To: CPP Faculty
From: Marisela R. Chávez
Subject: CAFE Updates and Various Professional Development Opportunities Coming Up
Date: Tues, Oct 27, 2026

Dear faculty,

Save the date for CAFE's Winter Institute, to be held January 19-21, 2027 in person! We are working on the details and will get information out as soon as possible.

Please get in touch if you have questions.

All the best,

Marisela

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Teaching and Learning

- 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

        - Inclusive Syllabus: Effective Practices, Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
    - Canvas in Practice Series
        - Calculating Final Grades, Thursday, December 3, 2026, 12-12:45 pm
    - AI in Pedagogy Series
        - ChatGPT Skills for Teaching and Learning, Thursday, November 5, 2026, 12-12:45 pm (*this is a reschedule for the GPTs for Teaching and Learning workshop scheduled for October 8th*)
        - Responsible AI: AI Policies for Your Course(s), Tuesday, November 19, 2026, 12-12:45 pm

Canvas Support 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 & Faculty Success

- ### Department Chair Academy, December 14, 2026
  This in-person event will provide valuable leadership development, networking opportunities, and resources for department chairs. Lunch will be provided. Department chairs have already been invited via Outlook, but if you haven't, please reach out to Marisela Chávez.

- ### Faculty 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
    - Dr. Gyasmine George-Williams, Associate Professor
    - Dr. Marisol Diaz, Associate Professor

Friends of CAFE

- ### Adobe Education Institute (AEI), November 3-5, 2026

  Adobe Education Institute (AEI) is a free, live training series open to all staff and faculty. This season's series runs November 3-5 and covers three learning paths: Adobe Express Foundation, Empowered Workflows with AI in Adobe Acrobat, and Adobe Creative Cloud Pro for Education.

  How to register

  - Visit NAMER AEI for more information and to register.
  - Register using your institution email address (personal emails will be declined).
  - Register to receive the recordings.

  Check out **CSU + Adobe Resources for Students, Faculty, & Staff**

- ### Software Carpentries Workshop, November 3-6, 2026

  UCSD Library, Research IT, and SDSU Research Cyberinfrastructure are teaming up to bring you a FREE, virtual 4-half-day Software Carpentries Workshop this fall!

  - **Dates:** November 3–6, 2026 (Tue–Fri) | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM PST
  - **Format:** Virtual via Zoom
  - **Cost: Free** for all UC and CSU students, postdocs, staff, and faculty
  - This workshop is built especially for **beginners and novice users**.

  Reserve your spot here! *(Spaces are limited!)*

- ### Professional development for Emerging Education Researchers (PEER) Institute Field School, CSU San Marcos, January 11-14, 2027

  PEER is a four-day, in-person professional development experience designed to help faculty, postdocs, and graduate students develop and strengthen their discipline-based education research (DBER) skills. Participants will engage in hands-on workshops, collaborative discussions, and research project development, covering topics such as research design, theoretical frameworks, data collection, and grant writing.

  Program details:

  - Dates: January 11-14, 2027 (virtual kickoff January 7, time is TBD)
  - Location: California State University San Marcos
  - Registration: $595 through November 14; $750 beginning November 15

  Learn more and register

  Questions? Email Mallory Rice.

- ### Take the Bronco Experience Questionnaire by October 30, 2026

  Share your experience to build a stronger, more connected CPP by taking—and encouraging your students to take—the short inaugural Bronco Experience Questionnaire. You can enter a drawing

to win an iPad, AirPods, Bronco swag and more. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 30 so take the questionnaire now. Learn more on the Office of Community and Belonging website.

- ### Annual Native Harvest Dinner, November 21, 2026

  Celebrate Native American cultures with food, music, dancing, and games at the Annual Harvest Dinner, sponsored by CPP's Tribal Relations. The event will take place Sat., November 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bronco Student Center Ursa Major. The event is free, but you are encouraged to donate school supplies and hygiene products for Native American high school students. You can also enter a prize drawing at the event. Register online by Nov. 9.