

# Fall 2014 Newsletter

## *2014 Events at a Glance*

During the past year, CETL implemented numerous programs and services to support teaching and learning across campus. For a detailed report, please read our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report, which can be found at [www.oakland.edu/cetl](http://www.oakland.edu/cetl) by clicking on "About CETL." Based on our needs assessment, we have responded by continuing the successful programs and adding new ones for this coming year. Please join us for another exciting year!

**Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)** extends a warm welcome to all in the OU community as we begin this new fall semester. Please visit us online at [www.oakland.edu/cetl](http://www.oakland.edu/cetl), call us at 248-370-2466 or drop by the **Center in the 200 Suites of Elliott Hall**.

**CETL's mission is:**

- 1) To support faculty efforts to improve teaching by creating learning environments in which our diverse student body achieves maximal learning potential.
- 2) To promote a culture throughout the university that values and rewards effective teaching, and respects and supports individual differences among learners.

**CETL offers the following supports and services:**

**Faculty Development**

- Workshops – regular workshops on a range of innovative practices and effective strategies
- Individual Consultations – confidential support for faculty/instructors to address concerns or issues and to advance teaching and learning
- Departmental Consultations – program and faculty development
- Faculty Development Institutes – ongoing training and coaching series
- New Faculty Orientations
- Mentoring Early Career/Emerging Faculty – ongoing individual and cohort support for new/emerging faculty
- Supporting Adjunct and Part-time Lecturers and Graduate Level Students
- Coffee and Conversations – informal discussions on interest topics
- Learning Communities – faculty, staff, and student cohort groups that focus on one area of teaching and learning throughout the year
- Virtual Training Modules
- Workshop Recordings

**Resources**

- Conferences
- Grants, Stipends, Scholarships
- Library/Resources – a lending library of books and resources plus online articles and videos
- Weekly Teaching Tips

**Promoting Teaching and Learning**

- Collaboration with Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning
- Recognition of Exemplary Teaching
- Faculty Fellows – Each academic year exemplary faculty members are awarded this honor to provide support and expertise to the Center
- Students for Excellence in Teaching Forums (SET Forums)

Respectfully,  
Judith Ableser Ph.D., Director of CETL

## CONSULTATIONS and MENTORING

CETL provides confidential consultations, mentoring and coaching to all faculty and/or departments.

Individual sessions may include:

- Developing your syllabus
- Developing your assignments
- Creating rubrics or marking schemes
- Active learning and innovations in the classroom
- Classroom observations with feedback
- Supporting the tenure process

Departmental sessions may include:

- Revising peer reviews
- Revising course evaluation
- Curriculum design
- Faculty collaboration
- Innovations and projects
- Retention
- Faculty development

Please contact Judy at [ableser@oakland.edu](mailto:ableser@oakland.edu) to arrange a time to meet.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### CETL MEET AND GREET

**Have you heard of CETL, but aren't sure what it is about?**

Join us in the Learning Studio in 200A Elliott Hall to meet all of us at the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and learn about our services and resources. Refreshments provided. Drop in any time during the open hours below.

**Monday, September 15**

**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

or

**Tuesday, September 16**

**12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**Unable to attend?**


Visit us online at [oakland.edu/cetl](http://oakland.edu/cetl)

Sign up for weekly emails at [oakland.edu/cetl/signmeup](http://oakland.edu/cetl/signmeup)

## FACULTY AND STAFF SOCIAL HOURS

Every second Thursday of the month, join faculty and staff to socialize between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER**  
**FINNEGAN'S**  
Finnegan's is located on campus in the Steve Sharf Clubhouse (by the golf course).  
  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
**Drop in any time between**  
**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Enjoy different specials each month. Oakland University faculty and staff will receive 10% off on all other days of the year.**

**NOVEMBER-APRIL**  
**BRAVO!**  
Bravo! is in the Village of Rochester Hills at Adams Rd and Walton.  
  
**BAR BITES \$3.95**  
**DRINK SPECIALS \$5.00**

## WORKSHOPS

We welcome you to register for any workshops that are of interest to you. All our workshops meet in our **Learning Studio in 200A Elliott Hall** and are offered at **12:00-1:30 p.m.** (unless noted otherwise).

Register for workshops at [www.oakland.edu/cetl](http://www.oakland.edu/cetl) by clicking on **Workshops**.

