

May 16, 2018

Fall 2018 Workshops & Training

The Academy will be offering some valuable and innovative workshops and drop-in training sessions for the Fall 2018 semester!

- Harry Potter: Harper Mystery. A quest to discover the secrets of critical thinking in the halls of Hogwarts Harper.
- Blackboard ePortfolio Workshops
- Accessible Course Materials Workshops
- New OSCQR Peer Reviewers Training
- Blackboard Drop-In Sessions



Watch the summer issues of the Academy News for more details and to register.

Honoring Our Outstanding Faculty

Thanks to Motorola, Harper annually recognizes a faculty member with the Motorola Solutions Foundation Endowed Award for Teaching Excellence. At Tuesday evening's Convocation Ceremony, Matt Blakely, Executive Director of Motorola Solutions Foundation, presented the award to Kevin Long.

Kevin teaches Theatre and Speech and directs productions for the Harper Ensemble Theatre Company. He consistently creates a classroom environment in which students feel safe to explore their talents and share their unique perspectives. He approaches his production work as an extension of the classroom, integrating it into the teaching and learning process.



In his acceptance speech, Kevin spoke about being blessed with "dedicated angels on earth" - educators who challenged and pushed him to develop his talents and pay it forward. "It is my privilege and my honor to go the extra mile for my students so that they too can become the best versions of themselves." [Watch Convocation and Kevin's full speech](#) (starting at 23 minutes, 50 seconds).

New Service: Video Captioning

Providing captions and transcription of course-related videos is one way to help create an equitable learning environment for all students. While captions and transcripts provide obvious benefits to Deaf and hard-of-hearing students, a study conducted by the Oregon State University E-campus Research Unit found that 54% of students (independent of hearing ability) used closed captions at least some of the time when they were provided for course-related video. Of these students, roughly 90% of students who used closed captions found them to be at least moderately



helpful.

Access & Disability Services provides in-class speech-to-text captioning and video captioning as part of their disability and accommodation services. The Academy is complementing this critical service by supporting captioning and transcription for online videos ahead of an accommodation request. This effort seeks to help faculty move their courses towards complete accessibility while also providing universal benefits for all learners.

[Learn more about this service](#) and submit your video(s) for captioning before your next class begins.

Reminder: Update Your Syllabus for New Library and Success Services Locations

As of April 2, 2018 the Library, Writing Center, Tutoring Center, and Success Services are now located in Building F. Please update your syllabi for future semesters to reflect the new locations. The Harper College Syllabus Template and all related resources on the Harper College [Syllabus webpage](#) have been updated to reflect these location changes.



Not familiar with the Harper College Syllabus Template? [Read more about it here.](#)

The Faculty Lounge

Lessons from May Day Culture of Care Event

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

As finals wind down and summer begins, the Academy would like to share some images from the May Day Culture of Care event on May 1, 2018 to remind faculty that gestures of kindness are important to care for students, colleagues, and ourselves.

[Continue reading...](#)

We hope Finals Week is going well and that the 50th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday is a wonderful event (and hopefully more comfortable than last year!) to celebrate the successes of all of our graduates this year. We wish everyone a refreshing, restful, and safe summer. The Academy is open during normal business hours all summer, so don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.



Tong Cheng, Biology, modeling a May Day basket filled with treats to spread kindness.

Student Learning Showcase

What do we do with these fascinating assessment results?

We know you've been diligently assessing your students' learning, whether through [CATs](#), course, program, or [general education assessment](#)...and most likely you've been involved with many of these!

But what's next? What happens with all of this data?

- General Education Results & Improvement



- Program and Course Results & Improvement
- Classroom Assessment & Improvement

[Learn More](#)

Call for Presentations: 10th Annual Assessment Conference and Share Fair!

Harper's Learning Assessment Committee invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the [10th Annual Assessment Conference and Share Fair](#), which will take place Friday, September 21, 2018.



We are looking for engaging and informative presentations that highlight your progress, insights, innovations and best practices in assessment. Use your session to inspire your colleagues and to share your passion for teaching, learning, and helping our students grow.

[Submit a Presentation Proposal](#) by Friday, June 29, 2018.

[Learn more about the conference and save the date!](#)

Upcoming Programs & Workshops

[Teaching Online Successfully: Create \(online GEC\)](#)

Starts Monday, May 28

[Teaching Online Successfully: Facilitate \(online GEC\)](#)

Starts Monday, June 18

[Creating an Accessible Learning Environment for Students with Disabilities \(GEC\)](#)

Starts Monday, September 17



Academy Calendar

Faculty Photos





What's Happening @ Harper?

[Community Resources for Students](#)
[Help End Student Hunger](#)
[Job Placement Resource Center](#)
[RePlantIt Free-For-All](#)
[ReUseIt Room](#)
[Student Success through Global Learning Outcomes](#)
[Supporting DACA/Undocumented-affected Students](#)
[Title IX: It's On Us](#)
[Use the Campus Map to Find Classrooms & Offices](#)
[Veterans and Military-Connected Students](#)
[Workshops from the Library and Writing Center](#)



Save the Date

Saturday, May 19: 50th Commencement Ceremony
August 13 - August 18: Fall 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week
Wednesday, August 15: Adjunct Faculty Teaching & Learning Conference
Friday, September 21: Assessment Conference and Share Fair

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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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The mission of the Academy for Teaching Excellence is to create a vibrant teaching and learning culture for full-time and adjunct faculty that cultivates professional development in support of student success.

Academy News Submission

Accessibility: Individuals with disabilities who would like to request an accommodation or who have questions about physical access may contact the event host or Access and Disability Services at ads@harpercollege.edu, 847.925.6266, at least two weeks in advance of the event date.

Accessibility

Harper College enriches its diverse communities by providing quality, affordable, and accessible education. Harper College, in collaboration with its partners, inspires the transformation of individual lives, the workforce, and society.

