

To: CPP Faculty
From: Victoria Bhavsar
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Dear faculty,

Happy Spring Semester 2024! One thing about being a faculty member, it's not boring.

Here's an example of something that I really like for the first day or two of class, a short ["value added" activity](#) that you re-visit at the end of the semester (so it's a good last-day activity too). It's especially useful this semester because the usual first-week churn is a bit more turbulent, so we want a little more flexibility in requirements here at the beginning.

See more [first-day activity ideas](#), including a high-energy entry, name cards with a special feature, and syllabus reconnaissance. In addition, check out [NameCoach in Canvas](#) – you can easily learn to pronounce all your students' names

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Take care,

Victoria

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Teacher-Scholar: Friday April 19, 2024: "Equity in Practice" Symposium

CAFE, the Office of Student Success, and IRPA invite faculty and staff to offer presentations and posters on their work. Our goal is to connect people and illuminate and amplify effective practices. We'll also present the [Wall of COOL 2024](#) awards! Save the date and watch for the calls for presentations.

Faculty Career:

- **For Lecturers only:** [Lecturer Evaluation Narrative Workshops & Q&A](#): **Tuesday Feb. 6, 12:00 – 2:00pm OR Wednesday Feb. 7, 12:00 – 2:00 pm** (via Zoom). For lecturers required to submit a packet for annual evaluation or a 3-year evaluation. Covers the parts of an effective self-

evaluation narrative, analyzing and describing student ratings data, and what else to include in an evaluation packet. Workshops will be recorded, but attend in real time to get specific questions answered. [Please register.](#)

- **Peer Review of Teaching: Wednesday Feb. 28, 11am-1pm OR Thursday Feb. 29, 11am-1pm** (via Zoom). Cal Poly Pomona's evaluation of faculty teaching relies on careful, constructive peer review. How can peer review be more consistent, more useful, and less time-consuming, while being in alignment with Cal Poly Pomona policy? Based on scholarship in faculty evaluation, this session will offer ideas, rubrics, and instruments to support both peer reviewers and faculty who are reviewed. Workshops will be recorded, but attend in real time to get specific questions answered. [Please register.](#)

Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- **Prevent, De-Escalate, and Respond: What To Do about Disruptive Student Behavior:** Learn to prevent disruptive student behavior and de-escalate when poor behavior does crop up by responding from a culture of care and connecting students with the help they need. Work through real-life case studies and talk about your own experiences with students. Part 1 (1 hr): Disruptive Behavior, Prevention & De-Escalation Techniques. Part 2 (1 hr): Respond with a Culture of Care. If needed, you can attend Part 1 and Part 2 on different days. Sessions will NOT be recorded.
 - Register for [MONDAY Feb. 12, 12pm - 2pm](#). (Via Zoom)
 - Register for [THURSDAY Feb. 22, 12pm - 2pm](#). (Via Zoom)
 - Presented by Nicole Mendoza, Education & Outreach Specialist with Student Conduct & Integrity; Vanessa Penalzoza, Student Conduct Coordinator with Student Conduct & Integrity; Marysol Mendoza, Director of the Care Center, and Weston Prisbrey, Interim Associate Dean of Students.
- **CSU Course on AI in Teaching & Learning:** Learn basic AI terminology, engage in hands-on exploration of AI Tools, learn strategies for detecting AI-generated content, and techniques to address potential misuse of AI tools by students. Develop a personalized AI use policy and find resources to maintain currency in this dynamic field. 3 weeks, 20-25 hours, online, asynchronous. Feb 26, 2024 – Mar 17, 2024 OR Mar 25, 2024 – Apr 14, 2024. [Get on the waitlist!](#)

Friends of CAFE:

- **Parenting Student Ally Training: Friday Feb. 9, 11am – 1pm** (via Zoom). *Parenting Student Allies* are a network of faculty, staff, and students who promote awareness, support, and resources for students with dependents. Get an authentic view into the lives of parenting students through a student panel, discuss parenting students in a non-judgmental and safe environment, and receive a certificate and Ally placard to post. [Register and get the meeting link via MyBar.](#)
- **Kellogg Honors College 20th Anniversary Lecture: Thursday Feb. 15, 4 – 5pm, BSC Ursa Major** (in person; [please register](#)). *The Power of Daring*, Dr. Kat Echazarreta. Electrical engineer Dr. Echazarreta says, “After battling with self-doubt, personal setbacks, and financial hardship I had one choice to make. Do I forge my own path or do I stop trying? From lack of financial resources to attend a university to dreaming of one day touching the stars, this talk highlights

the power of trusting yourself along a difficult, long, and strenuous process.” For more information contact the [Kellogg Honors College](#).

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