To: CPP Faculty
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Subject: Upcoming Faculty Opportunities: AI, Workshops, Events, Grants & More
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Dear Colleagues,

I hope your semester is going well. Last week some of us from CAFE attended CSU Fullerton's AI & Academia Conference; we saw some familiar CPP faces as well! We heard some very interesting presentations, some of which will inform our future programming on AI. We will have more information coming soon. Below you will find information about a range of upcoming opportunities, including workshops, a symposium, a hackathon, and much more to support your teaching, scholarship, and professional growth. A quick reminder that Faculty Day is in April and you can start RSVPing now.

All the best,

Marisela

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# Faculty Day

**Thursday April 23, 11:30am-1pm, Centerpointe Dining Hall.** This long-standing celebration of faculty is CAFE's treat! All CPP faculty—full-time, part-time, and retired—are invited to enjoy lunch and time with colleagues for this fully in-person, purely social event. Come when you can and leave when you need to.

We will be gathering in rooms **107, 108** and **110**.

We hope to see you there!

*Thank you to the [Pace Setters](#) group for helping to sponsor Faculty Day 2026!*

**[RSVP for Faculty Day](#)**

# Teaching and Learning

- ### CAFE's Canvas in Practice Series

  Sessions will take place on Zoom on Tuesdays, 12 – 1 pm, from February through April. Descriptions for each session can be found on [CAFE's Upcoming Programs & Events Page](#).

  - [Transparent Assignments & Assignment Collection, March 3, 12 – 1 pm](#)
  - [Assignment Grading & Feedback (Speedgrader), March 17, 12 – 1 pm](#)
  - [Online Testing (Quizzes), April 7, 12 – 1 pm](#)
  - [Calculating Final Grades, April 28, 12 – 1 pm](#)

- ### CAFE's Teaching and Technology in Practice Series

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  - [Building Your Faculty Website with Cascade, March 10, 12 – 1 pm](#)
  - [Quick and Efficient Ways to Make Videos for Your Classes, March 24, 12 – 1 pm](#)
  - [Active Learning for Engaged Classrooms, April 14, 12 – 1 pm](#)

- ### Writing as Thinking in STEM Workshop | University Writing Committee

  Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 12:00–1:00 PM (via [Zoom](#))

  In this interactive workshop, faculty will explore how writing functions as a core component of scientific and technical thinking—not as an add-on to content. Drawing on examples from engineering and STEM courses, this session reframes writing as a tool for reasoning, inquiry, and disciplinary learning.

  This session is especially useful for faculty teaching lab-based, project-based, or writing-intensive STEM courses and for anyone interested in reducing grading burden while improving student thinking and clarity. All Cal Poly Pomona faculty and lecturers are welcome.

  **Facilitator:**
  Dr. Laila Jallo, Chemical & Materials Engineering with Karen Téllez-Chaires, University Writing Committee

  **[Zoom link](#)**

# Canvas News

- General Info:

    o CAFE hours: Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm

    o Studio 6 phone: 909-869-3099

    o Canvas help: Email [canvas@cpp.edu](mailto:canvas@cpp.edu), call the number above, or submit a [Canvas Request Form](#)

    o For consultations on accessibility, instructional design, multimedia development, or learning technologies, visit [CAFE's Request Services Page](#)

    o Please note that CAFE and Studio 6 utilize IT's ticketing system. All responses to emails sent to [canvas@cpp.edu](mailto:canvas@cpp.edu) or [studio6@cpp.edu](mailto:studio6@cpp.edu), as well as any requests submitted using the forms linked above, will be sent from the CPP Service Desk

# Faculty Career Growth

## Faculty Mentoring

Work with a CAFE mentor for confidential consultations and coaching on career development and planning, grant proposal guidance, navigating CPP, RTP, teaching and learning, leadership and service, and/or work-life integration.

