

To: CPP Faculty

From: Marisela R. Chávez

Subject: CAFE Updates and Opportunities, September 21, 2026

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Dear faculty,

There is quite a bit of information in this email and I hope that you find something that sparks your interest and that fits your schedule. Also, please remember that you can [request individual consultations](#) with CAFE staff on accessibility, instructional design, multimedia development, and more.

All the best,

Marisela

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Teaching and Learning

- [Call for Participation | Teaching Toward Possibility Faculty Learning Community – Deadline Extended to Wednesday, 9/23/2026!](#)

CAFE invites faculty to apply for Teaching Toward Possibility: Reflecting on Ourselves, Understanding Our Students, and Reimagining Our Teaching, a Faculty Learning Community facilitated by Dr. Gysmine George-Williams and Dr. Marisol Diaz during the 2026–2027 academic year.

Through four interactive, 90-minute sessions during the Fall semester, participants will reflect on how their experiences and disciplinary backgrounds shape their teaching, deepen their understanding of the students and communities we serve, and develop an intentional pedagogical change for one of their courses or learning environments. No prior expertise in equity-minded, culturally sustaining, interdisciplinary, or multimodal pedagogy is required—only curiosity about your teaching and a willingness to try something new.

Faculty from all disciplines, appointment types, and levels of teaching experience are encouraged to participate.

Participants who complete the program requirements will be eligible to receive \$500 in additional compensation, subject to applicable university policies.

Application due date: 9/23/2026

- [CAFE Fall Workshop Series](#)

CAFE invites you to our Fall series of engaging, 45-minute zoom workshops designed to help with different aspects of teaching, technology, and strategies for course design and student success. Please check our website for workshop descriptions. Click on each series title to register.

- [Teaching and Technology in Practice Series](#)
 - Active Learning for Engaged Classrooms, Tuesday, September 22, 12-12:45 pm
 - Canvas Analytics for Early Student Support, Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
 - Inclusive Syllabus: Effective Practices, Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
- [Canvas in Practice Series](#)

- Transparent Assignments & Assignment Collection, Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
- Online Testing (Quizzes), Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
- Assignment Grading and Feedback (Speedgrader), Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
- Calculating Final Grades, Thursday, December 3, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
- [AI in Pedagogy Series](#)
 - AI in the Classroom Showcase, Thursday, September 24, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
 - GPTs for Teaching and Learning, Thursday, October 8, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
 - Authentic Assessment in the Age of AI, Thursday, October 22, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
 - Responsible AI: AI Policies for Your Course(s), Tuesday, November 19, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
- [Fully Online, Fully Human: Energized and Meaningful Asynchronous Teaching & Learning in an AI World](#)

Join Chico State professors Nik Janos and Liahna Gordon for a three-part, hands-on series that helps faculty create more connected, engaging, and human-centered asynchronous courses. Participants will bring an online course and explore frameworks, assignment-design strategies, and approaches to strengthen instructor and student presence, engagement, and learning in the age of AI.

[View the webinar series and register here.](#)

Canvas Support Reminders

- General Reminders
 - CAFE hours: Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm
 - Studio 6 phone: 909-869-3099
 - Canvas help: Email canvas@cpp.edu, call the number above, or submit a [Canvas Request Form](#)
 - For consultations on accessibility, instructional design, multimedia development, or learning technologies, visit [CAFE's Request Services Page](#)
 - Please note that CAFE and Studio 6 utilize IT's ticketing system. All responses to emails to canvas@cpp.edu or studio6@cpp.edu, and any requests submitted using the forms linked above, will come via email with CPP Service Desk as the sender

Community, Scholarship, and Faculty Success

- **The Writing CAFE**

Would you like dedicated time and a supportive community to help you make progress on your scholarly writing this fall?

CAFE is offering The Writing CAFE, a virtual scholarly writing community facilitated by Dr. Gabriel Granco, Associate Professor of Geography, who led the *Writing Your Journal Article in 12 Weeks* group during Summer 2026. Faculty participants will meet regularly on Zoom to work on their writing, share progress, and support one another in reaching their writing goals.

