To: CPP Faculty
From: Victoria Bhavsar
Subject: More on gAI
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Dear faculty,

Here's a post from one of my favorite writers: *My AI-driven grading changes – a 3x3x3 reflection on what I learned by moving to a test-forward approach*. Talbert talks about test anxiety, Bloom's taxonomy, helping students learn to practice, the difficulty of asynchronous courses in this environment, and even managing the grading load. It's very much worth a close read for teaching in any discipline.

Upcoming on gAI: Join Rachel Van (History), Devon Hackelton (English & Modern Languages), and Richard Feldman (CAFE) on Thursday April 10, 12:00 – 1:15pm to explore examples of how gAI can help to provide diverse course content, activities, and assessments.

I hope everyone had a good, restorative spring break! See you in a couple of weeks at Faculty Day (rsvp deadline April 11!).

Take care,

Victoria

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Career & Community:

- ***First Year Experience Mini-Talks Lunch & Learn***: **Tuesday April 15, 12:00-1:00pm, in person**, register for location. Hear three short talks from Nina Abramzon (Physics & Astronomy), E'Lisha Fogle (Collins College), and Roney Hume-Dawson (Liberal Studies) on strategies for helping students transition between years, navigate uncertain times, and foster collaboration. For more information, contact Dora Lee.
- **Faculty Day 2025 is Thursday April 17, 11:00am – 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!

- ***Leadership Faculty Learning Community (FLC) for 2025-2026***: **Applications welcomed by April 22.** Hone leadership skills and think deeply about your leadership interests in the company of supportive faculty colleagues. Dr. Lisa Kessler, CAFE faculty associate and former Associate Dean and Interim Dean of the Huntley College of Agriculture, facilitates this robust intellectual development experience.
- ***"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 (10 spots left).

Teacher-Scholar:

- ***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.
- ***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.

Generative AI:

- ***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
- ***The Do-er Effect*:** **Tuesday April 22, 12:00 – 12:50pm via Zoom.** AI tools like VitalSource's Coach Me, a free tool included in VitalSource Bookshelf, can leverage the "Doer Effect" to enhance student engagement and make their studying experience more effective.
- ***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:

- ***April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:*** Survivor Advocacy Services and the Office of Equity & Compliance present a series of in-person events including Take Back the Fight!, Button Making, and Take Back the Night. Please inform your students, and feel free to attend for yourself!
- ***Children's Bilingual Story Time:*** **Wednesdays April 9 – 30, via Zoom**. The University Library and Early Childhood Studies partner in a delightful series presented by ECS students.
- ***Digital Badging Workshop*:** **Thursday April 22, 12:00 – 1:00pm, via Zoom.** Recognize achievements through digital credentials! Join the Innovation Incubator to learn the step-by-step process of awarding badges for student accomplishments, program participation, and committee involvement.
- ***2025–2026 Service-Learning/CEL Faculty Fellows Program***: Integrate service-learning into a new course or existing course that does not currently have a service-learning designation. All tenured, tenure-track, and lecturers are eligible to apply; applications due April 25. Join the Center for Community Engagement for an info session via Zoom on Friday, April 11, 10:00–11:00am. Register for the Zoom link.
- ***College Corps Fellowship:*** **Inform your students.** College Corps is a great way to give back to the local community while gaining hands-on experience and reducing student debt. Students who serve for a year in K-12 education, climate action, or food security, can earn up to $10,000. The priority application deadline is **June 1**. Please reach out to College Corps staff for more information.

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