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DID YOU KNOW?

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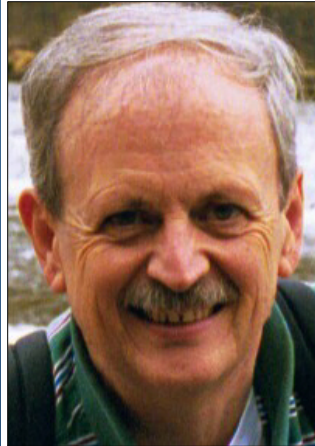
"Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school."

Albert Einstein

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Author-Scholar Ken Bain to Speak at January Teaching & Learning Symposium



The CTLT is pleased to announce that Dr. Ken Bain, author of *What the Best College Teachers Do*, will be the Keynote speaker at the January Teaching & Learning Symposium. Dr. Bain serves as the Vice President for Instruction and the Director of the Teaching and Learning Resource Center at Montclair State University and has been the founding director of four teaching and learning centers across the country.

In addition to his research on best teaching practices, Dr. Bain has also published on the history of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. One of his most prominent works is *March to Zion: United States Policy and the Founding of Israel*. More recently, his scholarship in the areas of teaching and learning has earned him international recognition. His book *What the Best College Teachers Do* documents the results of his fifteen-year study of teaching practices in over one hundred colleges across the country. In 2004, *What the Best College Teachers Do* was awarded the Virginia and Warren Stone Prize for an outstanding book on education and society.

In addition to providing the keynote address, Dr. Bain will conduct a Symposium workshop for faculty who have read his book. Contact Marcea Seible, mkseibl@ilstu.edu, if you'd like to attend this workshop, and we'll make sure you get an invitation.

The Annual Teaching & Learning Symposium will take place on January 9, 2008 at the Double-Tree Conference Center in Bloomington. All ISU faculty, staff, and graduate students are welcome to attend.

Symposium Proposals Now Being Accepted

Anyone with teaching responsibilities at Illinois State University is invited to propose a session for the January 2008 Teaching & Learning Symposium. Potential presenters can choose from three presentation formats: individual, panel, or poster. To facilitate the latter, CTLT and its co-sponsors will underwrite the cost of posters produced by CTLT's visual design staff. (Poster production includes *output only*. Presenters are responsible for poster content and design.) For more information and to submit your proposal, visit www.teachtech.ilstu.edu. The deadline for proposals is October 31.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of the freshmen admitted to ISU in 2007-08, 85% ranked in the top half of their high school graduating class.

"The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth."

Dan Rather

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Schedule Your Midterm Chat Today

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October is Midterm Chat Month at CTLT. Midterm Chats (more formally known as Small Group Instructional Diagnoses) can provide insights into students' perceptions of class assignments, discussions, homework, readings, and many more class- or instructor-related items. They are an excellent way to get feedback from your students and implement necessary changes while the course is still in progress rather than waiting until end-of-semester evaluation time.

Before the Chat, a CTLT facilitator will talk with you about your class. S/he'll then visit the class, asking students 3-4 standard questions and, if you like, 1-2 of your own. Following the classroom visit, the CTLT facilitator will prepare a written summary of students' responses and meet with you to discuss the document in person. All Midterm Chats are voluntary and strictly confidential.

For more information about Midterm Chats and other CTLT Instructional Consultation services, visit <http://www.ctlt.ilstu.edu/services/instConsult.php>; call or e-mail Claire Lamonica, Cyndy Ruszkowski, or Mayuko Nakamura; or send a message to teachtech@ilstu.edu.

Employee Development Unlimited Conference: A Team Effort

The second annual Employee Development Unlimited Conference, hosted by CTLT/ISU, ASTD, the McLean Co. Chamber of Commerce, and Heartland Community College, is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2007, at Heartland. This day-long conference promotes the importance of life-long learning for employees in all types of organizations and features numerous speakers, panels, and education/learning resources targeting both organizations and individuals.

This year's Keynote Speakers are Debra Jacobs, CEO of Innolect Inc., an international business consulting group (www.innolectinc.com), and Shari Buckellew, President of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce and Director of the Children's Discovery Museum. Session topics include diversity, time management, conflict management, ethics, and more. The cost of the conference, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks, is only 10 dollars.

