Open Forum on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
An open discussion about the results of Georgia Southern's participation in the Survey will be held on February 26, 2007, from 3:30-4:45 pm in the Professional Development Center on the 3rd floor of the CIT building. The Forum is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost, First Year Experience, Honors Program, Office of Strategic Research & Analysis, Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, and the CET. The survey measures students' perceptions of how engaged they are in educationally meaningful activities and contexts that have been associated with high levels of learning. The purpose of this forum is to discuss the NSSE findings and their implications for teaching and student learning at Georgia Southern. To view the Survey results, go to http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/osra/download/NSSE.htm

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time. — T. S. Eliot

NEW! Academic Writing Circle (AWC)
The goal of the interdisciplinary AWC is to support the writing of professional academic manuscripts (articles, conference papers, book chapters, etc.). The group will decide its schedule and activities. Sessions may include 1) review of successful articles and proposals, 2) interactive editing, 3) presentation of manuscripts at different stages of development, 4) discussion of ideas on what to write, 5) components of manuscripts such as abstracts, introductions, methods, etc. All projects and reviews are treated with confidentiality. For more information see http://www.srhdc.org/

Upcoming Conferences on Teaching & Learning
February 16-18, 2007: 2007 Lilly South Conference on College and University Teaching
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA | http://www.iats.com/conferences/schedule.html

February 23-24, 2007: 14th Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA | http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x18694.xml

March 1-3, 2007: General Education and Assessment: Engaging Critical Questions, Fostering Critical Learning
Miami, FL | http://www.aacu.org/meetings/generaleducation/index.cfm

March 11-13, 2007: Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium
Chattanooga, TN | http://www.srhdc.org/

March 29 - April 1, 2007: 55th National Conference on Science Education (NSTA)
St. Louis, MO | http://www.nsta.org/sections

April 2-5, 2007: 18th International Conference on College Teaching & Learning
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL | http://www.teachlearn.org/ final.html

April 13, 2007: 8th Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN | http://www.iub.edu/-ucet/sotl_2007.shtml

May 18-20, 2007: The Teaching Professor Conference
Atlanta, GA | http://www.teachingprofessor.com/

June 3-7, 2007: 29th Annual Summer Institute on College Teaching
The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA | http://www.vtc.odu.edu/summer_institute.html

November 1-2, 2007: The SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning
Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA | http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/iptli/conference/

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Visit the CET website regularly at http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/cet/ for updated resources, calendars, events, announcements for faculty, etc.

The CET has created a multimedia CD full of teaching & learning resources, and featuring people, traditions, places, things of Georgia Southern University. For a downloadable version of the CD, go to http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/cet/CD/download.html.

NEW! International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning [http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/isotl/current.html]

The inaugural issue of the CET's new, peer-reviewed, open access eJournals, International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning is online. The goal for the Journal is to become the premier publication in the world for the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) and be deeply international in its readership, authors, and Review Board.

NEW! "The SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning" [http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/isotl/conference/]
The CET will host an annual conference that could grow into a key national and international conference for SoTL. The inaugural conference will be held on November 1-2, 2007 in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education building. Proposals for presentations undergo a blind, peer-review process and the submission period began January 15, 2007. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Taylor Huber, an internationally known writer and teacher of writing and creativity.

The secret of education is respecting the student. __Emerson

Faculty Learning Communities Forum
The Faculty Learning Communities Program will present the inaugural FLC Forum on April 10, 2007 from 3:30 to 5 pm in CIT 1004. The Forum is open to all FLC members, but also to all other faculty. Each of the FLCs will briefly showcase its work for the 2006-2007 academic year. Faculty, staff and administrators who may want to consider joining an FLC for 2007-2008 are strongly encouraged to attend.

Scholarship Reconsidered Seminar
Based upon Boyer's Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate, a discussion will be held on January 25, 2007 in the Professional Development Center on the 3rd floor of the CIT building from 3:30 to 4:45 pm to address such topics as "What is scholarship," "Are there different forms of scholarship," "Scholarship & the faculty reward system," etc. The seminar will be led by members of the Faculty Learning Community for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning. Boyer's book is very brief (80 pages) and a limited number of copies are available to borrow from the CET library (contact Alan Altany for a copy).

Those who go to college and never get out are called professors. __George Givot

Featured Books from the CET Library
Faculty are invited to check out books from the CET's lending-library. Any of the books may be borrowed, including the following:

- Team-Based Learning: A Transformative Use of Small Groups
- Engaging the Online Learner: Activities & Resources for Creative Instruction
- The Power of Problem-Based Learning
- Learner-Centered Teaching: Five Keys to Practice
- The Learning Portfolio: Reflective Practice for Improving Student Learning
- Creating Significant Learning Experiences

Reading Roundtable
Each semester the CET sponsors a faculty book discussion group called Reading Roundtable (RR). A different book is read each semester. The RR meets several times during the semester, according to the schedules of its members, to discuss the book. Some 28 members of the RR for the spring semester are reading What the Best College Teachers Do by Ken Bain (Harvard University Press, 2004). Plan on joining the Roundtable next fall to read a different book.

Focus on Excellence Lecture Series for 2006 - 2007
This annual series of 6 lectures is facilitated by the CET and the campus is invited to attend presentations by the previous year's recipients of the Awards for Excellence in Contribution to Instruction, Research / Creative Scholarly Activities, and Service. All lectures begin at 4 pm and are followed by a reception. Remaining lectures:

- February 6, 2007 | Room 1603, Nessmith Lane Building | Research
  "Human Genome Project, Genomics, and Tick Genomic Research," Dr. Quentin Fang
- February 27, 2007 | Room 3302, Professional Development Center, CIT Building | Service
  "Professional Service: Opportunities, Challenges, and Rewards," Dr. Donna Saye
- March 6, 2007 | Room 3302, Professional Development Center, CIT Building | Instruction
  "Teaching Economics: Comparing Topic-Based vs. Core Knowledge Approaches at the High School and University Level," Dr. Anthony Barilla

Grants & Awards & Educational Leave
For information, go to http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/cet/grants.htm.

Imagination is more important than knowledge. __Albert Einstein

Innovative Teaching Strategies Retreat
The CET sponsors a faculty retreat to enhance innovative teaching strategies. The retreat is held twice a year, early May and December and provides dedicated time with CET staff and colleagues for course development and work on a variety of pedagogical and technological issues in a friendly, resource-rich environment. The spring retreat will be held May 8-11, 2007 in the CET. The deadline for proposals is March 15, 2007. If you'd like to learn more, contact Raleigh Way at the CET.

Faculty Retreat Showcase
On Monday, May 7, 2007, from 3:30 – 5 pm in the Professional Development Center on the 3rd floor of the CIT building, there will be a Retreat Showcase of the work of the faculty who participated in the December 2006 retreat (Heidi Altman, Horst Kurz, Shonda Bernadin, Marian Tabi, Maggie Davis). If you have not attended a Showcase in the past, please plan on this one and see how colleagues are improving their courses.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes. __Marcel Proust

Featured Web Sites
- Theories on How People Learn: http://www.funderstanding.com/about_learning.cfm
- Critical & Creative Thinking: http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic69.htm
- Active Learning Techniques: http://www.vcu.edu/cte/activelearningtechniques.html
- Online Faculty Development Resources: http://www.developfaculty.com.online/
- Desk-top Faculty Development: http://sll.stanford.edu/projects/tomprof/newtomprof/postings.html

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