Lunch will be provided at all noon workshops.

Workshop Title	Date	Facilitator
FDI – Orientation – Mentoring for Emerging Faculty*	Tues. Sept. 9	Judy Ableser
FDI – Orientation – High Impact Practices	Wed. Sept. 10	Byungwon Woo
Gen X+: How Generational Differences Impact Effective Teaching and Learning*	Wed. Sept. 17	Mary Dereski
Grad Student Forum: Orientation to Series on Teaching as a Grad Student and Future Faculty (5:00-6:30 p.m.)	Thurs. Sept. 18	Judy Ableser, Byungwon Woo
Sharing Teaching Tips	Wed. Oct. 1	Judy Ableser
Partnering with Student Support Services*	Tues. Oct. 7	Nancy Schmitz and Student Support Services panel
Constructive Alignment: Connecting Learning Outcomes and Assessments*	Tues. Oct. 21	Judy Ableser
General Education*	Wed. Oct. 29	Susan Awbrey
Engaging STEM Students in the Classroom: Practical Tips for Teaching	Thurs. Oct. 30	Laila Guessous, Kathy Moore, Leanne DeVreugd
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning	Wed. Nov. 5	Dana Driscoll
2014 Teaching Excellence Award Winners	Wed. Nov. 12	Dana Driscoll, Vanessa Stauffer
New York Times in the Classroom	Thurs. Nov. 20	Mike Mooney
Public Speaking for College Teaching *	Tues. Nov. 25	Beth Talbert
Supervising Students Effectively in STEM Research	Wed. Dec. 3	Laila Guessous
Authentic Assessment and Rubrics*	Tues. Dec. 9	Judy Ableser

\*Nuts and Bolts Workshops for new and emerging faculty

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

An opportunity to engage in informal discussions with other faculty to share stories, experiences and insights. All sessions meet in the **Learning Studio in 200A Elliott Hall** at **12:00-1:00 p.m.** (unless noted otherwise).

Register for Coffee and Conversations at [www.oakland.edu/cetl](http://www.oakland.edu/cetl) by clicking on **Coffee and Conversation**.  
Coffee and dessert provided (feel free to bring your own lunch).

Title	Date	Facilitator
Communicating with Students	Tues. Sept. 23	Sara Webb
Chairs Forum	Thurs. Oct. 9	Judy Ableser
Hostility and Micro-aggression in the Classroom	Thurs. Oct. 23	Judy Ableser
Evaluating Teaching	Mon. Nov. 17	Judy Ableser
Teaching International Students	Thurs. Dec. 4	Judy Ableser

## THE LILLY CONFERENCE

The Lilly Conference in Traverse City gathers faculty from across the country to share research on best teaching practices within our colleges and universities. CETL has provided travel grants to these OU presenters and first-time attendees for the 2014 Lilly Conference, October 16-19.

### Lilly Awardees

- Terry Dibble, Health Sciences
- Myung Choi, Health Sciences
- Caterina Pieri, Modern Languages
- Ji-Eun Lee, School of Education and Human Services
- Byungwon Woo, Political Science
- Scott Tiegs, Biology
- Xia Wang, Engineering
- Shaun Moore, e-LIS/Writing & Rhetoric
- Christina Moore, CETL/Writing & Rhetoric
- Victoria Lucia, School of Medicine
- Carolyn Tieppo, Nursing
- Pamela Todoroff, Writing & Rhetoric
- Joan Honigman, School of Education and Human Services
- Greg Allar, International Studies
- Joshua Fleer, Religious Studies
- Fritz McDonald, Philosophy
- Alice Horning, Writing & Rhetoric

**Join Us for the Conference!** The Lilly Conference brings together OU faculty from across disciplines, and expands our network of innovative teachers in higher education. As a sponsor of the Lilly Conference, OU participants receive **10% off registration costs using discount code cosponsor14**. Learn more about the Lilly Conference and register at [lillyconferences.com/tc/](http://lillyconferences.com/tc/).

If you do register or would like to be put on a waiting list for travel grants, please contact Suzanne Flattery for more information on OU receptions and dinners at the conference ([flattery@oakland.edu](mailto:flattery@oakland.edu)).

