

October 18, 2017

Can You "Escape" Your Regular Classroom Routine? The Next Academy Workshop Challenges You!

Can your team defeat the Escape Room challenge? Can your group triumph in the scratch-card playoffs? Find out in the next [Cornerstone Series](#) workshop, Making an Impact with Collaborative Learning.

Considered by the Association of American Colleges and Universities as a "high-impact teaching practice" (positively associated with student learning and retention), collaborative learning will kick face-to-face and online classroom activities and assignments into high gear.



This two-part workshop, facilitated by Melissa Baysingar, Instructional Design Specialist, will provide innovative examples of collaboration in the traditional and online classrooms, hands-on experience with different collaborative learning activities and methods, and a forum to propose and receive feedback on collaborative learning ideas for your own classroom.

Part 1: Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. OR Friday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Part 2: Thursday, November 2, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. OR Friday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[Register Now](#) (Select Workshop 3 of the Cornerstone Series.)

New Course Design Review Process

This fall, Harper is kicking off an exciting course design review process that encourages continuous improvement to online and blended course design and accessibility! The Academy for Teaching Excellence is excited to help facilitate this five year course design review process. [Learn more about this new process.](#)

Creating a More Socially Just Classroom: Academy Webinar with Dr. Durene Wheeler

What is social justice education? How does social justice education relate to teaching practices? Visiting speaker Dr. Durene I. Wheeler, Associate Professor in the department of Educational Inquiry & Curriculum Studies at Northeastern Illinois

University, explores these two important questions in her upcoming webinar, Constructing Difference: Understanding the Role of Social Justice in Our Classroom. [Learn more.](#)



[Register for the webinar.](#) Please feel free to register even if you cannot view the session live. A recording will be emailed to you to view at any time.

What do you know about DACA and Undocumented Students?

The DREAMER Resource For Excellence Grant Team in collaboration with the DACAmented and Undocumented Student Group have developed a survey about faculty and staff knowledge and perceptions of undocumented students and students with DACA at Harper College. This anonymous survey will help inform the team as they develop professional development opportunities for all employees. [Please take a moment to fill out the survey.](#)

Questions? Please contact Devin Chambers at dchamber@harpercollege.edu.

Veronica Mormino's Journey

Wearing a wig or a slew of different hats, bearing her bald head or sporting sassy short hair - any way you look at it, Veronica Mormino, Associate Professor, Geography, is proud of her look. This is her story.

[Continue reading...](#)



Save the Date: Spring 2018 Faculty Retreat

The Spring 2018 Faculty Retreat is scheduled for **Friday, March 16, 2018**.

Event details and information will be announced at a later date, but please save this date on your calendar and spread the word to your colleagues!

Last Day to Register for the National Learning Communities Conference

Today is the last day to register for the [National Learning Communities Conference](#)! The conference will explore learning communities and integrative learning. As a special bonus, two of our faculty members-Perry Pollock and Chris Padgett-will be presenting on their Learning Community (Pedagogy Track), "Intersections: Integrating Art and Literature". [Learn more and register today.](#)



Register Now for Spring 2018 GECs

- Constructing Curriculum: Critical Pedagogy & Social Justice in the Classroom
- Introduction to Theories of Pedagogy
- Teaching Online Successfully: Create
- Teaching Online Successfully: Facilitate
- Teaching Online Successfully: Enhance

[Learn more and register.](#)

Call for Proposals - Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week & Tech Fest

Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week is January

9 to 13. The President's All Campus Meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 and the Provost's Meeting will be on Thursday, January 11. What will the rest of the week offer? You tell us!