For more information or to register, contact Cyndy Ruszkowski at clruszk@ilstu.edu or visit the CTLT website at www.teachtech.ilstu.edu.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students AND faculty can participate in an Alternative Spring Break through the Dean of Students Office.

They can help build homes for the homeless, feed hungry families, tutor young children, and much more. Visit www.deanofstudents.ilstu.edu to learn more.

"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher."

Japanese Proverb

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Liaisons Facilitate Communication Between Academic Departments, CTLT

"Questions about Teaching and Learning? Ask Me! I'm a CTLT LIAISON!" Small blue signs bearing these words should soon be cropping up on office doors in most academic departments as the Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology works to re-energize its CTLT Liaison program.

CTLT liaisons are well-respected members of their departments with a special interest in teaching and learning. They are identified by each department for a term of one year and may be reappointed for successive years.

During their terms of office, the liaisons are responsible for assisting the CTLT in the support of a positive, productive, collaborative, and collegial culture of excellence in teaching and learning at Illinois State University.

Each liaison can choose to contribute to this mission in one or more areas, including advisement, communication, participation, and marketing. Their prime responsibility, however, is to "put a face on CTLT for their departments" and to keep CTLT informed about faculty needs.

Liaisons are still needed for Languages, Literatures & Cultures, History, Mathematics, Sociology & Anthropology, and Special Education. For information about becoming a CTLT Liaison, contact Claire Lamonica at 438-7695 or cclamon@ilstu.edu.

2007-08 CTLT Liaisons

Accounting, Dennis Patten
Agriculture, Dick Steffen
Art, Judith Briggs
Biology, Cynthia Moore
Chemistry, William Hunter
Communication, Lance Lippert
Criminal Justice Sc., Beverly Smith
Curriculum & Instruction, Cheri Toledo
Economics, David Loomis
EAF, Phyllis McCluskey-Titus
English, Janice Neuleib
Family & Consumer Sc., Tricia Johnson
Finance, Insurance & Law, Joseph Solberg
Geography/Geology, Robert Nelson
Health Sciences, Mark Temple
ITK, Joaquin Vila-Ruiz
Kinesiology & Recreation, Amy Hurd
MQM, Douglas Micklich & Dale Fitzgibbons
Marketing, James Cox
Mennonite Col. of Nursing, Cathi Kaesberg
Military Science, James Keith
Milner, Sharon Naylor
Music, Marie Labonville
Philosophy, Thomas Simon
Physics, Richard Martin
Politics & Government, Robert Bradley
Psychology, Cooper Cutting
Social Work, Mary Campbell
Speech Path. & Aud., Susan Prendergast
Technology, Kenneth Stier
Theatre, Cynthia Brown
Women's Studies, Becca Chase

College Teaching Awards Announced

The College of Business and the Mennonite College of Nursing have announced their annual college teaching awards. Recipients appear below. Because each College announces its Teaching Award recipients at a different point in the academic year, the awards for the College of Fine Arts and the College of Applied Science and Technology will be published in the November issue of *The LINK*, and awards recipients for the College of Arts and Sciences will be published in the March 2008 issue.



Dr. Jeri Beggs, Assistant Professor in Marketing, was selected to receive the College of Business Manahan Family Award for Teaching Excellence in Business for 2006-07. "Teaching is the best part of my responsibilities as a faculty member," says Beggs, "because of the rapport you can build with the students. There is nothing better than the feeling you get at the end of a class session that went really well." Dr. Beggs' teaching interests include Consumer Behavior, Integrated Marketing Communications, and Ethics. She joined the ISU Department of Marketing in August 2002.



Cathi Kaesberg, Instructional Assistant Professor in the Mennonite College of Nursing, was selected by senior nursing students for the Kathleen A. Hogan Teaching Excellence Award, honoring the faculty member they believe most exhibits excellence in teaching. Kaesberg says, "Teaching at ISU has and continues to give me exposure to individuals who are excellent at teaching in very innovative ways and excellent at conducting research that is cutting-edge. There are no words to express the scholarly richness I experience as a teacher at ISU." Kaesberg's interests include identifying and supporting students at risk of failure and enhancing student success on the NCLEX-RN.



