

2011 Adjunct Faculty Orientation

The 2011 Adjunct Faculty Fall Orientation is being held on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:00 until 9:00 P.M. in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. This Orientation is an opportunity for SVSU adjunct faculty to network with their deans, department chairs and colleagues, experience a sense of community with others at SVSU and, in the process, gain some valuable tools that will enhance their teaching experience. The evening will begin with a dinner shared with the deans and department chairs. Following dinner, new adjunct faculty will be introduced to the academic services offered on campus. This presentation will be followed by Adjunct Faculty Basics 101. The experienced adjunct faculty will be able to select three different workshops from this list of 45 minute sessions:

Time	Session	Facilitator
6:00-6:45	Discover e-books through Zahnow Library	Library Staff
	Web 2.0 Tools for Educators	Deb Roberts
	SVSU Adjunct Faculty Rap Session	Chuck Davenport & Annette Lynch
	Wikis and Blogs	Cindy Putnam
6:50-7:35	Creating Cheat Proof Assignments	Helen Raica-Klotz
	So you want to teach online	Sheri Beattie
	Search new databases in the Zahnow collection	Library Staff
7:40-8:25	Clickers for Classroom Assessment	Deb Roberts
	Take advantage of library support, services and resources	Library Staff
	Universal Course Design	Sheri Beattie and Cynthia Woiderski
8:30-9:00	The First Day of Class	Ann Coburn-Collins

The evening ends with a session that deals with best practices and the first day of class.

Some Health and Human Services departments and the College of Education adjunct faculty will also have an opportunity to have VSpace training from 1:00 until 3:00. The COE adjunct faculty will meet with their department chair and lead teacher from 3:00 until 5:00. Those participating Health and Human Services adjunct faculty (Social Work, Nursing and Occupational Therapy) will meet with their dean and chairs from 3:00 until 5:00.

Those participating Health and Human Services faculty and the College of Education adjunct faculty must RSVP by calling our office at 964-4050. All other faculty may RSVP by registering at www.svsu.edu/workshops or by emailing us at adjunctfaculty@svsu.edu or calling 964-4050.

Under Construction

If you've visited our main office in Science East 201 lately, you noticed a bit of a mess. Our office furniture was scattered around, and a wall magically appeared where one never existed. This is because we decided to make some renovations, which we hope will improve the support that we provide to adjunct faculty.

The back room, which contained 5 computers and storage space, will now become the office for Director Ann Coburn-Collins. Her former office space will now become an open space for lounging where adjunct faculty can sip on coffee or tea while they wait for their class to begin or to meet with students. The ability to do so while viewing the courtyard from our window will hopefully make the experience more enjoyable. Meanwhile, the middle room has been divided so that a multi-purpose room containing the refrigerator, storage cabinets, and a small table and chairs now exists. This room can be used in case a private area is needed to meet with a student. Finally, there will now be 8 computers in Science East 235 for adjunct faculty to use.

These renovations should be done in the next few weeks, just in time for orientation and the beginning of the semester.

Upcoming Workshops

For the upcoming academic year, the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs will offer some of our traditional workshops, but with a few changes added to our faculty development calendar.

A series of workshops will be held once a month on Friday at Noon:

- *Unlearning to Learn* on September 16th
- *Infusing "Learning How to Learn" Strategies into Your Course* on October 21st
- *Assessing Student Learning Through Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATS)* on November 18th

The *Fall Technology Institute* will be offered on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. During the Institute, *VSpace training* will take place in the morning session and a presentation titled, *Best Practices, Pedagogy, and Technology* will be presented in the afternoon session.

Lunch and Learn sessions will take place at noon on the fourth Friday of each month. Anyone with a brown bag lunch is invited to drop into our office and learn about a variety of topics related to teaching and learning. The topic for the first *Lunch and Learn* session will be *Fostering Information Literacy*. Members of the Zahnow Library staff will be present to discuss how your students can benefit from becoming better informed through the knowledgeable assessment of information. This session will be on Friday, September 23rd.



The *Course Design* workshop has traditionally been a day-long Saturday session, but will now be a three part series during the semester. The philosophy behind this change is to allow the participating faculty to think about, absorb, and then act on the steps necessary to build sound, engaging courses based on learning objectives and scaffolded course work. The first of these workshops will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 to 11:00 in the Emeriti Room.

As always, food and drink are available at our workshops and compensation is earned for attending. To register for any of these workshops please go to www.svsu.edu/workshops or contact us at 989-964-4050 or adjunctfaculty@svsu.edu.

The Grapes of Wrath Book

The *Grapes of Wrath Book Club* will be held on a Friday of each month beginning September 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. Participants will be encouraged to share their teaching experiences (wrathful or excellent) and to take away new ideas for their own teaching in a lively and relaxed setting (aged "grapes" will be provided for refreshment). The book, *What the Best College Teachers Do* by Ken Bain will be provided to each participant and will be the topic of discussion during the fall semester.



Being a 21st Century Teacher

Discussions of generational traits, like those possessed by the Millennials, create quite a stir. Even more so than these discussions, however, it might be useful to think about the traits educators need to deal with 21st century students.

Trait One: Educators are faced with a barrage of new information which can be accessed in a moment.

As a result, educators must be driven to learn in order to teach.

Trait Two: Educators must be media conscious teachers to work with students to help them learn. Therefore, course material must be engaging and effective.

Trait Three: Educators must be digital navigators. The technology used by students changes rapidly, which impacts the methods they use to learn. It behooves faculty to explore digital content that may become part of students' education.

Trait Four: Finally, educators must understand how pervasive technology has become in students' lives, making it a tool for that can be used to create positive learning experiences.

Being a 21st century teacher requires educators to find effective learning experiences within the context of the lives of 21st century students.