

To: CPP Faculty  
From: Victoria Bhavsar  
Subject: A discussion strategy; CAFE's Summer Institute 2023  
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Dear faculty,

I want to share a discussion strategy that worked like a charm in class last week. Here's the [whole story](#) (linking out so this email isn't too long).

Drum roll please! Introducing CAFE's Summer Institute 2023: *Discovering Stories: Scholarship of Teaching & Learning in Your Discipline*. This multi-week, fully remote experience in late May – end of June invites us to treat our classrooms as spaces worthy of serious, systematic, publishable study. We'll plan "micro-SoTL projects" that can be carried out within one semester and written up the next semester, with special emphasis on projects that contribute to student success and/or build on our previous work in anti-racist teaching & learning. Watch for registration opening soon.

Also: If you want someone to come and visit your class, CAFE can do that for you. You'll get confidential notes from a trained observer, focusing on your strengths. The notes are just for you, we don't share them with anyone else. Email me if you're interested.

Take care,  
Victoria

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**Effective Teaching Strategies:**

- **NEW: Research and Strategies for Equity in Physics Grading and Assessment: Thursday March 16, 2:30pm, Bldg 4-1-314 (in person only).** Cassandra Horner (SJSU) shares her research on how grading scales (letter vs percent) impact equity in course outcomes. Contact [Qing Ryan](#) for questions.
- **Fearless Classroom 2.0: Friday March 24, 10am-12pm, via Zoom.** Follow up on the award-winning "[Fearless Classroom](#)" workshops. Learn more about the research underlying equitable

classroom practices that lead to psychological safety, and take your strategies to a deeper level. [Please register](#).

- **Wall of COOL 2023: Friday April 21, 9am-12pm.** Join us in person or via Zoom! From 9 – 10:15, hear from our four Wall of COOL 2023 faculty about their courses. From 10:30 on, we'll have a keynote workshop from Steve Robinow, host of the Teaching for Student Success podcast! [Please register](#).

#### Technology:

- **Do you need Canvas help?** Don't email Victoria, 'cause she probably can't help! Instead, email [canvas@cpp.edu](mailto:canvas@cpp.edu) or call Studio 6 (M-F, 8am-5pm), at 909-869-3099.
- **Create Professional Course Videos at MediaVision's Open House: Tuesday March 21, 11:00am – 2:00pm, Building 98-B1-262.** Are you looking for creative ways to engage your students? Check out [MediaVision](#)! Visit the studios, take part in interactive video demos, and collaborate with fellow faculty and staff to discover innovative solutions for your classroom.

#### Faculty Community & Career:

- **NEW: President's Leadership Excellence Initiative Faculty Learning Community 2023-2024:** If you are potentially interested in leadership at CPP, this FLC will help you both decide upon and prepare for that pathway. Join the more than 65 faculty who have participated in the last 10 years. [Applications](#) due April 19, 2023, 8am. For questions, contact [Lisa Kessler](#).
- **NEW: "Leading while Brown" Discussion: Tuesday April 25, 12:00 – 12:50pm in person only, Library Room 4829.** Join new ENV Dean Mary Ann Akers for a short presentation followed by discussion of the group's perspectives and experiences. Feel free to bring your lunch! [Please register](#). Contact [Lisa Kessler](#) with questions.
- **NEW: Parenting Bronco & Me classes from the University Library.** Bring infants and toddlers to read, play, share and learn about the importance of the first 3 years of life! Various dates; facilitated by Giselle Navarro-Cruz, Denise Urzua, & Sally Romero.
- **Faculty Day! Thursday April 20, 11:30am-1pm, Centerpointe Dining Hall.** This long-standing celebration of faculty is CAFE's treat! All CPP faculty -- full-time, part-time, retired, new, and all in between -- are invited to enjoy lunch and time with colleagues for this fully in-person event. Come as you can and leave when you need to. [Please register](#) (it's helpful for the hardworking folks at Centerpointe!).
- **"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:

- **National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity:** Thanks to President Coley, CPP has an institutional membership to the premier professional development provider for faculty success. [Activate your membership](#) to get extensive resources on scholarship, publishing, and mentoring. Our current favorite is the [Hidden Handbook](#).
- **"CAFE Creates" Writing Group:** Mondays 2-4pm and/or 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 grant proposals:** Lisa Kessler will provide individual, confidential feedback on proposals. Email [Lisa](#) directly to set up an appointment.

**From Friends of CAFE:**

- **NEW: [Nutrition Resource Fair](#), Thursday May 16 11am – 2pm, University Park** (between BSC and Stables). The students of NTR 3450 *Nutrition Education and Counseling* will offer info and answer questions about nutrition for academic performance, fueling foods, food for mood, overcoming food insecurity, and many more topics. Drop on by!
- **[Academic Innovations Summer Conference](#), May 31 – June 2, 2023**, in person at Kellogg West. Join faculty and staff from all over Southern California to *explore Pathways to the Future: Exploring the Intersection of Learning, Work, and Community*. Registration costs for CPP faculty and staff are covered (use promo code “CPP2023”). [Get more information and register.](#)
- **[I Am First webinars](#)** (register separately for each):
  - **[Engaging Family to Bolster First-Gen Student Well-Being and Success](#): Wednesday March 22, 12:00 – 1:00pm**
  - **[Practical Strategies for Faculty and Staff to Cultivate First-Gen Student Success](#): Wednesday April 19, 12:00 – 1:00pm.**
- **[Office of Assessment Zoom workshops](#)** (register separately for each):
  - **[Record Keeping for Program Assessment](#): Friday March 17, 12:00 -- 12:45pm.** Good record-keeping is essential to document progress and to prepare for program review or accreditation. Get ideas to develop a system that benefits your program.
- **[PolyX Spring Applications](#)** – Apply to add your Signature Polytechnic Experience to the PolyXHub! Deadline is **Friday April 7**.

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