- Professor Emerita Lisa Kessler, "Everybody's Mentor" and CAFE faculty associate. Lisa retired as Interim Dean of Agriculture. Email [Lisa](#) directly to set up an appointment. Lisa can also provide guidance on AI Course Integration Proposals.
- Professor Emeritus Martin Sancho-Madriz, CAFE faculty associate. Martin served in many capacities at CPP, including AVP for Faculty Affairs, Dean of the Huntley College of Agriculture, and Associate Dean of ENV. Email [Martin](#) directly to set up an appointment.

# Friends of CAFE

## AI Hackathon

Registration for the **2026 AI Hackathon** is now open. The Hackathon is open to **all CPP students**, undergraduate and graduate, from every major.
This year, the AI Hackathon has incorporated greater flexibility and expanded access to tools that will empower students to address real-world challenges using artificial intelligence. Students will have nearly two weeks to complete the challenge, and the hackathon challenges are provided by industry sponsors. The AI Hackathon will offer accelerated live technical training sessions, which will be recorded for later access. Registered students will receive access to a dedicated Canvas course containing session recordings, technical resources, and additional

support materials. At the end, Hackathon participants will earn a digital badge in recognition of their work.

🔗 Registration Link

📅 Registration closes March 13, 2026 (11:59 PM)

- ## Call for Proposals for SFSU CEETL's AI Symposium on Teaching and Learning

  **Call for Proposals - Due March 9, 2026**

  The Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CEETL) at San Francisco State University is hosting a symposium entitled **"Human-Centered AI in the Classroom: Student and Faculty Voices"** to be held on Zoom on Friday, May 1, 9:00am - 1:00pm. We are looking for panelists to give 15- minute presentations on how they have addressed emerging AI technologies in their classrooms. We are interested in instructor reflections on successes *and* challenges; in faculty efforts to investigate students' perspectives on AI and learning; in faculty's decision-making process when it comes to integrating or resisting GenAI in the classroom. If you would like to present, please go to the Qualtrics link below and provide a title and brief (250 words) summary of your proposed presentation.  Deadline for proposals: March 9. We will confirm your participation by April 1.

  **Submit your proposals**

  Contact anoshua@sfsu.edu for any questions.

- ## PolyX Writing Workshop

  Tuesday, March 17 | 11:45AM-12:45PM | Zoom

  Faculty and staff are invited to join Innovation Incubator's Spring 2026 PolyX Writing Workshop to strengthen your Signature Polytechnic Experience application and gain valuable insights into the submission process. Sign up to learn about the timeline, explore the seven PolyX elements, and receive guidance to help showcase the impact of your course or program!

- ## CSU Student Success Network Equity in Action Grants

  Request for Proposal for the Equity in Action Grants

  The Equity in Action Grant Program invests resources back into the CSU system to identify, understand, and disrupt inequities that impact students' opportunities to learn, engage, progress, and complete. The program is designed to support innovative thinking, research, and evidence-based practices that lead to meaningful institutional change and improved student outcomes.

For 2026, the Network invites proposals across two funding tracks: Pilot Projects ranging from $10,000 to $20,000 and Scaling Projects ranging from $50,000 to $100,000. Projects that advance cross-divisional collaboration, multi-institutional partnerships, and direct funding to students will receive special consideration.

Students, staff, and faculty across the CSU are encouraged to review the full RFP and submission guidelines for detailed eligibility requirements, competitive priorities, and proposal components.

Proposals are due by March 27th.
[Submit a Proposal](#)

- **From Monument to Movement: Advancing MLK's Legacy Through Community and Collective Action**

  Wednesday, March 25 | 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. | University Quad and BSC, Ursa Major

  Join us in honoring the life of Martin Luther King Jr. at this event that will start in the University Quad with a rededication of an MLK plaque, and continue at the BSC with a panel on civil rights. Refreshments will be served. [RSVP via Eventbrite](#) **by Wednesday, March 18.**