



Professional Development

The Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs is planning two more workshops for this semester. The first workshop is *Teaching using Best Practices*, which will be held on Thursday, March 20 at 5pm in 157 Curtiss Hall. The best practices outlined by Chickering and Gamson (1987) and Chickering and Ehrman (1996) will be presented followed by a discussion on ways to include these practices in your discipline. The articles will be posted on VSpace and available in our office for you to read prior to the workshop.

Please come prepared to discuss one of your best practices with your colleagues.

The second workshop will be held on April 17 at 5pm in the 157 Curtiss Hall. This workshop will be presented by Dr. Mamie Thorns, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs. She will address diversity in the classroom.

As always, adjunct faculty can receive a \$25 stipend for attendance. Please RSVP to 964-4050 adjunct@svsu.edu.

Make Up Testing

One of the services offered by the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs to adjunct faculty is make-up testing. Make-up testing will be held each Monday and Thursday from 3-5pm in Brown 204. You may email us the exam if you are off campus, but we will not send them to you through the mail once they are finished (you must pick them up). Please provide detailed information to avoid any confusion or uncertainty when the exam is being given.

Candy Heart Contest

The Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs had a contest last month to see who could guess the number of candy hearts in the glass head. Aron Drake finished in first place, Cheri Stokes came in second place, and Karen Gibala was third place. There were 1,841 candy hearts in the head. Congratulations to all the winners!

Upcoming Workshops

VSpace Wiki Module

Thursday, March 13, 10-11am, Z302, x4976

Advanced Course Management in VSpace

Friday, March 14, 2-3pm, Z302, x4976

Walking in a Minefield - Effective Discussions on Sensitive Topics

Tuesday, March 18, noon-1pm, Emeriti Room, x4296

Teaching Using Best Practices

Thursday, March 20, 5-6pm, C157, x4050

Intro to Microsoft Office 2007

Monday, March 10, 2:30-4pm

Tuesday, March 18, 2:30-4pm

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30am-12

Web Editor Options (alternatives to FrontPage)

Wednesday, March 19, 2:30-4pm, drr@svsu.edu

Technology Updates

Blackboard- On May 14, 2008 Blackboard will no longer be available to the campus community. VSpace, SVSU's new classroom management system, is taking its place. If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available through VSpace please go to <https://vspace.svsu.edu/portal>. The schedule for VSpace training sessions and sign-ups are located at www.svsu.edu/workshops.

Microsoft Office 2007- Sometime during the summer months, Information Technology Services will upgrade all computers in the labs, classrooms, library, and adjunct offices to Office 2007. There are some significant differences between this version of Microsoft Office and the current version, Microsoft Office 2003. Faculty should begin to consider how to deal with issues such as students emailing assignments using a version of Office that is not compatible with the other. Instructions regarding how your students should save their attachments should be made clear on your Fall Course Syllabi. For directions to create compatibility Office 2003 between Office 2007 go to:

<http://www.svsu.edu/its/news-listing.html?redirected=1&id=4468>.

FrontPage is no longer offered by Microsoft and, therefore, will no longer be offered or supported by SVSU. ITS will also offer a workshop to inform you of alternative web editing options. Check out the Upcoming Workshops section of this newsletter for the Intro to Office and Web Editor Workshop schedule. Email Deb Roberts at drr@svsu.edu to sign up for any of these workshops.

Needs Assessment Questionnaire Coming Soon

Last spring a Needs Assessment Questionnaire was sent to all adjunct faculty that helped our office create the changes you have experienced over the course of this academic year. At the end of this month, a new Needs Assessment Questionnaire will be sent to you via e-mail. This assessment will be similar to the one sent last year, but it will also ask some demographic questions that will be used

by the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs and the Office of Diversity Programs assess the diversity of our adjunct faculty. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire because it will assist our office in developing strategies to better facilitate your teaching experience during the next academic year.

Ruby Payne Seminar

On April 8, 2008, Ruby Payne, an educator and author, will be on campus to present a day long seminar titled, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*. Payne's quest is to educate others in improving their ability to communicate effectively with people in poverty. She will discuss the hidden rules that control our social class behavior. These rules, she asserts, are a major stumbling block for individuals trying to move to a new social class. This seminar will be 7am-3pm with a lunch break at 11:30am. Box lunches will be provided. The Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs and the Office of Diversity Programs have set aside 10 seats for our adjunct faculty to attend this program. If you are interested in attending this valuable workshop, please RSVP to adjunct@svsu.edu or 964-4050.

