

To: CPP Faculty

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Subject: Resource for holding good discussions; upcoming programs & resources

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Dear faculty,

As we start Week 2, I've heard from some faculty that Week 1 was a tough start. Things like "This was the hardest start for me yet," and "Haven't found my stride." I'm not sure what's going on – maybe both we and the students are adjusting to a much more fully face-to-face return? Anyway, if you are feeling anxious and already behind, you're not alone. Faculty Zoom Mondays or Zoom Café on Fridays ([see below](#)) are a good place to talk to other faculty and get some perspective.

Meanwhile, check out the wonderfully practical [Discussion Book: 50 Great Ways to Get People Talking](#) (link to CPP Library e-book). I especially like Ch. 9 "Conversational Moves," Ch. 13 "Nominating Questions," Ch. 21 "Participation Rubric," and Ch. 49 "Conversational Roles."

Take care,

Victoria

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Effective Teaching Strategies:

- [ACUE Microcredential "Promoting Active Learning"](#): Faculty teaching courses with historically low pass rates are invited to participate in this popular professional development activity starting in early March through early May. A stipend is available for completion. There is limited space so [register your interest](#) quickly.
- [Instructional Design Services](#): Did you know that you can get one-on-one consultation with a CAFE instructional designer? They can give feedback on assignment design, ideas for useful technologies, how-to help, or just listen.

Technology:

- **Learn about custom [Multimedia Learning Object](#) projects:** [Tuesday Feb. 21, 12-12:45pm](#) or [Wednesday Feb. 22, 3 – 3:45pm](#) (via Zoom, please register). CAFE's Erick Zelaya presents examples of Multimedia Learning Objects (MLO) and discusses how MLOs can help students to grasp abstract concepts. CAFE has two multimedia developers who can create customized MLOs. We don't know of another CSU that has this service!
- **CSU "Crunch" Apple Series:** If you use an iPad or Mac, this series of [hands-on virtual learning sessions](#), open to faculty across the CSU, presents useful tactics. Sessions are not recorded.

Faculty Community & Career:

- **Call for Applications for the [CSU Alliance for Diversity & Strengths of STEM Early-Career Faculty](#):** This NSF-funded program supports early-career faculty to bring their authentic selves to their roles, providing strengths-based coaching and networking. Participate either as an early-career faculty, including lecturers, or as a senior STEM faculty coach. [Review of applications](#) will begin Feb. 28, 2023. PI [Victoria Bhavsar](#) and co-PI's [April Dawn](#) & [Monica Palomo](#) are available for questions.
- **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:

- **Writing for the Public with Kavita Das:** Friday, February 3, 9:00 – 10:30am. The Office of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies (OIES) launches spring semester with educator and writer **Kavita Das**, who publishes for high-profile outlets including *The Atlantic*, CNN, NBC News, and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*. Then join OIES at Innovation Brew Works from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Spots are limited! [Register quickly](#).
- **"CAFE Creates" Writing Group:** Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm, via Zoom. Join other faculty getting their writing done in this low-pressure, 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:

- **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](#).

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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