To: CPP Faculty
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Subject: Spring Syllabus, ChatGPT, the end of Blackboard, and more
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Dear faculty,

I hope everyone has had and is still having an enjoyable, healthy break! The CAFE team is back on campus and here to help as you get ready for classes.

Here is a resource to use immediately for your [Spring 2023 Syllabus](#). See an explanation of CPP's syllabus policy, a checklist for meeting the policy requirements while using inclusive practices, and three annotated sample syllabi with similar content but varying styles. You are welcome to use, copy, and adapt any parts of the sample syllabi that you wish. If you do, take a little time to revise, because your syllabus should sound like your writing.

Speaking of writing. If you have not yet heard of [ChatGPT](#) you soon will. Powerful artificial intelligence tools like this one and others can be a thrilling learning asset or a serious problem -- or both -- depending upon how skillfully we as a university community use and respond to it. I'm hosting an open [Zoom on Friday Jan. 20, 2:00-3:30pm](#), during which we'll look at ChatGPT and discuss productive, positive responses. Please don't expect definitive answers, but an exploration of questions and issues.

See below for all of CAFE's upcoming programs and resources, plus a reminder about ***what the end of CPP's contract with Blackboard means for you***.

Happy New Year,

Victoria

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Technology News:

- **Blackboard is ending:** Cal Poly Pomona's contract with Blackboard ends June 2023. After that, *no one* will be able to get data from Blackboard. Make a plan to get materials and information you want to save. See CAFE's [Transitioning from Blackboard](#) site for more information, tutorials, and how to get help.
- [**ChatGPT Zoom Discussion**](#): Friday Jan. 20, 2:00 – 3:30pm. Open discussion about what this tool is and how to deal with it in the classroom.

Faculty Community, Research, Scholarship, & Career Resources:

- [**Faculty Zoom Mondays**](#): Mondays January 23 – May 22, 12pm-1pm. Drop into this open [Zoom Room](#) to share ideas, questions, and strategies with other faculty. Get a little tech help if needed.
- [**The Friday Zoom Café**](#): Fridays January 27 – May 19, 3pm-4pm. For a private conversation, join the Friday Zoom Café. You'll be placed in the Zoom waiting room until your turn. (You can also schedule a conversation with Victoria any time, just [email](#).)
- ***"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.
- **Feedback on SPICE and RSCA grant proposals:** Lisa Kessler will provide individual, confidential feedback on proposals. Email [Lisa](#) directly to set up an appointment.

Lecturer-Specific Resources:

- **Lecturers are included and invited to ALL CAFE's programs and to use all of our resources!** This whole email is for lecturers, in addition to the lecturer-specific programs in this section.
- **CAFE Asynchronous Lecturer Orientation via Canvas:** Please contact Victoria Bhavsar directly for registration (vbhavsar@cpp.edu). Get information about contract, employment, and the California Faculty Association; strategies and resources for supporting the success of all students through excellent teaching and positive classroom climate; university policies and procedures that require compliance; questions to ask at department and college level for thorough onboarding. *There is a $300 stipend for completing orientation activities.*
- [**Lecturer evaluation workshop via Zoom**](#): **Wednesday Feb. 1 or Thursday Feb. 2, 12:00 – 1:30pm.** For lecturers required to undergo annual evaluation or submit a packet for a 3-year evaluation. Learn about the parts of an effective self-evaluation narrative, analyzing and describing student ratings data, and what else to include in an evaluation packet. [Registration required](#).

Dr. Luke Wood speaks about "Racelighting" at CAFE's Winter Institute 2023

Wednesday January 18, 2023, 10 -- 11:30am.

CAFE is delighted to host (via Zoom) Dr. Luke Wood, Distinguished Professor of Education at San Diego State University, for our Winter Institute 2023: "Doing the Work" 2.0: Anti-Racist Teaching & Learning. [Register for Zoom](#) or join us in person on the 4th floor of the University Library.

From Friends of CAFE:

- **[ACE Women Networks Pathways to Success](#)** – **February 3, 9am-1pm**: This free virtual program, open to all, examines pathways to success in higher education leadership. A special feature is the *Male Leaders in Allyship* panel**.** [Get details and register](#).
- **[NSF I-Corps Spring 2023 Short Course](#)** **-- March 10, March 24, & April 7, 2023:** In this FREE institute, participants work together to translate their research, products, start-ups, technology, or ideas into the marketplace, with an in-person field trip March 24. Learn how to qualify to apply to the NSF National Innovation Network Team Program with up to $50,000 in funding. [Apply by Sunday, February 19, 2023.](#)

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