

SIMPSON COLLEGE

TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER

SPRING FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY

January 5, 2024

8:00-8:30 a.m. in Carver Atrium

Light Breakfast provided by Faculty Development and Welcome from Mark Pleiss

8:30-9:30 a.m. in Jordan Lecture Hall

Proactively Engaging Students of Concern: A Panel Discussion

Teresa Swan Tuite, Associate Dean of Student Success, Stephanie Neve, Director of TRIO, Jenny Vargas, Director of Counseling Services, Amy Jeffrey-Kennel, Director of Academic Coaching

9:45-11:00 a.m. in Carver 205 or Jordan (if necessary)

Tips for Assessment/Tenure & Promotion Letters for the Faculty Personnel Committee

Jennifer Nostrala, Professor of Theatre Arts, Ryan Rehmeier, Professor of Biology, Eduardo Magalhaes, Professor of Political Science

Our panel of current and former chairs of the Faculty Personnel Committee will discuss best practices for writing letters for tenure and promotion. Ideas will be

directed toward department chairs, but all faculty are welcome to see how their work fits into the process.

Carver 233

Fall Workshops in Review: Things You Can Try with Moodle this Semester

Melissa Daniels, Instructional Designer

Melissa will share her best GIFT sessions from the last few years, answer any further questions you have about Moodle, and give you work time so you can work alongside her expertise. ***Please bring your laptop to this session!***

11:00 a.m.-12:15 (Escape Rooms will go until 12:30ish)

Carver 205

Facilitating Dialogue Skills in Students

Tiana Brownen, Director of Speech, Debate & Mock Trial, Bradi Darrah, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education, Chandra Keairnes, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education, Keyah Levy, VP of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

On December 8, 2023, the panelists attended a full-day training session through the Constructive Dialogue Institute. The panelists will share their takeaways from the training and discuss what and how they will be integrating that information into their Foundations 2 courses this spring.

Hubbell Hall

Active Learning with Escape Rooms

Barb Ramos, Professor of Education

Teams of participants will experience an educational version of escape rooms by solving a series of small puzzles which will help them to solve a larger problem. Resources, materials, and planning steps for creating your own educational escape rooms will be shared. Student experiences and feedback from a May Term escape room will also be discussed. This session is designed to be active and fun!

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

Kent Atrium and Black Box

Lunch, sponsored by the Teaching & Learning Center

1:45-2:45 p.m.

Carver 205

New Approaches in Assessment: Ungrading and Beyond

Ross Sweet, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Lindsay Ditzler, Associate Professor of Chemistry, and Judy Walden, Professor of History

This faculty panel will share successes and lessons learned through their use of non-traditional grading methods and share ideas that you can apply in your courses.

Carver 233

Training for Search Committees

Keyah Levy, Title IX Coordinator and VP of DEI

Keyah and a panel of faculty will discuss common challenges during faculty job searches and best practices for reducing implicit bias during the process. Anyone who is leading or on a job search in the spring is asked to attend, along with anyone who has recently completed a search and can contribute their thoughts and experiences to the discussion.

Beers at West Hill. 4:00-Midnight.