Grad students across the disciplines are gathering together for a new informal event series starting next quarter that will create a fun and casual venue for sharing teaching tips and assignment ideas.

Please join us to eat some frozen yogurt and bahn mi sandwiches, talk to graduate students in other programs, learn about teaching methods, and run back to the lab or library on time!

The program will consist of a one-hour session held twice quarterly in Classics 110 where graduate students can come to share (free!) lunch and hear "flashtalks" by four graduate students regarding different teaching strategies. Part of the fun of this program lies in the competition: attendees will hash out who of the presenters has the best teaching strategy. The winner will get a small prize and the “Tip of the Day.”

The first “Eat. Teach. Talk. Run!” event will take place on April 10 at 12:30 in Classics 110

Find out more at: https://teaching.uchicago.edu/?/workshops-and-seminars/eat-talk-teach-run

2013 Graduate Student Excellence In Course Design and Assessment Award

Save the date. This year’s course design awards will be due on June 19th (the week following the end of Spring quarter.) Further details will be announced early Spring quarter.

To help you prepare, this year we are launching a new event featuring previous award winners, showcasing excellent teaching and assessment, and giving students a chance to see what a winning submission entails. On Thursday, May 23rd, last year’s recipients will participate in a panel and poster session, where they will discuss their courses, and the things they learned from them.

More details coming soon!
The Center for Teaching and Learning will welcome 4 new Teaching Consultants this quarter:

Aleksandr Prigozhin (English), Chandani Patel (Comparative Literature), Megan Tusler (English), Daniel Rodriguez-Navaz (Philosophy)

To find out more about the types of consultations offered by the Center:
http://teaching.uchicago.edu/?/graduate-instructors/teaching-consultations

Apply to become a Graduate Student Teaching Consultant:
https://teaching.uchicago.edu/?/graduate-instructors/PFF-seminar.html

A preview of the programs offered in Spring 2013:

- Seminar on Course Design 4/4 1:30-4:30
- Eat. Teach. Talk. Run! 4/10 12:30-1:30
- Lunch with Liberal Arts Faculty 4/18 12:15-1:15
- Seminar on Teaching Portfolios 4/17 1:30-4:30
- Creating Assignments to Structure Your Course 5/9 3:00-5:00
- Technology and Collaborative Learning 5/17 1:30-3:30
- Designing Assignments that Use the Library 5/22 3:00-4:30
- Workshop on Course Design 6/6 1:30-4:30
- Workshop on Teaching Portfolios 6/10 1:30-4:30

To Sign up for these programs, visit:
http://teaching.uchicago.edu/?/workshops-and-seminars/sign-up

More New Programs to Look out for this Spring

New Workshops on Assignment Design

Technology and Collaborative Learning (5/17)
“How can I use technology such as wikis and blogs to foster collaboration in my classroom?”

“How can we effectively use discussion boards in the classroom?”

Check out a brand new program designed to help teachers (new and old) wade through the many technologies instructors have at their fingertips. The workshop will address what kinds of learning can be facilitated using these technologies, and will allow participants to begin designing assignments that use them effectively.

It will go hand in hand with other assignment design workshops including the newly redeveloped:

Creating Assignments to Structure Your Course (5/9)

And the ever-wonderful

Designing Assignments that Use the Library (5/22)

Led by our UChicago reference librarians

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