

First Fridays at Four

A book and discussion group for adjunct faculty will debut this Fall semester and will meet on the **First Friday** of each month at **Four!** The group will begin meeting on Friday, September 4 in Science East 201. Two books will be explored during the Fall semester. The first, *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt, is a memoir that analyzes McCourt's years as a classroom teacher. The second book, *To Know as we are Known*, is written by Parker Palmer. Palmer is an author, teacher, and activist who focuses on education, community, leadership, and spirituality, and his works have inspired many in higher education. The books will be provided by the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs. You can sign up for this activity at www.svsu.edu/workshops.

Spring/Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Friday 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Workshops

Introduction to PowerPoint 2007

Navigate, add text, apply design
Thur. July 9, C154, 1-3 P.M.

Find Text: Linksource

Find online periodicals in the library
Thur. July 9, Z111, 11:30-Noon

Google Scholar

Locate Zahnow articles and books
Thur. July 9, Z111, Noon -12:30

VSpace Introduction

For new users
Fri. July 10, Z302, 9-11 A.M.

Tools for Online and Hybrid Teaching

Free online tools for courses
Tue. July 14, Z235, 10-11 A.M.

Tools for Online and Hybrid Teaching

Free online tools for courses
Wed. July 15, Z235, 2-3 P.M.

GoToMeeting

Web software for hybrid/online courses
Thur. July 16, C154, 1-2 P.M.

Zimbra Email

New email system for faculty and staff
Fri. July 17, C141, 1-2:30 P.M.

Excel 2007, Level II

Formulas, filters, conditional formatting
Wed. July 22, C154, 10-11:30 A.M.

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Self- Assessment- A mechanism to assess value in the classroom

Most adjunct faculty at SVSU are only assessed by their students in the student evaluation process and these evaluations only reflect one part of classroom experience. An article titled, *Assessment Mechanism Help Develop Adjunct Faculty and Part-Time Faculty* (McMichael, 2002) might be one way to work toward honest self-assessment in your quest to become a more experienced classroom instructor. This article has a number of questions that are related to the teaching and learning process. The first set of questions relate to curriculum and content (i.e. “I write a clear, concise syllabus that students from any culture can understand”) and the second set of questions involve areas related to instruction (i.e. “I have a solid understanding of the needs, learning styles and stages of development in adult students”). The responses to these questions are scaled from 1 (excelling) to 4 (needs improvement). The final set of questions are open-ended and deal with the personal growth one experiences by teaching and learning. Once you complete the self-assessment, you may view the SVSU Faculty and Staff Development Calendar at www.svsu.edu/workshops to determine which opportunities are best suited for you. These opportunities are intended to help you improve upon the curriculum and content of your classes, your instruction, and your personal growth.

McMichael, Kelly (August 2002). “Assessment Mechanisms Help Develop Adjunct and Part-time Faculty.” *Academic Leader* 18 (8). Retrieved from <http://www.acenet.edu/resources/chairs/docs/McMichael.pdf>

TECHNOLOGY WIDGET

Q. What is RSS?

A. RSS (Really Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary) is a format for delivering rapidly changing web-content, such as news, weather, and sports. Users can subscribe to content through a feed, which includes data that are delivered by a client. When users subscribe to feeds, the headlines and information are available via a feed reader such as Google Reader or FeedBurner. Users may post this content on their own Web site or blog and it will update automatically as new information is available.



Dates and Events

June 29 - Summer Classes Begin

August 15 - Fall Technology Institute
9-3 in Science East 206

August 22 - Course Design: From
Course Description to Assessment
9-3 in Emeriti Room

August 25 - Adjunct Faculty Orientation
5-9 in Education South 202

To register for any of the workshops listed above, go to www.svsu.edu/workshops. For more information, please contact our office at 964-4050 or adjunct@svsu.edu