



## Friday @ the Center: October 13, 2006

### The October *Teaching Professor*

This handy monthly publication summarizes the latest research into college pedagogy and includes short accounts of helpful teaching strategies from a variety of faculty. Your department chair (CAS) or school dean receives a copy each month to circulate among his or her faculty. The October issue's articles include "Peer Review: Success from the Start," "Finding Organizations for Real-World Projects," "Students Bring Real-Life Examples to Class," and "Using Collaborative Groups to Teach Literature and Theory." The lead essay, "Enhancing Students' Readiness to Learn," tells how the author helped her students learn what it meant to be ready for class and how she developed strategies to make them accountable for being ready. (One student told her, "I'm ready because I'm here." Another said, "I read all the text that was in bold in the chapter." Do any of our students think in this way?) Ask your chair or dean when you might expect to see this month's *Teaching Professor*.

### Grants of the Week

**Sciences:** The National Research Council provides summer faculty fellowship, senior research awards, and teaching fellowships at US government labs and affiliated centers in all areas of science and engineering. See [www.national-academies.org/rap](http://www.national-academies.org/rap). Application deadline: Nov. 1, 2006.

**Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences:** The Camargo Foundation, located in Cassis, France, is a residential center for scholars pursuing studies in the humanities and social sciences related to French and francophone cultures as well as for composers, writers, and visual artists pursuing creative projects. One-semester residencies include a stipend of \$3500. See [www.camargofoundation.org](http://www.camargofoundation.org). Application deadline: January 12, 2007.

### Day of Common Learning Nears

What does "Give We Sense" mean? Is the world flat? Why encourage students to study overseas or participate in Sprint? Can Christians and Muslims peacefully exist? How can the global spread of lethal germs be stopped? What is the responsibility of the Christian scholar in an age of global Christianity? Can one be a responsible tourist? And who will win the Great Global Facts Face Off? All these questions, and more, will be addressed, if not answered, at this year's Day of Common Learning, taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Check out the day's schedule at <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/dayofcommonlearning.asp>, and plan how you will become involved.



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