

# ACADEMY for TEACHING EXCELLENCE

## Step-Back Consulting Workshop

Step-back consulting is a creative method to develop solutions to challenges and dilemmas we face in our work. The technique, developed by Robert Kegan at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, promotes focused group discussion of complex problems. Through a structured and facilitated process, "consultants" brainstorm creative solutions using an outsider's lens while taking ownership of the "consultee's" problem on an affective level. [Learn more.](#)

**Facilitator:** Mike Bates, Dean of Teaching, Learning, & Distance Education

[Register Now](#) (first session today at 12 p.m.!)



Register Now

## Harry Potter: Harper Mystery

A powerful magic, called Critical Thinking, has been spotted on the grounds of Hogwarts Harper! Join your fellow wizards on a series of magical quests to better understand, measure, and draw out Critical Thinking. Muggles welcome.

**Facilitators:**

- Faon Grandinetti, Associate Director of Outcomes Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness
- Julia Lamping, Institutional Effectiveness Analyst
- Melissa Baysingar, Instructional Design Specialist

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## Making Your Course Materials Accessible

Accessible course materials benefit all students, and can often be done with minimal time investment. Learn how to make your PowerPoint, Word, and other documents accessible to students, and leave the workshop with tools and techniques to review a variety of materials.

**Facilitator:** Chris Dobson, Curriculum Content Graphic Illustrator

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## Blackboard Drop-In Sessions

Stop by the Academy for drop-in Blackboard training on selected Tuesdays and Thursdays this semester. No registration required.

**Facilitator:** Karen Herold, Instructional Technology Assistant

**Upcoming Sessions:**

- Discussion Boards, Forums, & Threads
- Working with Groups



- Running Course Reports
- Copying Your Blackboard Courses
- Downloading Grade Center

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## Harper Wins Delphi Award!

Harper College has received the 2018 Delphi Award for Faculty Models, Programs, Policies and Practices that Support Student Success!

One two-year and one four-year institution were selected for the inaugural year of this award which recognizes successful programs that support adjunct and non-tenure track faculty.



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## Apply Now for the Glenn A. Reich Memorial Faculty Award for Instructional Technology

Glenn Reich, former Director of User Services at Harper, believed in a humanistic, collaborative approach to instructional technology. He encouraged faculty and staff to invest their energy in the technology that he knew would dramatically affect our world and believed every academic discipline should expose students to technology and assist them to become more comfortable with it. This award is devoted to realizing and carrying forward that vision.



[Learn More & Download the Application](#)

The application deadline is Friday, November 2.

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## Diversity Symposium

This year's diversity symposium offers an opportunity to expand your knowledge and enhance your development of Latinx success initiatives within Harper's campus community.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Benitez, is a nationally-acclaimed activist-scholar, practitioner, and educator with extensive experience in diversity issues in higher education.



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## Illinois Community College OER Summit - Registration Now Open!

The college of Lake County and College of DuPage cordially invite you to attend the Illinois Community College OER Summit on Friday, November 30.

This event is for Illinois Community College faculty, administrators, librarians, and instructional designers to discuss OER, learn together, and share ways to integrate OER at your college and across the state.



[Register Now](#)

[Learn More & Register](#)

## Call for Proposals: Spring 2019 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week

The Academy is now accepting proposals for Spring 2019 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week that will take place January 8 to January 12.

[Submit a Proposal for a Session](#)

Proposals must be submitted by Monday, November 5.

Please Note: Tech Fest will not take place during Spring Orientation Week this year. More information coming soon!



## Harper Copyright Tutorial Available

The [Harper College Copyright Tutorial](#) is now available and is located on the [Library's Copyright & Fair Use](#) resources page and the Academy's [Course Design](#) page. This tutorial takes you through the Copyright Decision Path, a series of 7 questions that will help you develop a more informed answer to, "Can I use this?" for a work you would like to use. You can take a quiz to check your knowledge, and can return to the tutorial as often as you need to when evaluating your use of materials.

[Learn More](#)



## The Faculty Lounge

### Mission Possible - Bringing Podcasts into the College Classroom

*Written by Robert Allare, Business & Social Science, History*

Until recently I missed the connection between podcasts and Higher Education. This all changed after attending the "Innovative Strategies to Advance Student Learning" conference run by Lilly. After attending several workshops about how to use podcasts in the classroom I began to reach out to find other sources on this topic. Fortunately, I didn't have to search far.

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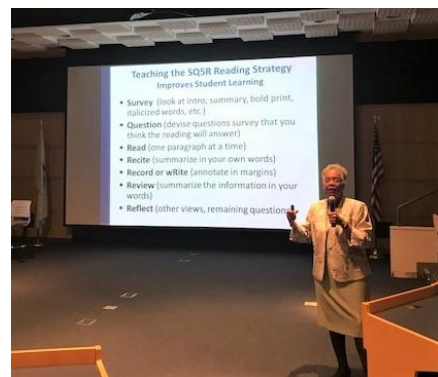


## Student Learning Showcase

### Teach Students How to Learn!

*Written by Faon Grandinetti, Associate Director, Outcomes Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness*

Did you know you can help many of your students learn using relatively simple techniques--even if those students haven't performed well in class so far? You might help students use focused reading strategies, employ an improved study cycle, or increase their motivation...techniques that Dr. Saundra McGuire has seen help students throughout her tenure in teaching and learning. Dr. McGuire shared these and other methods for helping faculty [Teach Students How to Learn](#) at the





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## What's Up with That: Things You May Be Wondering About

### The Dual Credit Quality Act

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

You may have heard a buzz about dual credit, but are still wondering what's going on and how it will affect our future students. On August 11 of this year, Governor Rauner signed an amendment to the Dual Credit Quality Act. The original act had high school districts work through college partners to provide college courses and credit for their students. According to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the act was signed into law in 2010 with the following stated goals.



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## Upcoming Programs & Workshops

### Step-Back Consulting Workshop

Wednesday, October 3, 12 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 10, 6 p.m.

### Mental Health First Aid: Higher Education Edition

Friday, October 5 & Friday, October 19, 10 a.m.

### Accessibility Workshop

Tuesday, October 9, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, October 11, 6 p.m.  
Friday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.

### Blackboard Drop-in Session: Discussion Boards, Forums, and Threads

Tuesday, October 16, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, October 18, 4 p.m.

### Blackboard Drop-in Session: Working with Groups

Tuesday, October 23, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, October 25, 4 p.m.



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## Faculty Photos



What's Happening @ Harper?

[Access & Disability Services FAQs](#)  
[Building M, Health & Recreation Center Open](#)  
[Community Resources for Students](#)  
[Domestic Violence/Bystander Intervention Awareness Event](#)  
[Emergency Procedures at Harper College](#)  
[FBI Overview: Cyber Threats, Trends, & Strategies](#)  
[Hawks Care Services for Students](#)  
[Help One More Student Stay](#)  
[Job Information Module for Blackboard](#)  
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