OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CCT

Excellence in Course Design Award

The CCT annual Excellence in Course Design Award acknowledges the achievements of University of Chicago graduate students in the area of course design. It offers graduate students formal recognition of their pedagogical development and reflection on student-centered and inclusive teaching during the period of their doctoral studies. All graduate students who have taught a course of their own design, at University of Chicago or elsewhere, are eligible to apply. Winners are recognized on our website...
and their syllabi are made available to other UChicago graduate students in our online materials bank and used as examples in workshops on course design.

The deadline for submissions for 2019 Excellence in Course Design Award is **Friday, July 5, 2019.**

For more information about this award please visit the Excellence in Course Design Award page on our website.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Creating Lesson Plans Workshop**  
**Thursday, June 27, 1:30PM-3:00PM, Wieboldt Hall Room 310 D/E**

Class preparation can often seem like an idiosyncratic process. While there isn't one way to prepare for class or draft a lesson plan, there are principles and practices based in scholarly literature on teaching and learning that can help make this process more effective. In this workshop, we will discuss how learning objectives can be used to organize course preparation and plan a lesson effectively and efficiently. We will explore frameworks that can help structure the flow of individual class sessions — including seminars, discussion sections, and lab classes. Participants will have the opportunity to examine sample lesson plans and begin drafting their own. Participants will leave with concrete tools for designing a lesson plan for their next teaching experience.

**Seminar on Teaching Portfolios**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 1:30PM-3:00PM, Wieboldt Hall Room 310 D/E**

Assembling a teaching portfolio helps us to think, talk, and write about our teaching with precision and sophistication. In developing a teaching portfolio, we sharpen our ability to critically reflect on our teaching successes and practices, presenting ourselves as knowledgeable, confident, and reflective grad students and postdocs register here
Moreover, an online teaching portfolio enables you to share your teaching with a wider community, and can be an important asset on the academic job market. In this seminar, we will discuss the components of a teaching portfolio and the ways in which they may be crafted and curated. By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to identify the elements of a teaching portfolio for which they already have content, plan for and seek out opportunities for generating content for other parts of the teaching portfolio, and begin assembling a teaching portfolio or e-portfolio. Participants may then assemble a draft portfolio to submit for peer feedback during the subsequent Workshop on Teaching Portfolios.

Seminar on Teaching Statements
Wednesday, July 10, 1:30PM-3:00PM, Wieboldt Hall Room 310 D/E

The statement of teaching philosophy is an essential document for the academic job market and the cornerstone of any teaching portfolio. It articulates who we are as teachers, how we envision teaching in our discipline, and what strategies we use to actively engage our students. The process of writing a teaching statement pushes us to reflect critically on our teaching practices and how we communicate about teaching. Thus, writing a teaching statement also helps us to develop as teachers. In this seminar, we will explore what makes for an effective statement of teaching philosophy. Participants will review and evaluate sample teaching statements and begin drafting their own statement through a series of exercises. Utilizing this knowledge, participants may complete a draft teaching statement to submit for peer feedback during the subsequent Workshop on Teaching Statements.

Academic Job Market Summer Camp
Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19, 9:00AM-12:00/1:30PM
UChicagoGRAD HQ (Bookstore 3rd Floor)
Are you planning to apply for academic jobs this fall? Put your best foot forward by attending UChicagoGRAD’s Academic Job Market Summer Camp. You’ll receive advice from UChicagoGRAD and CCT advisors as well as faculty from UChicago and other area institutions. You’ll also have opportunities to hone your documents and interview skills. RSVP for each session in GRADGargoyle.

- Tuesday, July 16: Cover Letters, Research Statements (STEM and HUM/SS), Getting a Postdoc
- Wednesday, July 17: Teaching Statements and Portfolios, Diversity Statements, Navigating Identity
- Thursday, July 18: Interview Best Practices, Campus Visits & Teaching Demos, Creating a Scholarly Website
- Friday, July 19: Job Document Working Groups and Lunch
- Discussion

Grad Students and Postdocs REGISTER HERE

Workshop on Teaching Statements
Tuesday, August 6, 1:30PM-3:00PM, Wieboldt Hall Room 310 D/E

This workshop is aimed at graduate students and postdocs who are actively working on their statement of teaching philosophy and provides a venue for sharing and receiving feedback. Once registered, participants should send 1 copy of their statement to Julie Hanlon, jhanlon@uchicago.edu, and bring 2 printed copies of their statement to the workshop to share with other participants. Prior participation in the Seminar on Teaching Statements is recommended, but not required.

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Workshop on Teaching Portfolios
Wednesday, August 7, 1:30PM-3:00PM, Wieboldt Hall Room 310 D/E
After getting started in the Seminar on Teaching Portfolios, this Workshop provides a venue for graduate students and postdocs to share and receive feedback on a draft of their teaching portfolio. Participants should have ready to share: a table of contents, statement of teaching philosophy, teaching biography/teaching experience, at least 1 syllabus, and a summary of student evaluations. The portfolio may be presented as a PDF or website. Participants should bring a laptop. To register, participants must have already attended the CCT Seminar on Teaching Portfolios. Registration required via GRADGargoyle.

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Jumpstart your teaching: A three-day pedagogy institute for faculty, lecturers, and OAA

September 9-11, 2019, 8:30am - 1pm, John Crerar Library, Room 390

Jumpstart your teaching by engaging with other faculty around key pedagogical principles. Over three days, explore dimensions of inclusive, learner-centered course design while identifying useful campus resources and supports for teaching and learning. Each day will center around a theme, namely: Designing Inclusive Courses, Engaging Students for Learning, and Leveraging Feedback to Improve Teaching. Sessions will include a mix of faculty discussion, breakout sessions, and hearing from relevant campus offices. Lunches will provide venues for informal conversation with College, Divisional, and School leadership, and unstructured afternoons will provide an opportunity to apply what you learned in the morning to your course planning for the coming year. Please access this link to register: [https://uchicago.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePq27RJhSaEG9Mh](https://uchicago.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePq27RJhSaEG9Mh) and reach out to Cheryl Richardson (richardsonc@uchicago.edu) with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

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The Teaching@Chicago Conference hosted by the Chicago Center for Teaching is designed to orient new teaching assistants to the culture, structure, elements, and practices of teaching at the University of Chicago. This year, Teaching@Chicago will take place on Wednesday, September 25 from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm, and will include presentations and group discussions addressing inclusive and student-centered teaching, information about student resources, discipline-specific pedagogy, and the undergraduate experience. See this year’s agenda below. All new graduate student instructors are invited to attend, as is anyone else seeking an orientation to teaching in the College. Overall, our goal is to introduce new teachers in the College to the people, resources, and key practices and concepts in teaching and learning, that will make your first UChicago teaching experience more successful!

Please access this link to register [https://teachingatchicago-2019.eventbrite.com](https://teachingatchicago-2019.eventbrite.com) and contact Julie Hanlon (jhanlon@uchicago.edu) with any questions.

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[teaching.uchicago.edu](http://teaching.uchicago.edu)

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CCT?

We welcome the feedback of any and all CCT constituents and those who may like to engage with us in the future. Fill out the form linked below to share your questions, thoughts, and ideas about teaching with us!

CCT Suggestions and Feedback Form