

August 9, 2017

## Fall 2017 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week

Take a look at all of the sessions in the [Fall 2017 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week schedule](#).

- President's All Campus Meeting, August 15
- 50th Anniversary Employee Kick-off Luncheon, August 15
- Coffee, Tea, and Scones & All Faculty Meeting with the Provost, August 16



and so much [more!](#)

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## Cornerstone Series

We're excited to announce our new workshop series for Fall 2017! The Cornerstone Series is a set of four hands-on workshops that explore some of the foundations of engaging and effective face-to-face and online classrooms.

- Enhancing Distance Course Design Using the OSCQR Rubric
- Making the 4 Connections in Your Classroom
- Making an Impact with Collaborative Learning
- Creating a Course Orientation with Blackboard Collaborate Ultra



Every workshop has two parts, and each part is offered twice (once in the morning, once in the evening). In addition, one of the workshops is offered fully online. Faculty who attend both parts of a workshop (or fully complete the online workshop) and demonstrate an innovation they've made to their online or face-to-face classroom at a Series Showcase can earn CEUs or a stipend. [Learn More & Register](#)

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## New Testing Procedures for Access and Disability Services

In an effort to provide ADS students with effective and flexible services, ADS is moving from the paper based "Request for Test Accommodations" form to an online "Alternative Testing Contract." ADS will be offering walk-in hours to answer any questions instructors may have regarding this new procedure. [Learn More](#)

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## 50th Anniversary Events & Updates

**Orientation Week Event:**

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**Pick Up Your Apparel Gift:**

[Harper Spirit Wear: Pick Up Your Apparel Gift](#)

## Spirit Day Wednesdays:

### [Represent! Wear Harper gear on Spirit Day Wednesdays](#)

#### Take 5:

Take a five minute break and engage with employees on campus by competing in games, challenges, trivia, and more! Prizes! [Learn More](#)



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## Blackboard: What's New?

### New Features in Blackboard:

Join us during Orientation Week to learn more about new features in Blackboard such as Content Collection and Collaborate Ultra. [Learn More](#)

### Blackboard Mobile App Updates:

If you or your students currently use Bb Mobile Learn you need to know that this app is being replaced. Blackboard's strategy for its mobile apps has transitioned from a single app for all, to persona-based apps for students and instructors.



When will these changes take place?

- The mobile app named "Blackboard" is designed for **student use** and is available now.
- The mobile app named "Blackboard Instructor" is designed for **instructor use** and offers increased functionality. It will be available by the end of August 2017.

## GECs for Fall 2017

### What can we learn from comic books that we might use in our teaching?

Brian Cremins, Associate Professor of English, says that there's something for everyone in this class.

"We'll be covering Marnie Galloway's

Particle/Wave, an autobiographical comic grounded in physics and cosmology; John Porcellino's The Hospital Suite, in which he writes openly about his experiences with OCD and anxiety; and biologist Jay Hosler's Clan Apis, which is not only about the

life cycle of honey bees (the focus of Hosler's research) but also one of the best modern variations on Joseph Campbell's hero's journey that I've ever read. We'll also read classics like Art Spiegelman's Maus, his memoir about his parents' survival of the Holocaust. So my colleagues will not only get a good sampling of the kind of work being done today, but also think about how they might be inspired by the verbal/visual strategies these writers, artists, and scientists have used in their work." [View Details & Register](#)



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## Teaching Online Successfully

### Teaching Online Successfully: Create

This course prepares and supports faculty who are

*developing* an online or blended course in Blackboard for the first time and any faculty who have an interest in exploring best practices in online and blended course design.

**Format:** Online

**Dates:** September 4 - September 17

**GECs:** 1

[View Details & Register](#)



### Teaching Online Successfully: Facilitate

This course prepares and supports faculty who are *teaching* an online or blended course in Blackboard for the first time and any faculty who have an interest in exploring best practices in online and blended course facilitation.

**Format:** Online

**Dates:** September 4 - September 17 (Section 1) and October 2 - October 15 (Section 2)

**GECs:** 1

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## Creating an Accessible Learning Environment for Students with Disabilities

In this course, participants will have an opportunity to learn basic information about the 10 most common visible and invisible disabilities, in order to evaluate a course or program and develop methods that make the learning environment inclusive and welcoming to all students, including students with disabilities. This course will utilize real case studies of current and past Harper students, in order to have an honest discussion about the challenges that students face when navigating an inaccessible learning environment. [View Details & Register](#)



## Academy Events

### [Fall 2017 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week](#)

Monday, August 14 - Saturday, August 19

### [OSCQR Rubric](#)

Wednesday, August 16, 12 p.m.

### [New Features in Blackboard](#)

Wednesday, August 16, 1 p.m.

Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m.

### [Adjunct Faculty Teaching & Learning Conference](#)

Wednesday, August 16, 4 p.m.

### [Community of Practice Info Session](#)

Thursday, August 17, 11 a.m.



Academy Calendar

What's Happening @ Harper?

[Free Movie Friday: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 \(August 25\)](#)

[Harper College 50th Anniversary](#)

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

[One Million Degrees \(OMD\): Volunteer to be an OMD Coach](#)

[Welcome Week Events for Students](#)

## Save the Date

**Friday, September 29, 2017:** Annual Assessment Conference and Share Fair

**October 2017:** Disability Awareness Month Events

**Friday, October 20, 2017:** Diversity Symposium

**October 23 - 29, 2017:** "Doing More Together" Giving Back Week: 50th Anniversary Event

**Friday, October 27, 2017:** DeafTEC

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

**Friday, April 20, 2018:** Faculty Development Festival

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### Academy News Submission

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

### Visit our Website

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