The Academy is now accepting proposals for Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week. We invite you to [submit a proposal](#) for an orientation week session or a Tech Fest e-Poster session **by Monday, November 6.**



Talking Teaching & Learning

The Legacy of the Calendar Girls

Written by Stephanie Whalen, Chair, Academy for Teaching Excellence & Associate Professor, English and Interdisciplinary Studies

As described by Trygve Thoreson in [Harper College: The First 50 Years](#), the predominately male

administration's attitudes regarding gender and identity in Harper's early years were "firmly entrenched in the times" leaving plans for developing women's athletics programs "limited" and "Calendar Girls" donning the pages of the student newspaper right along with the

calendar of campus events. The "Calendar Girls" were a regular feature of the newspaper, and their descriptions focused on their physical attributes and what they could add to the campus community via their beauty over other qualities such as activities and scholarship. For example, a calendar girl who was a nursing student was described by *Harbinger* staff as "a really pulsating attraction in white or among the books" and another was called "a fresh beauty of a freshman worth watching...another one of the lovely misses who grace the ivyless halls." [Continue reading...](#)



The Harbinger, William Rainey Harper College Archives

Open Educational Resources (OER)

Achieving the Dream Study and *eCampus News* Report: [Faculty want more OER-here's why.](#)

The **OER Community of Practice** has formed and is still seeking new members. [Fill out an application to join.](#)



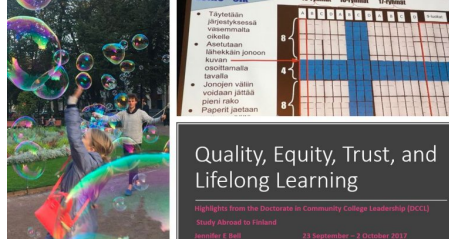
ForwardFocus OER Conference

This year's conference is dedicated to OER in community colleges. As institutions struggle to cut costs and eliminate barriers to student achievement, librarians are called to find solutions. OER initiatives have gained momentum and offer a promising path to overcoming budget constraints and textbook affordability issues for students. This conference is open to all who want to learn about OER.

- Friday, October 27, 2017
- Illinois Central College, Peoria campus: \$20
- Virtual Attendance: \$10
- [View Schedule & Register](#)

No Standardized Tests, No Homework, No School Inspections? The Secrets to Finland's Educational Success

Come learn about how Finland uses equity, trust, autonomy, and equality to promote excellence in student success. Jennifer E. Bell, Professor in Adult Educational Development and Lisa Busto, Assistant Professor, Accounting, and doctoral students in the DCCL (Doctorate in Community College Leadership) program with Ferris State University, participated in a 10-day study abroad to Finland where they toured a variety of schools from pre-school to university level in Helsinki in the south and Lapland on the Arctic Circle.



During this International Education Week program, Jennifer and Lisa will explain the basics of the Finnish school system, and reflect on their observations of why Finland's schools have been deemed the best in the world! They will end the presentation with a discussion about how we might incorporate elements of the Finnish system, and if it is possible to implement the Finnish structure in the United States.

- **Date:** Monday, October 30, 2017
- **Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
- **Location:** Building X, Room X250ab

Questions? Please email Jennifer Bell at jbell@harpercollege.edu.

Upcoming Programs & Workshops

[Making an Impact with Collaborative Learning](#)

Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Friday, October 27, 9:30 a.m.

[Writing Strategies for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students](#)

Friday, October 27, 9 a.m.



[Enhancing Distance Course Design Using the OSCQR Rubric](#)

October 30 - November 12 (online workshop)

[Understanding and Teaching Adult Learners in an Accelerated Program](#)

October 30 - November 13 (blended workshop)

[Constructing Difference: Understanding the Role of Social Justice in our Classrooms](#)

Wednesday, November 8, 12 p.m. (webinar)

Academy Calendar

What's Happening @ Harper?

- [Distinguished Alumni Reception](#)
- [Diversity & Inclusion Workshops](#)
- [Domestic Violence Awareness Event](#)
- [Embrace: The Body Movement Film Screening](#)
- [Fall Career Changers Workshop Series](#)
- [Harper College: How it all began](#)
- [Mindfulness Sitzings](#)



- [One Book, One Harper 2017-18: Laughs](#)
- [Take 5](#)

Save the Date

January 9 - January 13, 2018: Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week

Friday, March 16, 2018: Faculty Retreat

Saturday, April 14, 2018: Community Day: 50th Anniversary Event

Friday, April 20, 2018: Faculty Development Festival

Academy News Submission

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Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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