2011 Afternoon Tea Discussions on Teaching and Learning

The Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT) and UIT Educational and Scholarly Technology Services are hosting a series of “teas” to engage faculty in discussion around teaching and learning issues that are of common interest. Afternoon Teas offer an informal opportunity for faculty to share ideas, explore challenges, and discuss best practices together. A facilitator will begin the discussion with some initial thoughts or questions, and participants can direct the discussion in ways that meet the needs of the group. The “teas” are intended to create a loosely structured format to encourage faculty to share innovative ideas, reflect on our own practices and contribute to the evolving practice of colleagues.

Space is limited so participants are asked to please RSVP to celt@tufts.edu. Teas are held at CELT at 108 Bromfield Road. Tea and pastries will be served!

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March 7th: "How Do I Engage Students in Large Classes?"
One of the most challenging teaching contexts is the large classroom, where it is often difficult to tell whether students are engaged and/or understanding the material. Join colleagues to discuss ways to actively engage students in large courses, share your effective strategies, and envision new ways that such large classes might be transformed to enable the best possible learning opportunities for all of the enrolled students.
108 Bromfield Road – 3:00pm - 4:30pm

April 10th: "Do I Have To Use Technology in My Teaching?"
When is it appropriate to integrate technology into a course, and when is it better to stick with traditional or low-tech approaches? What constitutes meaningful and valuable use of technology in a course vs. distracting or otherwise unhelpful technology? How much technology do students want to see in their courses? When can small doses of technology go a long way toward supporting students' learning? How do you know whether a particular approach is working and worth repeating or building upon?
108 Bromfield Road – 3:30pm - 5:00pm

May 7th: "My Students Are Not All the Same...."
Whether thinking about different levels of discipline-specific background, different abilities and learning preferences, and/or demographic and cultural differences, your classroom is a place of significant difference. This gathering will be a chance to explore how to support learning for every student. What approaches work for you as you aim to address the reality of differences among students in your courses?
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