

## Friday at the Center: September 2, 2005

### Welcome Back !

As in April young people's thoughts turn to love and baseball, so in September, college professors thoughts turn to syllabi and students. The latter will be here soon--younger and full of more energy than ever. I know that your summer was sunny, and I trust that it was restful and productive . The Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development exists to provide support for you in your task as Christian teacher-scholars. This weekly newsletter provides information relevant to that task. Your comments about and suggestions for *Fridays at the Center* are always appreciated!

### Center News

The Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development is moving next week: as of September 7, we will be located on the second floor of the Library, in the Library Administrative suite on the northwest corner of the building. Feel free to drop by, check out our new space, and help unpack boxes.

Once again, the Center has a new Administrative Assistant this fall: Becky Crook. If you are feeling a sense of *deja vu*, that's appropriate, as Becky worked as the Center's AA during the 2003-04 academic year, and we're delighted to have her return. Last year's Center AA, Marlene McCurley, has moved up the hill to serve as the new Program and Budget Manager for the College of Arts and Sciences.

### Effective Grading Workshop

The post-retreat workshop on Effective Grading quickly reached its maximum enrollment of fifteen, so we are offering a second session of this workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 1-3 p.m. Topics covered will include: managing the grading process, establishing criteria and standards, grading systems (curve vs. standards), and using grading to increase learning. Both junior and senior faculty, as well as faculty from all disciplines, are encouraged to enroll . All participants will receive a copy of *Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment*, by Barbara E. Walvoord and Virginia Johnson Anderson. (Walvoord is an English professor; Anderson is a biology professor.) If you wish to attend, please register with me ([gallaghe@spu.edu](mailto:gallaghe@spu.edu)) by noon, **Sept. 6**. There are currently seven spaces available in this seminar.

### Teaching 101

New or newer full-time and adjunct faculty with little to no teaching experience are invited to attend Teaching 101, an introduction to teaching seminar to be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9-2, with lunch provided. Department chairs are urged to contact such new faculty to let them know about this opportunity. If you wish to attend, please register with me ([gallaghe@spu.edu](mailto:gallaghe@spu.edu)) by noon, **Sept. 9**. There are currently two spaces available in this seminar.

Happy Labor Day!

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