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES (FDI)

### What are Faculty Development Institutes?

- A sustained program which runs throughout an academic year focusing on developing a teaching approach.
- The cohort (10-15 members) meets approximately once a month with a coach/mentor. Time and dates will be decided by group members.
- Provides an opportunity to learn new skills and strategies and then have time to develop, implement, reflect and revise them throughout the year.

FDIs bring together faculty interested in special topics, facilitated by a CETL representative who is an expert in this field. This fall we will begin two new FDIs. Attend the orientations to learn more about the FDIs.

### Mentoring Emerging Faculty

with Judy Ableser, CETL Director

### Orientation Workshop: Tuesday, September 9

- Mentoring to help support teaching and acclimation into campus life as an academic
- Professional and social networking and connections with other faculty who are also new/nearly new to teaching at a university
- An opportunity to extend, practice, reflect and reinforce skills and knowledge that are introduced during the Nuts and Bolts of Teaching and Learning Workshops

### High Impact Practices

with Byungwon Woo, CETL Faculty Fellow

### Orientation Workshop: Wednesday, September 10

- Explore various impact teaching practices for lasting learning experience for students
- Plan and implement high impact practices
- Work with a team to brainstorm ideas, plan and receive feedback on high impact practices

**Register for FDIs at [oakland.edu/cetl](http://oakland.edu/cetl) by clicking on Faculty Development Institutes.**

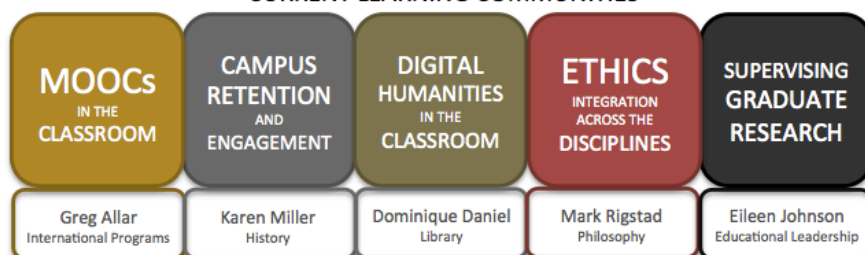
## LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A LC is a cross-disciplinary group (6-15 members) of faculty/staff/graduate students members engaging in a yearlong program to investigate new teaching and learning methods. Their activities include frequent seminars and activities that provide learning, development, and community building. Participants typically engage in bi-weekly sessions and retreats and present results to the campus.

A call for LCs for 2015 will be posted during the fall semester. To learn about Learning Communities and browse current LCs, visit

**[oakland.edu/oulc](http://oakland.edu/oulc)**

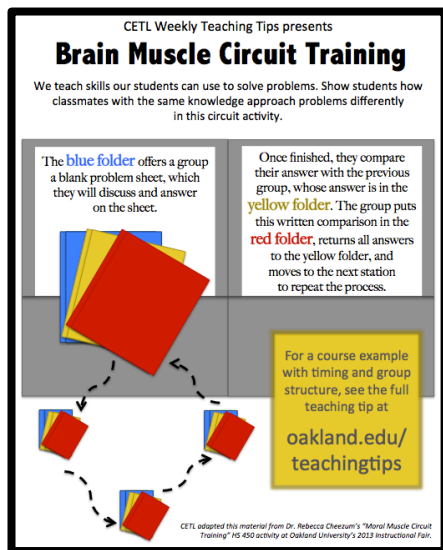
### CURRENT LEARNING COMMUNITIES



## VIRTUAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

### WEEKLY TEACHING TIPS

Weekly Teaching Tips, landing in inboxes and popping up on Facebook, offer a quick-to-implement teaching strategy. Weekly Teaching Tips are inspired by our OU community and faculty across the country. Since we cannot sneak into all of our colleagues' classes, let's continue sharing Weekly Teaching Tips from OU faculty.



Sign up for Weekly Teaching Tips:  
[oakland.edu/cetl/signmeup](http://oakland.edu/cetl/signmeup)

If you have a strategy for assessing group work, using tech tools or improving study skills, offer us a quick write-up, and we may turn it into a CETL Weekly Teaching Tip.

Submit your teaching tip to [oakland.edu/teachingtips](http://oakland.edu/teachingtips).

