2012 FALL ORIENTATION WEEK LEARN CENTER WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, August 29

HIGH- AND LOW-TECH STRATEGIES FOR CREATING ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITIES

PRESENTED BY: KAREN SKIBBA- INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN SPECIALIST AND RENEE PFEIFER-LUCKETT- DIRECTOR, LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTER INSTRUCTIONAL, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (ICIT) 9:00–10:15 A.M. UC 259

This interactive session explores the concept of "thriving online learning community" - what it is, why it is important, challenges faced, and strategies for implementation and assessment. A Learning Community Development Model provides a framework to examine factors leading to effective online learning communities. Attendees will complete activities designed to explore techniques of building an active community of learners including the use of high- and low-tech methods that allow instructors to "humanize" and facilitate online learning. The benefits of a successful online learning community emerge when students achieve a deeper level of engagement with the instructor, classmates and course material.





BEST PRACTICES IN COURSE PLANNING: BREAKFAST AND A MOVIE

PRESENTED BY: GREG VALDE- DIRECTOR, LEARN CENTER 9:15-10:15 A.M. UC 261

How can we best design our courses to prevent problems and enhance student learning? This workshop will address this question. Come enjoy a free continental breakfast, watch a 20 minute video on "course planning," and participate in a discussion. After the video participants will be asked to share their own best practices in course planning and design and to reflect on those shared in the video.

PUBLISHING POINTERS: TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR GETTING PUBLISHED

PRESENTED BY: MARTHA STEPHENSON- ELLEN LATORRACA AND RONNA TIMMERMAN- REFERENCE & INSTRUCTION LIBRARIANS 10:30 – 11:30 A.M. UC 261

What are the most prestigious journals in my field in which to publish? What are their acceptance rates? How do I contact journal publishers? Do you know anyone that publishes poetry? Is there any way I can have research on my topic sent directly to me? Do you know any easy ways to create a bibliography?

Whether you're trying to publish fiction or nonfiction, in a book, journal, or magazine, we've got some tips for you.

This session will cover databases such as ISI Journal Citation Reports and Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities, citation and bibliography tools such as EndNote Web and Zotero, journal alert services and more.







HOW TO INSPIRE YOUR STUDENTS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING... WELL, MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY A LITTLE BIT

PRESENTED BY: MARK JONAS- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. UC 259

Inspiring your students doesn't necessarily require radical alterations in your methods or curricula. Sometimes a simple shift in the way you think about and engage your students makes a huge difference. In this talk, Dr. Jonas will explore a straightforward approach of grabbing students' attention and helping them want to learn, no matter how "boring" they think your subject is.