Meeting schedule: Mondays, 10-11:30 am

Dates: September 21 – December 14, 2026

Location: Zoom

[Sign Up Here](#)

- **Individual Consultations and Mentoring**

CAFE has three Faculty Associates who are available for confidential consultations and mentoring. Please contact them directly to schedule appointments.

- Dr. Martin Sancho-Madriz, Professor Emeritus, mfsancho@cpp.edu
- Dr. Gyasmine George-Williams, Associate Professor, gyasmineg@cpp.edu
- Dr. Marisol Diaz, Associate Professor, marisoldiaz1@cpp.edu

- **Mental Health First Aid Training for Faculty**

Join over 1,500 CSU faculty who have become certified in Mental Health First Aid to be prepared to support the well-being of students and everyone in our communities.

This training, facilitated by CSU faculty and offered online, teaches participants to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health challenges and substance use disorders.

Registration for three [Fall 2026 Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\) Training](#) cohorts is now open. It will remain open until sessions reach capacity and wait lists are full.

Three sessions will be offered in October and November for Fall 2026:

Cohort 1

Friday, October 2, 2026 (9:00 am-12:30 pm) & Friday, October 9, 2026 (9:00 am-12:30 pm)

Cohort 2

Friday, October 16, 2026 (9:00 am-12:30 pm) & Friday, October 23, 2026 (9:00 am-12:30 pm)

Cohort 3

Friday, November 13, 2026 (9:00 am-12:30 pm) & Friday, November 20, 2026 (9:00 am-12:30 pm)

[Register for MHFA Training](#) as soon as you can confirm availability, as sessions fill quickly.

Applicants for these sessions will receive confirmation two weeks before the start of the session for which they have signed up.

Friends of CAFE

- **Parenting Student Allyship Training, 12 – 2pm, 9/23/2026, SSB Building 121, Room 1963**

The Parenting Student Allyship Training will be held on Wednesday, 9/23/2026, from 12 – 2 pm in SSB Building 121, Room 1963 and lunch will be provided.

This training is open to CPP staff, faculty, and students and will provide information, resources, and education on how to support and serve as an Ally to our Parenting Student population. A portion of the training includes a student panel of Parenting Students who will share about their experiences specifically at CPP.

[Register for Parenting Student Allyship Training](#)

- **Connect & Play – A Parenting Community Program**

Join all the great [Connect & Play events](#) happening this semester to support our CPP parenting community (students, staff, faculty, alumni, & community):

- Parenting Community Resources Drop In Hour
- Parenting Community Luncheon
- Connect & Play – Parent & Me Workshops

- **Community Empowerment Series – CPP Community Innovation Hub**

- Community Empowerment Series: Neurodiversity at School and Work

Thursday, September 24 | 12PM-2PM

Community Innovation Hub

Facilitated by Dr. Joshua Lee Truett in partnership with the Office of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies. Explore neurodiversity as a strength and discover strategies for success in educational and workplace settings. Learn about inclusion, accommodations, executive functioning, communication, self-advocacy, and resources supporting education and employment.

[Register for Neurodiversity at School and Work!](#)

- Community Empowerment Series: Healthy Relationships & Domestic Violence Awareness

Thursday, October 8 | 12PM-2PM

Community Innovation Hub

Facilitated by Survivor Advocacy Services and Project Sister in partnership with the Office of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies. Join us for an informative and supportive workshop focused on healthy relationships, domestic violence awareness and prevention, boundaries, consent, community care, and available resources.

[Register for Healthy Relationships & Domestic Violence Awareness!](#)

- Community Empowerment Series: Community Advocacy & Resource Fair

Thursday, October 22 | 5PM-7PM

Community Innovation Hub

Co-facilitated by Dr. Dora Lopez and Gente Organizada in partnership with the Office of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies. Build self-advocacy and community advocacy skills while learning to navigate public services and access resources supporting health, housing, education, employment, legal assistance, and families. The workshop will conclude with a Community Resource Fair featuring local organizations and service providers.

[Register Community Advocacy & Resource Fair!](#)