Dr. Denise Wilson, Associate Professor in the Mennonite College of Nursing, was the recipient of the College's Graduate Program Teaching Excellence Award. This award provides an opportunity for students in the Graduate Program to honor a faculty member they believe motivates students to mature intellectually, personally, and professionally, encourages openness, trust, and sensitivity, and serves as a role model for excellence as an advanced practice nurse.

DID YOU KNOW?

ISU faculty can show their support for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender students by taking part in Safe Zone. For more information, visit www.deanofstudents.ilstu.edu/help/glbtl/.

"In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less."

Lee Iacocca

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DID YOU KNOW?

The CTLT offers several grants to assist with your teaching and research. Visit the Grants page on the CTLT website at www.teachtech.ilstu.edu.

“Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.”

Helen Caldicott

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October is Cyber Security Month

Illinois State University, in conjunction with the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), is working to keep the ISU community safe in the Cyber world. As part of this ongoing effort, the ISU Help Desk is providing information designed to promote online safety.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to read articles about online safety and then take an online quiz to be registered to win prizes, including an iPod Nano each week and a grand prize of an Xbox 360.

Weekly topics include social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook (week 1), phishing scams and identity theft (week 2), viruses and spyware (week 3), and downloading and copyrights (week 4). To learn more about the National Cyber Security Alliance, visit <http://www.staysafeonline.org/>. Visit <http://www.helpdesk.ilstu.edu> to participate in the readings and quizzes.

Join CTLT for a Celebration of Teaching Through Film



The Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology, in conjunction with the Normal Theater, is hosting a film festival celebrating teaching and life-long learning. Movies include *Blackboard Jungle* (Oct. 18), *Stand and Deliver* (Oct. 19), *Chalk* (Oct. 20) and *Good-Bye Mr. Chips* (Oct. 21).

Each movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. The regular admission price to the theater includes the evening's movie followed by an optional discussion session and refreshments at the Coffee Hound. Refreshments served at the theater are \$1 each.

Join us in Uptown Normal for a few laughs, a few tears, and many memories. For more information, contact CTLT Coordinator Cyndy Ruszkowski at clruszk@ilstu.edu or 438-5848.

DID YOU KNOW?

Faculty and Staff can get discounts on purchasing computers and equipment through Tech Zone.

Visit their website at www.techzone.ilstu.edu for more information.

"You can't direct the wind, but you can adjust the sails."

Anonymous

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Meet the CTLT Staff: *Cyndy Ruskowski*



Name: Cyndy Ruskowski

Title: Coordinator

Education: B.S in Psychology and Sociology, Milliken University; M.S. in Management and Development of Human Resources, National Louis University (formerly National College of Education)

Family: Husband of 20 years, David, Assistant Director of Residential Life at ISU. Five children: Albina, 21, of Normal, IL; Justin, 17, a senior at Normal West; Derek, 15, a sophomore at Normal West; and twins Kate and Anastasia, 15, freshmen at Normal West.

"The best thing about my job is that it's about good teaching. I am building my confidence and gathering new ideas to be an effective teacher," says CTLT Coordinator Cyndy Ruskowski. Ruskowski joined the CTLT in September of 2006, and since that time, has been involved in coordinating several CTLT events and programs. One of her primary responsibilities is assisting faculty with integrating Clickers into their teaching. She is also involved with the annual Employee Learning Conference, New Faculty Orientation, and Teaching-Learning Communities. Most recently, she has been coordinating the Celebrating Teaching Cinema Festival at the Normal Theater.

Her favorite program is the annual Teaching & Learning Symposium. She finds the off-campus environment a positive way for faculty to share teaching and research. "This is one of the few times that a large group of faculty come together from across campus. It's also a great time for them to showcase their talents," she says.

One of the toughest parts about her job has been learning to work with the volume of new technology possibilities to integrate into teaching. She also found it challenging to switch from the mindset of an individual faculty member to working as part of a larger team. But one of her greatest joys about the job has been working with faculty one-on-one and helping them brainstorm teaching ideas. "I may not have all the answers, but I know many of the right questions to ask," says Ruskowski.

