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October 2017 CELT Newsletter

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby







Coming up with CELT

In the News

Fall Workshops

For more information on the workshops below, click here. To sign up for any of these workshops, email us at CELT.

Thinking about Student Thinking we conduct mid-term in the Classroom - deadline Friday Oct. 13th by noon!

Professor Patrick McGhee October 19 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning

Professor James Lang December 12 9:00 - 11:30

Building a Culture of Integrity: The Role of Students - and **Faculty**

Professor James Lang December 12 12:30 - 3:00

Teaching Squares

The Teaching Squares program

"I wish the Professor would tell us what to study for the exam."

Timely Tips

Perhaps you are suffering, hearing the rumbles after the first exam of the semester? As evaluations for faculty, one of the things we frequently hear from students is "I wish the Professor would help us know what to study for the exam." Frustrating, right? In my mind I think - not what, but how is what you need to know. So what do they know about effective learning habits? And what are the implications for how you teach? Below are articles describing three evidence based practices for more effective learning through studying and in the classroom spacing, retrieval practice, and interleaving. Why not talk about these with your students, University of Washington have and better yet, use some of them in the classroom or as

assignments?

Advice from a New Faculty Member After a Year at Tufts

We asked faculty who joined Tufts last year to comment on what their first year had been like, and to offer some advice to new colleagues. Here's what Dr. Jill Weinberg had to say.

I Got Tenure: Now What?

Dr. Kerry Ann Rockquemore, founder of the National Center for Faculty Development and **Diversity**, offers sage advice for how to avoid the tenure trap. "...set aside some time during your first semester...post-tenure to reflect on who you are and who you want to become as a tenured faculty member on your campus.

The Fine Art of Sniffing Out **Crappy Science**

Two scientists from the developed a course to help students discern bull #\$*! in science "data".

gives faculty an opportunity to gain new insight into their teaching through a non-evaluative process of reciprocal classroom observation and self-reflection. Check out our website to find out more!

<u>Course Design Institute</u> January 9-12, 2018

This four day workshop is designed to help you work through the course design or redesign process. *Click here* to find out more and to apply!

Spacing Effects

Allocating Student Study Time:
"Massed" versus "Distributed"
Practice

Study better: Space it out and mix it up

Retrieval Practice

Retrieval Practice

A Powerful Way to Improve Learning and Memory

Interleaving

The Interleaving Effect: Mixing it up Boosts Learning

And, because we just can't help ourselves... The Myth of Multitasking

<u>How to Create and Keep a Useful</u> <u>Network</u>

Dr. Manya Whitaker from
Colorado College says "I am
talking about a network you can
tap into for career advice,
mentorship, and support people who can do research or
write grants with you, who have
your best interests in mind..."

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