To: CPP Faculty
From: Victoria Bhavsar
Subject: Staying up with news; lots of programs
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Dear faculty,

Many people are limiting their exposure to tumultuous news these days. But for responsibility's sake, we need to know something about the issues that affect our students, and us. Here are a couple of CAFE's favorite sources that help us stay informed but not overwhelmed with education news:

- EdSurge
- Higher Ed Dive
- Chronicle of Higher Education – create your own free account to check headlines, then go to the CPP Library for online articles (most recent 1 month not online)

Closer to home, CPP's Centers for Transformation, Retention, Equity, and Empowerment (T.R.E.E.) offer many resources that are available to everyone. These include Instagram feeds, newsletters such as the CPP Pride Center's and the César E. Chávez Center's, and events and programs.

Finally, Undocumented Students Services (USS) provides outstanding information and news that affects us all. In Friends of CAFE below, see a two-part UndocuAlly training coming up.

Toni Davis in CAFE's instructional design team inspired and contributed to the note this week.

Take care,

Victoria & Toni

PS: Of specific interest to some of the most vulnerable members of our student community, The Trevor Project offers confidential 24/7 crisis counseling for LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults under age 25.

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Career & Community:

- ***"CISA" Workshop for Supporting Colleagues:*** **Friday April 25, 10:00am – 2:00pm, with lunch. In person.** Bringing new personnel to CPP is a huge investment of both effort and funding. Helping new colleagues to succeed and thrive is an important way to leverage that investment. This interactive workshop is based on the NSF-funded CSU Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate's *Culturally Informed Strengths Approach* (CISA) to faculty success. Learn more and register by April 11; we can accommodate up to 20 participants.
- **Faculty Day 2025 is Thursday April 17, 11:30am – 1:00pm!** Faculty Day is a long-standing tradition when all CPP faculty -- full-time, part-time, retired, new, and all in between -- are invited to enjoy lunch and time with colleagues. We're thankful to the Pace Setters group for helping to sponsor Faculty Day 2025! Please rsvp by April 11 so we can give Centerpointe the information!

Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- ***Let's talk about grading FASTER*:** **Thursday March 27, 12:00 – 12:50pm.** A follow-up to the March 11 informal discussion to share ideas and strategies about grading. It turned out that we all want ideas for making grading faster while still being fair! Please register.
- ***Multimedia Learning Objects!*** These custom-designed interactive learning tools bring abstract concepts to life and help students to practice hands-on skills. One faculty member said, "I have seen a drastic jump in the grade [after having this MLO]." **CAFE's multimedia developers will have capacity to take on new project requests in April.** Mark your calendar to submit a request!

Teacher-Scholar:

- ***CAFE's Summer Institute 2025*:** June 2 – 30. This multi-week, fully remote experience invites us to treat our classrooms as spaces worthy of serious, systematic, publishable study. We'll plan "micro-SoP (Scholarship of Practice) projects" that can be carried out within one semester, with special emphasis on projects that both engage generative AI and contribute to student success. (Please note that due to the university's financial situation, we cannot offer stipends this year.) Get more information and register.
- ***RSCA in Five [Minutes!] on Environmental Justice*: *Friday April 18, 10:00 – 11:15am, via Zoom*.** Offered by the College of Letters, Arts, & Social Sciences, this remote event will feature faculty from diverse disciplines addressing the broad topic of environmental justice. They will share research, scholarship, & creative activities through 5-minute, 5-slide presentations, fostering idea generation, collaboration, and community. Please register.
- ***Quarto Workshops*:** Quarto is a modern, open-source publishing system for research and dynamic document creation. Seamlessly integrate text, code, and data in a single document to generate reports, manuscripts, interactive websites, dashboards, and presentations. Faculty and colleagues from Cal Poly Pomona's Center for Customer Insights & Digital Marketing have a robust series of upcoming and recorded workshops on using this powerful research and communication tool.
- ***The Summer Research Seminar Series*:** (2024 program shown at the link) allows faculty to share their academic journeys and research insights with summer student researchers. Provide invaluable inspiration and direction to students just embarking on their research! To

contribute, please sign up with the Summer Research Seminar Interest Form. For questions, contact Ever Barraza.

Generative AI:

- ***ChatGPT 4o* is available to faculty and staff:** This is part of the CSU's system-wide agreement with OpenAI. Log in with your CPP email or from the online Services page in MyCPP. Using ChatGPT via CPP's workspace means that your input will not be stored or analyzed by OpenAI outside of CPP. Students will have access to Chat GPT 4o later in March or after Spring Break.
- ***CAFE's Spring gAI Series*: All on Zoom, 12:00 – 1:15pm.** CAFE's staff pairs up with faculty to offer practical and challenging sessions. Each workshop will begin with presentation, move to examples, and end with plenty of discussion time. Register separately for topics you're interested in.
    - Thursday April 10: Understanding gAI through a Pedagogical Lens
    - *Tuesday* April 15: Discipline-Specific AI Tools for Enhanced Learning
    - Thursday April 24: Crafting Prompts as Teaching Tools
    - Thursday May 1: Enhancing Course Alignment with gAI
    - Thursday May 8: Designing Assignments and Feedback with gAI
- ***San Diego State's gAI microcredential for students*:** Do you wish your students could learn more about gAI in general before you spend time helping them use it for your course and your discipline? Students can take 2 – 10 hours to go through the material in SDSU's gAI microcredential for students. The course is freely available and will confer a digital badge.

Friends of CAFE:

- ***UndocuAlly Training*:** This 2-part zoom series from Undocumented Student Services provides 20 years of historical context on immigration policy and suggests action items to support undocumented students on campus. For questions, contact Undocumented Students Services.
    - **Part 1:** March 18, 11:00am. Please register.
    - **Part 2:** March 19, 11:00am. Please register.
- ***Order your Commencement regalia*:** If faculty wish to participate in Commencement activities, regalia is required. Rent from the Bronco Bookstore; the deadline to order is March 28.

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