggestions: Entry Ticket, Fist-to-Five, Collaborative Note-taking, Muddiest Point, Minute Paper, 3-2-1 Survey, and Student Test Questions. Although the tool doesn't tell you exactly how to do the activity, links to deeper resources are provided (and maybe it's more inspiring for creativity not to have a recipe).

I want to highlight this upcoming workshop: [Solo Success: Thriving When You're the Only \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ in Your Department](#): **Friday Oct. 21, 9am-12pm, in person only.** [Register for more info and location.](#) This workshop from the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) specifically addresses the concerns of faculty (and graduate students considering the faculty path) who are alone in their department in some way. Connect with a community for support and accountability, and learn specific strategies for increasing productivity, serving strategically, teaching efficiently, and building strong and healthy professional relationships.

Take care,

Victoria

PS: ALL faculty, staff, and graduate students have access to NCFDD materials through our institutional membership. Here is how to [activate your NCFDD account](#).

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**From Friends of CAFE:**

- [Faculty Advisor Certificate Workshops and Day of the Advisor](#): New and seasoned faculty advisors are invited to attend any or all events! Faculty who attend at least four sessions throughout the year will earn a Faculty Advisor Certificate. Save Friday Nov. 4 for the Day of the Advisor conference.
- [Open Access Week 2022 workshops October 25-27th](#). Learn about working with [Open Data](#), finding [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) and [Open Access publishing in the CSU](#). Graduate students and faculty alike will find new tools of interest. For questions, contact [Ariel Hahn](#), Data Management Librarian.

**Effective, Efficient, and Enjoyable Teaching:**

- **[The Fearless Classroom](#)**: Friday Oct. 14, 10:00am – 12:00pm, via Zoom: The award-winning Fearless Classroom program is based on the concepts of psychological safety and non-violent communication. More than 40 CPP faculty from disciplines around the campus have used the strategies to engage their students. [Please register](#) for the link.
- **[The Fearless Classroom 2.0](#)**: Friday Oct. 28, 10:00am-12:00pm\*, via Zoom: Follow up to the award-winning "[Fearless Classroom](#)" workshop! Learn more about the research underlying equitable classroom practices that lead to psychological safety, and take your strategies to a deeper level. [Please register](#) for the link. \*Time corrected from last week's email, which mistakenly gave 12-2pm as the time.
- **["Small Teaching Strategies, Important Learning Gains" Series](#)**: Learn practical, research-based strategies that are quickly and easily adoptable. All sessions held via Zoom. [Register for one or attend all!](#)
  - Tuesday Oct. 25, 12:00-1:15pm: Exam wrappers & revision memos
  - Tuesday Nov. 15, 12:00-1:15pm: Connections, practice, and explanations
  - Thursday Dec. 1, 12:00-1:15pm: Summing up and preparing for finals

### Research, Scholarship, & Career Support:

- LAST CALL: **[Solo Success: Thriving When You're the Only \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ in Your Department](#)**: Friday Oct. 21, 9am-12pm, in person only. [Register for more info and location](#). Facilitated by Dr. Carlita Favero, Ursinus University.
- **"Everybody's Mentor"**: Lisa Kessler, CAFE faculty associate and retired interim Dean of Agriculture, provides individual, confidential consultation and coaching. Email [Lisa](#) directly to set up an appointment.
- **The "CAFE Creates" Writing Group: Fall Semester Wednesdays, 9am-11am**. Contact [Amy Dao](#) or [Erica Morales](#) for more information and to join.

### Technology:

**[The End of Blackboard](#)**: Cal Poly Pomona's contract with Blackboard ends June 2023. After that time, no one will be able to get data from Blackboard. Faculty will need to "harvest" any materials and information you want to have access to. Neither CAFE nor IT&IP will be able to provide individual support (i.e. we can't do it for you). See our [Transitioning from Blackboard](#) site for more information, tutorials, and sessions.

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