CTLT Strives to Make Teaching Visible (MTV)

DID YOU KNOW?
ISU's Center for Math, Science and Technology (CeMAST) promotes excellence in the teaching and learning of mathematics, science and technology. Visit their website at www.cemast.ilstu.edu for more information.

"You learn something everyday if you pay attention."

Ray LeBlond

ISU's many outstanding teachers – and the approaches that make them so effective – are largely invisible on campus. To bring great teaching to the forefront and showcase ISU's outstanding teachers, the CTLT is launching a new program called "Making Teaching Visible." The program is designed to provide opportunities for ISU faculty to visit the classrooms of faculty selected as recent teaching award winners and to engage in conversations with them about teaching and learning.

The pilot program schedule lists the host professors and provides information about the date, time and class they have agreed to "make visible." This is a great opportunity to gather new ideas and see colleagues in action. A 30-minute conversation about teaching will be facilitated at a time convenient to the participants and host following the class observed. Dates, times, hosts and courses are listed below.

For additional information or to register for a visit, please visit CTLT online at www.teachtech.ilstu.edu or email Cyndy Ruskowski at clruszk@ilstu.edu.

MTV Host Professors



Ray Clemens
Philosophy of History
(PHY 496)

Oct. 4, 4 pm
Oct. 18, 4 pm
Room: SCH 207



Debbie Shelden
Developing/Implementing
Alternative Curriculum (SED 383)

Oct. 22, 3 pm
Oct. 24, 1 pm
Room: SCH 206



Craig McLauchlan
General Chemistry I
(CHE 140)

Oct. 10, 10 am or 2 pm
Oct. 26, 10 am or 2 pm
Room: MLT 208



Phyllis McCluskey-Titus
Introduction to Student
Development Theory (EAF 461)

Oct. 17, 5:30 pm
Nov. 7, 5:30pm
STV 219

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CTLT October Events

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 CTLT's Video (Ad)Vantage can offer insight into your teaching practices. Call the CTLT today to schedule this instructional consultation.

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sydney J. Harris

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 8:30-10:00 am Rubrics—More Time (for You) + More Learning (For Students)</p>	<p>2 10-11:30 am Teaching in Clickers Classrooms</p>	<p>3 8:30-9:30 Teaching Excellence Series: Type and Learning</p> <p>9 am-12 pm Basic Illustrator</p> <p>1-2:30 pm Maintaining Your Website</p>	<p>4 10-11:30 am WebCT 4.1 Gradebook</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>8 8:30-10 am Making Group Work WORK</p>	<p>9 10-11:30 am Learning in the Large Classroom</p> <p>1-4 pm Intensive Workshop: Webmaster Skills with FrontPage</p>	<p>10 10-11:30 am Wiki & Online Collaboration</p> <p>1-4 pm Access: Queries 2003</p>	<p>11 10 am-12 pm Word: Mail Merge 2007</p> <p>3-4 pm Teaching Excellence Series</p> <p>8:30-3:30 pm EDUCate Conference</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>15 8:30-10 am Grading Students' Writing: Time Saving Tips</p>	<p>16 10-11:30 am 7 Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education</p>	<p>17 11:30 am-12:30 pm Intro to Office 2007</p> <p>1-4 pm Access Forms 2003</p> <p>3-4:30 Online/Blended Course Design</p>	<p>18 10 am-12 pm Introduction to Camtasia</p> <p>7 pm (runs Oct. 18-21) Celebrate Teaching Film Festival at the Normal Theater: <i>Blackboard Jungle</i> (Oct. 18)</p>	<p>19 7 pm (runs Oct. 18-21) Celebrate Teaching Film Festival at the Normal Theater: <i>Stand and Deliver</i> (Oct. 19) <i>Chalk</i> (Oct. 20) <i>Good-Bye Mr. Chips</i> (Oct. 21)</p>
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<p>29 1-4 pm Basic Dreamweaver</p>	<p>30 9 am-12 pm Upgrading to Blackboard CE6</p>	<p>31 10 am-12 pm Introduction to Podcasting</p>	<p>For more information about these and other CTLT Events, call 438-2542 or visit us online at www.teachtech.ilstu.edu.</p>	