

To: CPP Faculty  
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Dear faculty,

Monday in class I had my students map out a work plan for themselves for Spring Break and the week after. Then I asked “Thumbs up, down, or sideways – was this a valuable use of time?” For everyone except the two most on-top-of-everything students in the room, it was thumbs-up, and even for those two it was okay. I’ll ask them when we get back if it helped.

Here’s the [slide show with the instructions](#). Feel free to adapt and use in your class any time, or adapt and post to Canvas as an out-of-class activity. For us as faculty, a work plan is equally valuable! Check out the “Sunday Meeting” article linked in Slide 1.

Also, changing the topic, the PolyTransfer program is [seeking input](#) from faculty who were themselves transfer students. They are building a library of stories and resources to inspire and support current and prospective students. If you were a transfer student, please consider sharing! For questions, please contact [polytransfer@cpp.edu](mailto:polytransfer@cpp.edu).

Happy upcoming Spring Break!

Victoria

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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.

**Teaching Nuts & Bolts:**

- **Call for [Multimedia Learning Object projects from CAFE](#)**: CAFE can work with you to create customized multimedia learning objects to help your students work through knotty

concepts! Learn about a [few CPP faculty members' experiences](#) and [submit a request](#) for an MLO of your own.

**Canvas tip:** If you have a dash (-) in the Canvas Gradebook, that assignment will not count toward a student's total grade and will mislead you and the student as to their actual status. Be sure to enter a zero (0) for any missing assignments!

#### Teacher-Scholar:

- **[Activate your NCFDD membership](#):** CPP has an institutional membership to the premier professional development provider for faculty success. Get extensive resources on scholarship, publishing, and mentoring. This benefit is available to graduate students too!
- ***“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:

- **[Parenting Faculty Group Lunch: Thursday April 30, 11:30am – 1pm.](#)** [Please register](#) by April 16. Cindy Pickett, Presidential Associate for Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, will discuss forming an “EAG.” This informal, Teams-based community is open to all lecturers and tenure-line faculty who consider themselves parents! To join the Parenting Faculty Teams Group, contact [Julie Shen](#).
- **[Academic Leadership Learning Community](#):** Facilitated by Dr. Lisa Kessler, this is for faculty who want to think deeply about the leadership needs of the campus and may be interested in entering the leadership pipeline. [Applications](#) due April 26.
- ***“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.

#### Friends of CAFE:

- **[2024-25 Common Read Nominations: Due April 8.](#)** All CPP faculty, staff and students are invited 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](#).
- **[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](#).
- **[Service-Learning Faculty Fellows](#):** The Center for Community Engagement invites all faculty to apply. CCE Faculty Associate Hyeryung Hwang hosts an info session April 12, 10 – 11am; [register for Zoom info](#). [Applications](#) (requires log-in) are due Friday, April 26.

- **[ACE Women's Network of SoCal Lunch & Learn: Friday May 3, Orange Coas College](#)**. Hear from distinguished education leaders including CPP President Dr. Soraya Coley, whose paths are marked by determination, skill, and a deep understanding of challenging environments. [Registration](#) includes lunch and guided networking.

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