

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

Subject: Last week of class idea

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Dear faculty,

If you're behind on everything, you're not alone! Me too!

Here's an audacious idea for the last week of class: Don't hold "review sessions" that are more like press conferences, where students pepper you with questions and anxiously write down what you say.

Instead, give an *ungraded* quarter-length practice exam\* or culminating activity. When students are done, have them 1) write down the areas they want to focus on as they prepare for the final, based on their level of comfort or discomfort with the practice exam, and 2) map out when they plan to study over the next few days. Briefly review their performance on the practice activity so you can set up for the final day of class: Ask them to do it again – this time, focusing on the areas that most students needed practice in. This works because the person doing the talking, writing, or figuring is the person who is *learning*.

\*It's probably even okay if these are questions from your actual exam, maybe just slightly tweaked.

Hope to see you next week at [Faculty Day!](#)

Take care,

Victoria

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**LAST CALL! [Faculty Day!](#) Thursday May 9, ~11:30am -- ~1pm, Centerpointe Dining Commons**

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 to know who's coming!).

## Remote Summer Institute 2024: [Equity in Practice: Scholarship of Practice in Your Discipline](#)

Delve deeply into the data dashboards and other data sources that the CSU and Cal Poly Pomona make available to us. Summer Institute meetings are REMOTE on Zoom, with asynchronous private work in between. \$500 stipend for completion. Visit the Summer Institute page to learn more and register; we are limited to 25 faculty total.

### Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- **Canvas Gradebook workshops:** Join Ann Loomis, Canvas administrator, for an interactive workshop on Canvas Grading. Get help to finalize grades for Spring 2024! Come prepared with your questions. Via Zoom, please register: [Friday May 10, 1-2pm](#); and [Thursday May 16, 12 – 1pm](#).
- **Get your book selections in ASAP:** Visit the Bookstore's [Faculty Resources page](#) to submit your book selections for Fall 2024 ASAP. This is a necessary, critical, and easy thing to do to support your students. The earlier the Bookstore has our orders, the better job they can do to control prices and make sure learning materials are available to students.
- **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.

### Friends of CAFE:

- **[Teaching First-Gen Students by Drawing on Cultural Strengths](#):** From CSU Fullerton, this 5-week remote institute plus fall learning community focuses on evidence-based strategies that draw on the strengths of first-generation college students. \$500 stipend for completion of all activities. LIMITED spaces available – [apply by Thursday May 16](#).
- **[Wellness Series](#)** (requires login): This 5-part workshop series integrates timeless practices and insights to focus on a holistic approach to wellness. Learn about contemplative practice, nutrition, sleep, “clutter busting,” and spending psychology. Go to the [registration page](#) for all the details.
- **[Academic Innovation Summer Conference](#):** May 29 – 31, on campus. Faculty members play a unique role in students' career trajectory. “Explore the Future of Work” to learn new ways to successfully engage your students while helping prepare them for their future careers, with minimal tweaks to what you already do!
- **[Student Affairs Extended Hours Pilot](#):** Through May 9, Student Affairs resources will be available on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm in the Care Center (Bldg. 97, Campus Marketplace, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor). Staff members will assist students AND faculty or staff. Services include Counseling and Psychological Services, Disability Resource Center, Student Conduct and Integrity, Survivor Advocacy Services, and the Wellness Center.

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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.