

Friday @ the Center: May 16, 2008

Form Intellectual Community: Take a Mini-Course!

When you are finished with the chores of the conclusion of an academic year—reading blue books, running scantrons, calculating grades, making all the way through commencement—why not take a refreshing plunge into the other end of the learning pool by taking one or more faculty mini-courses? Each course will be offered twice, once in June and again in September, and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join Director of Campus Writing Tom Amorose to explore “Designing Good Writing Assignments for your Classes,” or learn about how scholars define and analyze the impact of “gender” with Professor Jennifer McKinney, Director of the Women’s Studies Program, in a mini-version of “Introduction to Women’s Studies.” Get a taste of what all first-year students at SPU encounter in “U Foundations: Christian Formation,” led by SOT professors Sara Koenig and Jeff Keuss. Finally, don’t miss the back-by-demand expansion of an earlier Diversity Committee Brown Bag workshop, “Teaching and Researching with Multicultural Sensitivity,” led by SPFC professors Dave Stewart and Karen Quek.

- *University Foundations 1000: Christian Formation.* June 16 and Sept. 17.
- *Designing Good Writing Assignments for Your Classes.* June 17 and Sept. 19,
- *Introduction to Women’s Studies* June 18 and Sept. 10
- *Teaching and Researching with Multicultural Sensitivity.* June 19 and Sept. 12.

You can register for from one to all four courses in any kind of combination. Each session is limited to 20 participants, who will receive a \$100 honorarium, a free book, lunch, and the stimulation of learning with their colleagues. Enrollment is open only to full-time faculty until June 1, at which point if spaces remain in the June sessions, adjunct and part time faculty will be eligible to enroll. Contact Anna Dufault (adufault@spu.edu) to reserve your spot now.

Fulbright Opportunities for both Students and Faculty

The Fulbright Scholars Program for faculty offers lecturing, research, or combination awards in over 130 countries during the 2009-2010 academic year. Traditional awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A short-term program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists—offers two-to-six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields. Previous SPU Fulbright Scholars include Kathleen Braden (traditional award) and Frank Kline (Senior Specialist). Why not consider applying to contribute to the SPU global initiative? It’s a great way to build relationships with other institutions overseas. Most deadlines are Aug. 1, 2008. See www.cies.org for more information.

Please encourage current SPU juniors who desire to travel and live overseas immediately following graduation to consider applying for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), which is offered in 32 countries. Elaborate study/research projects are not required, but the ETA may propose small research projects or community engagement activities. Direct students to http://us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking_teaching.html for more information. SPU campus deadline is Oct. 1, 2008. One faculty member recently wrote me, “I notice that Azusa Pacific has had 10 student Fulbrights in the last five years. If they can do it, we certainly ought to be able to do it as well.”