

To: CPP Faculty
From: Victoria Bhavsar
Subject: Before Spring Break
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Dear faculty,

As we approach Spring Break (yesssss!!!), here are two helpful announcements for your students:

- **Spring Break Safety Fair:** Thursday March 28, 12 - 1pm, University Park (near the Bronco Student Center). Students can get information on alcohol safety, fentanyl & narcan, sexual health, vaccines, and more, plus meet Billy Bronco and get some fun swag.
- **Scholarship Fest ends on April 2!:** The university is awarding *millions of dollars* to students of all majors. Encourage students to apply at [CPP Scholarships](#) by April 2. If you have a little time in class, you can even have students open up the application together this week of next.

I also want to highlight the upcoming [“Equity in Practice” Symposium!](#) With 2 plenary sessions, 6 20-minute talks, 15 lightning talks, and 20 posters, there’s a campus-wide array of data-based stories about creative ways to support students and enrich our work. [Please register](#) by April 10.

Finally, here’s an oldie-but-goodie tip for getting to Spring Break: Drink a little more water, but not more caffeine. Most people drink about 500 mL of water per day, less than half what’s needed optimal functioning. Staying hydrated helps reduce fatigue, stimulate cognition, and improve mood. I know I could use all that.

Take care,

Victoria

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In this email:

- [Equity in Practice Symposium:](#) Register for the Symposium!
- [Teacher-Scholar:](#) Weekly writing group
- [Faculty Career:](#) Lecturer essentials workshop
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[“Equity in Practice” Symposium: Friday April 19, Kellogg West](#)

Many thanks to the 40+ faculty and staff who submitted interesting, inspiring ideas for presentations for the April 19 Equity in Practice Symposium! Now it’s time to register for this informative, celebratory event. [Please register](#) by April 10.

Teacher-Scholar:

- **“CAFE Creates” Weekly Writing: Wednesdays 10:30am – 12:30pm and Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00am.** Join other faculty [via Zoom](#) to write in a low-pressure, high-productivity environment. Step 1: State your goals. Step 2: Sit and write. Step 3: Cheer each other on! For questions or to get a calendar invitation, contact [Amy Dao](#) (Geography).

Faculty Career:

- **Lecturer Essentials Workshop: Friday March 22, 10:00 – 11:00am via Zoom.** Entitlement, reappointment, one- and three-year appointments, and evaluation. Contact [Lydia Chen Shah](#) for questions. [Please register.](#)

Friends of CAFE:

- **CPP’s Principles of Community Forum:** Hear the results of the recent Principles of Community survey and help shape the final statement of our community values. Attend a virtual open forum on **Tuesday March 26 (10am)**. [Learn more and register.](#)
- **Artificial Intelligence Fair: Wednesday April 17, 9am – 2pm, BSC Ursa Major.** Explore AI from current task-specific devices, services, and systems to purely theoretical possibilities. The event organized by IT&IP features a keynote session, panel discussion, hands-on presentations from industry experts, and student clubs. [Please register.](#)
- **2024-25 Common Read Nominations: Due April 8.** This community initiative encourages all CPP faculty, staff and students to read and engage with the same book. In FYE courses, students participate in activities tied to the book’s themes. Learn more on the [Common Read website](#) and [submit a book nomination](#).

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