

Friday @ the Center: March 28, 2008

March Snow Brings . . . Spring Quarter

Welcome back to the third and final quarter of the 2007-08 year. Yes, the daffodils are beaming, the cherry trees are blooming, and the snow is sprinkling. Such is spring in Seattle. Get your classes off to a good start by letting your students know that you want them to succeed and learn something, but you are going to ask them to work hard in order to do so. But be sure also to clarify that you are there to support them in their efforts. And why not also resolve to spend a certain amount of time each week this quarter reading, thinking, or writing on your current research project? Put it into your Outlook calendar as a recurring appointment with yourself. Even if you can only set aside three or four hours a week, it's a great idea to keep those intellectual gears greased and keep you from over-preparing for teaching.

Middlejans to Study Slave Narratives at Yale

Congratulations to Assistant Professor of English April Middlejans, who was recently selected as one of 35 faculty members to participate in a summer seminar on slave narratives at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History at Yale University. Professor David Blight (Yale) will lead the week-long interdisciplinary seminar that is sponsored by the Council for Independent Colleges and the Lehrman Institute. The CIC reports that "the degree of competition for participation in this seminar was intense and unprecedented," so we are especially proud that April was selected.

Interested in Global Education? Try a Fulbright

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars recently announced the opening of the 2009-10 Fulbright Scholarship competition for faculty. Over 800 grants are available to university professors for lecturing, conducting research, or a combination of both in over 130 countries around the globe. Want to hear about a Fulbright experience? Ask Professor Kathleen Braden who was awarded a Fulbright to teach in Russia a few years ago. For full grant descriptions, eligibility guidelines, and online application visit www.cies.org. The application deadline for most programs is August 1, 2008.

Happy teaching!



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