

To: CPP Faculty  
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Dear faculty,

As you put the final touches on Canvas sites and assignments and your plans for the first day of class, I want to share two strategies from creative faculty. I plan to use both strategies myself this semester.

- [From Kate Ozment](#), a strategy that cleverly uses Canvas to help students meet assignment requirements, and helps Kate to provide feedback that students will actually *use* to improve their work.
- [From Rachel Baumsteiger](#), a strategy that has a huge ROI (return on investment) for students' feelings of belonging, which is an important aspect of supporting achievement in a course.

Don't forget that ***Blackboard is ending!!!!*** If there's anything you still need to get from Blackboard, now's the time. See below for help.

Take care,

Victoria

PS: If you have a great strategy, send me a description!

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**In this email:**

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**Technology News:**

- **Blackboard. Is. Ending:** Cal Poly Pomona's contract with Blackboard ends June 2023. After that, no one – 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: Friday Jan. 20, 2:00-3:30pm.** We'll look at ChatGPT and discuss productive, positive responses.

### Faculty Community & Career:

- **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.

### Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities:

- **Last call: Spring 2023 Faculty Learning Community for Research & Scholarship:** David Edens (Nutrition & Food Science) facilitates. We are grateful to David for taking this on in place of Rick Willson, who sadly passed away late last year and is much missed. Faculty in all disciplines and career stages are invited to revitalize or initiate research & scholarship. The group will discuss scholarship of integration and application; scholarship of teaching and learning; interdisciplinary research and new topics; community action research; and creative works. **Thursdays from 12-2pm (Feb. 2, 16, Mar. 2, 16)**. Contact [David Edens](#) to join.
- **"CAFE Creates" Writing Group:** Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm, via Zoom. Join other faculty getting their writing done in this low-pressure and high-productivity environment. Email [Amy Dao](#) to join.
- **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](mailto: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](#).
- Here are two useful articles, especially if you teach at multiple campuses (hat tip to Charlie Royas, Aerospace!): [Mastering the Adjunct Flow at Multiple Colleges](#) and [Steps to Prioritise Competing Workloads](#).

### 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](#).
- [Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program](#) – **Deadline to apply February 15**: CDIP provides mentorship, professional development and financial support to doctoral students who have the motivation, skills and experience needed to teach the diverse student body of the CSU. See [CPP CDIP](#) for more information and to apply.
- [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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