

center for teaching excellence

Everyone has the power to be an excellent teacher. We're here to help.

early career teaching initiative

The focus of this issue is our Early Career Teaching Initiative. This initiative provides a variety of opportunities for faculty to choose from to help establish a foundation for a lifetime of efficient and effective teaching. I welcome your participation and your suggestions. —Jed Lyons, Faculty Director

faculty forums on teaching

Faculty Forums on Teaching are designed for all faculty who are in their first five years of teaching. The goal is for faculty to learn how to be more efficient and effective teachers while sharing and developing new ideas for use in their classrooms. The goal is accomplished through interdisciplinary workshops that are facilitated by experienced USC faculty. Five Faculty Forums are scheduled for Spring 2008. All will occur from 12:00-1:00 in the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Grading	January 29
Student Feedback	February 13
Motivating Students	March 6
Research Supervision	March 24
Preparing a Course	April 11

Visit www.sc.edu/cte/forums for more information.

Drinks, chips and cookies are provided. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch or pick up a sandwich from the coffee shop on the main level of the library.

Please call or email the CTE to RSVP (requested, not required).

teaching newsletter

The Teaching Professor is a monthly newsletter of practical advice about university teaching. Our group subscription means that faculty and others who teach at USC can receive the newsletter free of charge. The Teaching Professor is published in PDF, HTML and Audio MP3 formats.

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communities of practice

A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of 8-16 faculty members who have a common interest or challenge and who collaborate over an extended period to share ideas, find solutions, and build innovations. Typically, a CoP will meet for one hour several times a semester. Meeting topics are selected by the participants with the guidance of a facilitator.

Each CoP is a cohort program, so participants should plan to meet 5 times during the semester to engage in focused, critical discussions.

CoPs planned for Spring 2008 include:

CoP for Teaching Online

Faculty who are new to or considering teaching online, or who want to improve their skills, are invited to join this CoP. Participants will learn workload management strategies, investigate institutional support for online learning, design effective learning modules, and develop skills to create community and active engagement in e-learning.

CoP for Teaching Large Classes

Faculty who are new to or considering teaching a large class, or who want to improve their skills, are invited to join this CoP. Participants will explore syllabus development, curriculum integration, testing methods and classroom management techniques associated with large group learning.

To join a Community of Practice or to start a new one, please call or email the CTE.

accent reduction short course

An intensive short course is being offered to help non-native English speaking faculty to improve their ability to communicate with USC students. Participants will receive practical, individualized strategies in an interactive environment to help them achieve greater accuracy in their English pronunciation. An experienced instructor from English Programs for Internationals will lead the course.

The course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays (January 22-April 17) from 5:00-6:00 in Byrnes 104. Space is limited. Please call or email the CTE to register.

consultations

Our doors are open to anyone who wishes to discuss specific teaching concerns and effectiveness as they relate to a particular class. Our experienced faculty and staff with training in instructional methods will respond to an instructor's teaching and learning concerns. Consultations are strictly confidential. To make an appointment, please contact us.

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