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Adjunct Faculty Update

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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. 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 a stipend.

Learn More & Register

Adjunct Faculty Teaching & Learning Conference

If you haven't registered for the Adjunct Faculty Teaching & Learning Conference yet, now is the time! Want to learn more before you do? View the agenda for the conference (please note: the agenda is subject to change before August 16; the final agenda will be printed in the conference program).



RSVP

Creating an Accessible Learning Environment for Students with Disabilities

Register for this course 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

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

Brian Cremins, Associate Professor of English and instructor for this GEC during the fall semester, 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."

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New Features in Blackboard

Did you know that instructors can now use the Content Collection to store, share, and publish content in Blackboard? Files can be easily repurposed and linked from any Blackboard course. When a file that is stored in the Content Collection needs updating, faculty need to update it only once inside the Content Collection, eliminating the need to go into each course to upload an updated version of the file. Join us during Fall 2017 Faculty/Staff Orientation



Week to learn more about this and other new features in Blackboard like the updated Blackboard Collaborate - a simple, convenient, and reliable web conferencing solution.

Learn More

Upcoming Academy Events

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.

<u>Community of Practice Info Session</u>

Thursday, August 17, 11 a.m.



Academy Calendar

What's Happening @ Harper?

Assessment Conference and Share Fair

Fall 2017 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week

Harper College 50th Anniversary



Harper Calendar

Questions? Concerns? Ideas?

Please feel free to contact us or stop by the Academy anytime if you have questions or if there is anything we can help you with. We welcome and appreciate your feedback!

Thanks,

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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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