

March 7, 2018

Engaging Generation Z in Your Classroom

"Generation Z" has arrived on the Harper campus! According to [The Beloit College Mindset List](#), "they are the first generation for whom a 'phone' has been primarily a video game, direction finder, electronic telegraph, and research library."

Students born after 1995 are a part of this exciting group, which brings unique strengths and challenges to the classroom. Let's fully engage this new generation.

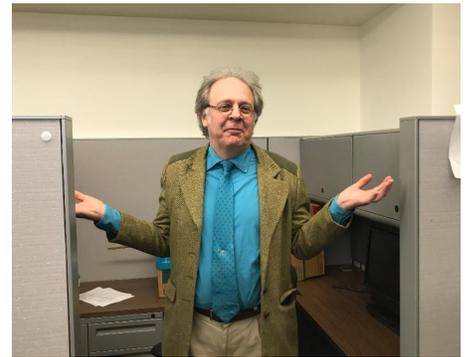
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We're Moving this Week!

We're moving back to Building F in March, along with the Library and Academic Support Centers. The Academy will be located on the third floor in room F320. However, Building F does not officially open until April 2, so there will be a few weeks where access is limited. If you need access to the Academy before that date, please call 847.925.6174 and an Academy representative will assist you.

Watch the Academy News for more details about the new space after the move. We look forward to collaborating with all of you in this new space!



Professor Jim Edstrom, Resources for Learning, is packed and ready to move to Building F.

\$600K In Donor Sponsored Harper Scholarships Are Open

A new cycle of Donor Sponsored Scholarships is now open for Harper students. These scholarships are available through Harper's Educational Foundation. There are 170 different scholarships, and more than \$600K goes to Harper students for tuition, books, and fees. Scholarships are for financial need (about 50 of the scholarships), program of study, or merit based.

[Learn more and please encourage your students to apply.](#)



Scholarship Day: Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Educational Foundation and Mobile Unit will be at Avante (on the side closest to Building Y) to promote scholarship opportunities to students. Stop by to learn what scholarships are available for your students.

Building ePortfolios in Blackboard

The Blackboard ePortfolio tool is now available for students

and faculty at Harper. ePortfolios empower students with tools to effectively present knowledge and artifacts in a cohesive, personalized format.

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May Day Culture of Care Discussion

Are you interested in learning more about how to show care and concern for students while still maintaining high academic standards? Did you miss or attend the Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week panel discussion on Empathy and Rigor: Culture of Care in the Classroom and want more time for Q&A or discussion of additional questions?

[Learn More & RSVP](#)



Making the 4 Connections

Back by popular demand! To improve course dropout rates, Odessa College sought the common thread between courses with the greatest student success. They uncovered four simple practices that increase connection to students and promotes student success.



This workshop explores the "4 Connections" revealed in Odessa's research and explores practical methods and tools for applying them in your own classroom.

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50 Years of Harper's History in Diversity & Inclusion

This year, Harper College is celebrating its 50 years as a college, and on Monday, March 12, we will acknowledge Harper's 50 years of diversity and inclusion work with a day of events and a video with reflections from people from Harper's past. We hope the day will be one of reflection and celebration: reflection of where we have been, celebration of how far we have come, and acknowledgement of where we will go next.

[Learn More](#) and [View the Program](#)



Hear Pascuala Herrera, Accessibility Specialist, talk about the intersection of race, gender, and disability.

Interested in increasing student success rates in gateway courses? Apply for a grant opportunity!

Are you thinking about ways to engage your students in the learning process, while increasing the overall success rates of students in your classes? The Curriculum & Instruction Goal Team is soliciting faculty that are interested in developing innovative instructional techniques and methods to increase the level of student persistence and completion in courses



that students typically take in their first 15 credits at Harper College.

[View the Criteria & Apply](#)

The Faculty Lounge

Open Pedagogy - Disposable Assignments vs. Renewable Assignments

Written by Dave Braunschweig, Professor, Computer Information Systems

At the Achieving the Dream 14th Annual DREAM Conference last week, David Wiley, Chief Academic Officer of Lumen Learning, spoke about the difference between disposable assignments and renewable assignments. This is an extension of [Open Educational Resources \(OER\)](#) he describes as open pedagogy.



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The concept is relatively simple. Most assignments students complete are disposable. The assignments have no lasting value beyond the experience itself, and may be thrown away at the end of the course. By contrast, renewable assignments are open to students in future course sections, and to anyone with similar interests worldwide. Renewable assignments enhance learning opportunities for future students.

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Faculty Retreat: Meet One of Our Presenters, Dr. Monica Edwards

Dr. Monica Edwards teaches Sociology, but she is also a student of the social dynamics of her own classroom and recently became acutely concerned with the way that classroom discourse is oriented toward the extroverted. Dr. Edwards is also investigating the ways in which the classroom culture is oriented toward distraction, which may also be advantageous for some students and a substantial detriment to others who benefit from "quiet" teaching pedagogies.



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Faculty Retreat: Meet One of Our Presenters, Dan Loprieno

Coach Loprieno has worn several different hats at Harper College. He has been a full-time faculty member in Harper's Mathematics Department since the fall of 1991 and has also served as a wrestling coach at Harper since 1989. Many people might not know that Coach Loprieno was that also a student at Harper in the mid 80's. He earned his Associate of Science Degree in 1985. There are very few faculty members left that were here teaching when he started, and none left from when he was a student. Although he feels students themselves haven't changed much over the years, the problems they face and issues they must deal with have escalated to new levels.



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Student Learning Showcase

Be Assessment Savvy!

How do we know if students are learning what we say they should be learning? We assess! And the assessment world has been a hive of activity as of late, mainly after three essays were published in national periodicals.

Want to know what all of the buzz is about and how it relates to assessment at Harper? [Read on!](#)



Upcoming Programs & Workshops

Using Humor to Maximize Learning

Thursday, March 8, 3 p.m.

Making the 4 Connections in Your Classroom

Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 10, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 3 p.m.

Allyhood: Building Skills to Foster an Inclusive Work Environment

Tuesday, April 10, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 19, 5 p.m.

Writing Strategies for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Friday, April 13, 9 a.m.

Building ePortfolios in Blackboard

Thursday, April 12, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 17, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18, 3 p.m.



Academy Calendar

Faculty Photos



What's Happening @ Harper?

- [Career Changers Workshop Series](#)
- [Harper College 50th Anniversary](#)
- [Job Placement Resource Center](#)
- [Mindfulness Sitzings](#)
- [Student Success through Global Learning Outcomes](#)
- [Title IX: It's On Us](#)
- [Use the Campus Map to Find Classrooms & Offices](#)
- [Volunteer for Community Day](#)
- [Workshops from the Library and Writing Center](#)



Save the Date

Saturday, May 19: 50th Commencement Ceremony

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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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Academy News Submission

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Accessibility

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