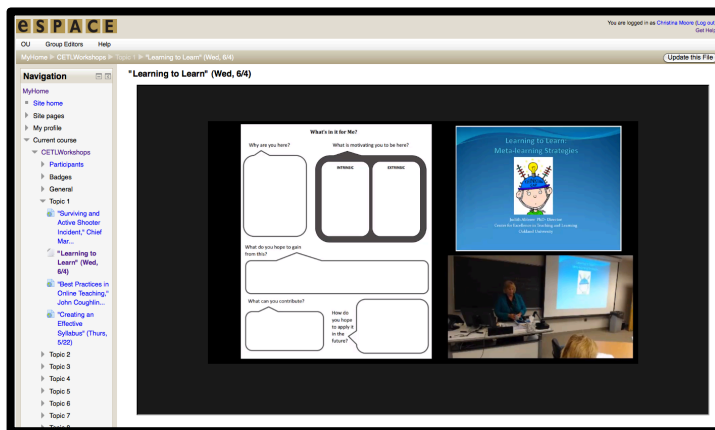
**Teaching Tips on Facebook** CETL's Weekly Teaching Tips, along with reminders and other resources, are available on our Facebook page:  
**The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at OU.**



**We're on Facebook.**  
"Like" us for teaching tips, resources, and collaboration.

### WORKSHOP RECORDINGS

In Fall 2013, we started recording our workshops for access for faculty and staff who would like to review these practical workshops, but did not succeed at being everywhere at once. Our eSpace **CETL Workshop Resources** page is open to all OU faculty. To browse the recordings, or go back to a discussion you were a part of and watch them, visit [oakland.edu/cetl](http://oakland.edu/cetl) and click on **Workshops**.



### ONLINE MODULES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

CETL offers online curriculum on the basics of teaching and learning theory, from constructive alignment to course design. These modules are self-paced and often linked to our university resources and workshops. To browse this curriculum, visit **Virtual Faculty Development** at [cetl.oakland.edu](http://cetl.oakland.edu).

## GRANTS

### INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING: SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING GRANT

To support the initiative of enhancing the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Oakland, this year's Innovations in Teaching Grants focused on SoTL. A total of \$15,000 was granted this year. CETL is pleased to announce the following faculty were awarded grants for this coming year. Congratulations to the recipients.

#### Full Time Tenure Track

- Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies
- Sanela Maric, Chemistry
- You Li, Journalism

#### Part Time Non-Tenure Track

- Greg Allar, International Studies
- Paul Schauert, Music for Honors College

Interested in applying  
for this grant?

**How to Prepare for  
the Innovations in  
Teaching Grant**

Applications due March 2015

FALL 2014

**Attend Nuts & Bolts Workshops**

**Schedule a Consultation**

WINTER 2015

**Attend the Innovations in Teaching Grant  
Workshop**

## CETL ADVISORY BOARD

CETL works with an advisory board representing faculty and staff membership from across the campus. We extend our appreciation for all of the support and guidance. Current membership includes the following:

Diane Underwood, e-LIS  
Sara Webb, First Year Advising  
Julia Rodriguez, Library  
Chris Kobus, Engineering  
Kathleen Spencer, Nursing  
Florence Dallo, Health Sciences

Bill Solomonson, SEHS  
Rod Nyland, School of Medicine  
John Corso, Art and Art History  
Beth Talbert, Communication  
and Journalism  
Tom Raffel, Biology

Mark Simon, SBA  
Byungwon Woo, CETL/Political  
Science  
Christina Moore, CETL/Writing  
and Rhetoric  
Susan Awbrey, Provost's Office

We will be looking for new faculty to join the board for next year. If you are passionate about teaching and learning, please consider serving on our Advisory Board.

## IN CLOSING

I am so delighted with the CETL Team. CETL's programs and services have expanded and reached so many across campus due to the work of our outstanding CETL Team. I thank Christina Moore, our new Media Manager, who has transformed CETL into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Virtual Center. We look forward to all our Faculty Fellow Byungwon Woo will offer our teaching and learning community this year. Thank you to Marian McClellan, our new Accounts Assistant, who has provided much needed support to Suzanne in the front office. And my ongoing appreciation is warmly extended to Suzanne Flattery, our CETL Assistant, who is the backbone of our Center. Finally, I would like to acknowledge Academic Affairs and our Senior Associate Provost, Susan Awbrey, who provides the guidance and support that allows CETL to grow and meet the needs of our teaching and learning community at Oakland University.

Respectfully,  
Judy, CETL Director