

**ACADEMY**  
for TEACHING  
EXCELLENCE

## New GEC! Introduction to Action Research for Scholarship

Register today this free, online course facilitated by Dr. Karen F. Tardrew from National Louis University.

Course information:

- **Dates:** November 5 - December 14
- **GECs:** 3
- [View Syllabus](#)
- research paradigms and methodologies by studying your own educational settings and contexts through action research
  
- investigate topics that are of interest to you and learn how to retrieve, critique, and summarize published research
- produce and evaluate your own data to understand your classroom(s) and students' achievement, behaviors, and attitudes
- work collaboratively and independently on small projects and assignments
- learn different approaches to data collection and evaluation, considering issues of credibility, reliability, and validity



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## 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.

Two sessions to choose from:

- Friday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 30, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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## 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!

## Blackboard Drop-In Sessions

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

#### Upcoming Sessions:

- Working with Groups (*tomorrow at 4 p.m.!*)
- Running Course Reports
- Copying Your Blackboard Courses
- Downloading Grade Center

[Learn More](#)



## OER Transformation Grants: Application Deadline Extended

Harper initially allocated \$45,000 of strategic plan funding for Open Educational Resources (OER) Transformation Grants. Additional funds were given to support the proposals that were approved, and \$13,750 remains to be awarded. Therefore, the application deadline has been extended until Friday, November 30.

[Learn More & Apply](#)



## 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.

[Learn More & Register](#)



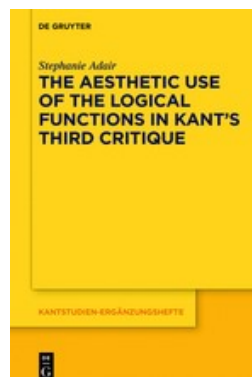
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## "The Beauty of Kant," a Discussion with Harper Faculty Stephanie Adair

Please join us as Harper Philosophy Professor Stephanie Adair, Ph.D. discusses Kant's theory of beauty based on her recently published book, *The Aesthetic Use of the Logical Functions in Kant's Third Critique* (De Gruyter 2018).

- **Date:** Thursday, November 15
- **Time:** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Building F, Room F315

**RSVP** required (space is limited to 30). Students are welcome to attend.



[RSVP](#)

## Have you or one of your colleagues used instructional technology to enhance teaching and learning?

Apply for or nominate a colleague for the Glenn A. Reich Memorial Faculty Award for Instructional Technology by



To be considered for the \$1,000 award, applicants must submit: a description of the instructional technologies they have used or are using, an explanation of how it has enhanced the teaching and learning process, and a description of how they envision its future use. Nominations may be made by any member of the Harper community.

[Learn More & Download the Application](#) (application deadline: Friday, November 2)

## Save the Date: Spring 2019 Faculty Retreat

The Spring 2019 Faculty Retreat is scheduled for March 15-16, 2019. Event details and information will be announced at a later date, but please save this date on your calendar and spread the word to your colleagues!

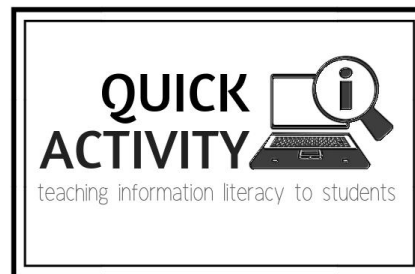


## The Faculty Lounge

### Quick Activity to Teach Your Students Information Literacy

*Written by Kristin Allen, Adjunct Faculty, Library Services*

Think you would never use Wikipedia in the classroom? Think again! Check out this quick [information literacy activity](#) from the Harper College Library!



Need help developing or refining your information literacy assignments? [Contact your department's liaison librarian.](#)

Schedule a library instruction class where a librarian will teach your students about plagiarism, citations, library resources, and more. [Fill out the instructional request form.](#)

## Student Learning Showcase

### Measuring Students' Communication and Information Literacy Skills

*Submitted by the Learning Assessment Committee*

This year, the College is scheduled to conduct a large-scale assessment of the General Education Communication outcome: Communicate information and concepts in oral and written formats.



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We're looking for faculty to assess student work in early spring 2019. If you can devote 6 hours on a Friday or Saturday in January or February, please contact Faon Grandinetti at [fgrandin@harpercollege.edu](mailto:fgrandin@harpercollege.edu). Training, lunch, and a stipend will be provided for each 6-hour session.

What's the status of the other General Education assessments we've done in recent years? [Learn more.](#)

Want to be more involved? Contact any member of the [Learning Assessment Committee](#) to learn more!

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

### The Making of a Promotion Process

*Written by Thomas Dowd, Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Senate Past President*

The promotion processes for full-time faculty to earn early promotion to the rank of assistant or associate professor as well as promotion to full professor have undergone some changes over the years to make them more interactive. The criteria for promotion eligibility was collectively bargained for and has been part of the faculty contract, while the new system for promotions was negotiated between the faculty and administration in 2008.



The impetus for revising the process was to solve several problems that existed in the old system. The difficulties were the type of materials delivered to the committee for evaluation, the composition of the committee, and the lack of interaction with the applicants.

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## Upcoming Programs & Workshops

### [Blackboard Drop-in Session: Working with Groups](#)

Thursday, October 25, 4 p.m.

### [Harry Potter: Harper Mystery](#)

Friday, October 26, 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, October 30, 12 p.m.

### [Blackboard Drop-in Session: Running Course Reports](#)

Tuesday, November 6, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, November 8, 4 p.m.

### [Blackboard Drop-in Session: Copying Your Blackboard Courses](#)

Tuesday, November 13, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, November 15, 4 p.m.

### ["The Beauty of Kant," a Discussion with Harper Faculty Stephanie Adair](#)

Thursday, November 15, 1 p.m.

### [Blackboard Drop-in Session: Downloading Grade Center](#)

Tuesday, November 27, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, November 29, 4 p.m.



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## Faculty Photos



## What's Happening @ Harper?

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## Save the Date

January 8 - January 12: Spring 2019 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week  
February 26 - March 1: Tech Week  
March 15 - 16: Spring 2019 Faculty Retreat

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