

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

Subject: Last call for registering for the Nov. 3 AI Symposium!

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Dear faculty,

Even small ideas for changing teaching for the better can take a while to grow roots in our classrooms. From a CPP colleague, here's two good ideas (explanatory links added) plus some encouragement to keep at it:

*After going to A LOT of workshops, I've finally, permanently implemented a couple of suggestions. I guess an old professor can learn new tricks! Every day I stop before the end of class and ask about the "[muddiest point](#)." First, though, I have them go into groups so they can explain it to each other and have them ask as a group so no one student feels exposed. I do this every class and it's really helped. I also use an [exam wrapper](#) and that's been very helpful as well.*

Here's the LAST last call for the [AI in the Classroom and Beyond: Campus Symposium](#)! It's Friday November 3, in person; registration deadline is October 25. We've had a fantastic response to this program, so please come and lend your voice to the discussions!

Take care,

Victoria

PS: You'll notice that your Spring 2024 Canvas shells are already available! Join [Tech Tuesday on Oct. 24](#) to get tips for making beautiful courses that support students to succeed.

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**[AI in the Classroom and Beyond: Campus Symposium](#): Friday November 3, in person. Registration deadline is October 25!**

CAFE collaborates with Academic Innovations, the Library, and IT&IP for a day of engaging presentations and discussions. Enjoy keynote speaker Luis Salazar, founder & CEO of AI for Social Progress, a variety of CPP speakers, and special workshops from Tracy Mendolia-Moore (Western U) and Sandeep Krishnamurthy (CPP's Singelyn Family Dean of the College of Business Administration). [Please register.](#)

**[Winter Institute \*Doing the Work: Anti-Racist Teaching & Learning\*: Jan. 9-12, 2024, in person.](#)**

Consider together what it means and how to offer a course that goes beyond using generally effective strategies to being anti-racist. CAFE previously offered "Doing the Work" in Summer 2022 and Winter 2023. Whether you participated previously or not, the 2024 Winter Institute will support you, as we will build on our past sessions as well as introduce new topics. Faculty of any discipline and status are welcomed and encouraged to participate. This is a paid offering; we have capacity for a maximum of 30 faculty participants. [Register and save the dates.](#)

**Teacher-Scholar:**

- **[Technology Tuesdays](#)**: Tuesday Oct. 24, 12:00 – 12:50pm via Zoom ([see the schedule and register with the link](#)). Get ideas for “spiffing up” your Canvas course. Erick Zelaya of CAFE presents.
- **[Fearless Classroom 2.0](#)**: Friday Oct. 27, 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.](#)
- **[Fearless Classroom Original workshop](#)**: Friday Nov. 17, 10am – 12pm via Zoom. This data-proven project positively impacts student success from psychologically safe learning environments. Join the [Fearless Classroom](#) movement. Join the workshop at <https://cpp.zoom.us/j/87333804751>.
- **[“Assigning Final Grades” Informative Session & Discussion \(via Zoom\)](#)**: **Monday Nov. 27, 12 – 1pm OR Tuesday Nov. 28 12 – 1pm**. The Registrar team describes how to determine students' final grades, with special attention to Incompletes, WU's vs F's, RP's, and RD's. If you don't know what those letters stand for, or you uncomfortably assign a final grade without knowing all its implications, this session will be useful. [Please register.](#)

**Individual consultations**

Workshops and conferences are great, but individual feedback can be the most effective in enhancing your practice in multi-faceted faculty work. CAFE provides individual, confidential\* consultations. We have two certified Gallup strengths coaches ([April Dawn](#) & [Victoria Bhavsar](#)) and “Everybody’s Mentor” [Lisa Kessler](#). Please reach out directly! (\*We are mandated reporters under Title IX.)

**Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities:**

- **[Mentoring through Funds of Knowledge](#)**: Self-enroll in Project LOGRAR’s course on enhancing the mentoring of graduate students via a “funds of knowledge” framework. This asset created by Education faculty Sara Juarez and Giselle Navarro-Cruz, and Civil Engineering faculty Ghada Gad, provides faculty mentors with resources to help Cal Poly Pomona graduate students, especially students of color, feel welcomed and supported throughout the graduate school experience.
- **[Publication Opportunity](#)**: “[CSU Global](#),” particularly the [CSU Global Journal](#), is an emerging California-focused publication based at Cal Poly Humboldt. Submissions are peer-reviewed.
- **[CAFE Creates Fall 2023](#)**: Join other faculty via Zoom to get writing done in a low-pressure, high-productivity environment -- state your goals. Sit and write. Cheer each other on!
  - Email [Erica Morales](#) for calendar invites on Wednesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm.
  - Email [Amy Dao](#) for calendar invites on Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00am.

#### Friends of CAFE:

- **[Center for Community Engagement Faculty Impact Grant](#)**: CCE Impact Grants of up to \$1000 for projects that connect academic learning with community needs. Application deadline **Nov. 17, 5:00pm**.
- **[CSU Symposium on Teaching & Learning](#)**: CSU San Bernardino brings back this CSU tradition in February 2024! Share your ideas about teaching and learning across the CSU. Submit a presentation proposal by **November 12**.
- **[Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program \(CDIP\)](#)**: Is your department searching for a new faculty member? See the CDIP “On the Market” directory for CDIP Fellows. CDIP also provides incentive funding to cover the cost of interviews for CDIP Fellows. Contact CDIP Manager [Liz Sanchez](#) or CDIP Faculty Director, [Dr. Katy Pinto](#) for more information.
- **[Note from the Bookstore](#)**: Participate in the [2023 Faculty Watch Survey](#). Share your opinions about course material adoptions, formats, and usage to be entered to win a \$50 gift card. The Bookstore would greatly appreciate your input! [Complete the survey](#) by 9am Tuesday Oct. 31.
- **[CSU Racial Equity Leadership Alliance classroom-related eConvenings](#)**: Register at each link using your CPP email address. For questions, contact Presidential Associate & CDO [Cindy Pickett](#) or [Minh Tran](#), Director of Racial Equity Research Partnerships at USC.
  - [Teaching the Truth About America’s Racial History](#): Thurs. Nov. 2, 10am – 12pm
  - [Inclusive Classrooms and Teaching Practices](#): Thurs. Dec. 7, 10am – 12pm

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**Get Canvas help from CAFE**: Submit a [Canvas ticket using this link](#). Call 909-869-3099 from 8am – 5pm.