

FACULTY CENTER

Newsletter

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THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

By Robin Wilson

Students' Requests for Trigger Warnings Grow More Varied

The 1950s image depicts a his wife over his lap as he's "Women" it's captioned.

Photo by: [unreadable]



Determining LDAs



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Message from Director

Spring break can't come soon enough. It's not just what the students say. Stepping away from daily tasks is most necessary at times. Typically, I use spring break to catch up on grading and a few household chores. This year, I am imagining a week with absolutely no work. The reality is that I will grade a few days and rest a few days. I hope whatever you have planned, you get the break that you need in order to spring into action for the second half of the semester.

I know that I keep touching upon the need to relax, renew, and refresh in my messages. I do it because as teachers, educators, and mentors, we are the first people to give and serve, and we need to remember that we need to have time for ourselves to replenish our energy. Educators are some of the most tapped people, and because of our dedication, we have a hard time taking that well-deserved break. Enjoy the break!

Third Installment of the 3 Fridays Series

Accessibility is one of those ideas that we do not think about until we are confronted with a situation that is not easily accessible. Another way to get at the idea is that we don't think about how high a curb is until we are pulling a suitcase or pushing a stroller or even riding a bike.

Please join us [Friday, March 18th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am](#) on the Sanford/Lake Mary campus. Dr. Thomas Tobin, PhD will be here to talk about what we can easily do to take the curbs out of our courses. Universal Design gives us a cadre of strategies to make our course more accessible for many different types of learners. Dr. Tobin has promised to share with us some "easy-to-accomplish, use-them-tomorrow" UDL strategies to enhance our courses and increase student satisfaction.



Faculty Working Group

The Faculty Center in conjunction with the Office of Equity and Diversity is interested in hosting a focus group to make recommendations for how we should approach this idea of "trigger warnings." If you have been following the controversy over the last year in the Chronicle of Higher Education, there is a debate over what professors should do when discussing sensitive material. The [article](#) is available in our FCTL Canvas site.

To sign up for the working group, please [register via the signmeup calendar](#). The deadline to sign up to be part of the group is March 16. We will use a doodle poll to establish two meeting times after we have our members. Faculty will earn professional development credit for participating in the group.



eLearning Sakai to Canvas Final Course Content Migration

eLearning has begun final migrations of data from Sakai to Canvas. We have created a google document for faculty to indicate what course content faculty would like moved from Sakai into Canvas. If you have data that you would like moved please complete this form: [Link to Sakai to Canvas Migration form](#) Thank you!



Last Date of Attendance

The Office of the VP of Academic Affairs has asked that we include another reminder on how to determine the Last Date of Attendance. With A term wrapping up quickly, some of you will be entering grades very soon. You can find the [guidelines for determining LDAs](#) on our Faculty Center Canvas Resource page.



If you are unsure if you are using the correct date, please ask either me or your Associate Dean for clarification.

College Speaker Series

Temple Grandin will be our last College Speaker Series guest lecturer this year. She will be here on April 6, 2016. The event starts at 7:00 pm in the Fine Arts Concert Hall (G-118). As part of Autism Awareness Month her talk is titled, "The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum."

The QEP will be hosting events as part of this year's Common Read program and will be giving away copies of the book for the first 100 employees who request a copy. For dates, look in the Upcoming Events portion of this newsletter.

The Office of Disability Support Services will be hosting a seminar on autism on April 4 from 12:00 pm until 1:30 pm at Sanford/Lake Mary in UP3102.

The Office of Student Life's Campus Activities Team (CAT) is offering a free screening of the HBO film, *Temple Grandin*, starring Claire Danes, Tuesday, April 5, at 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (C-110) on the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus.

The library has constructed a Seminole State [LibGuide](#) for the topic.

Speaker Series Presented by Seminole State College of Florida
Co-Sponsored by CPE

Dr. Temple Grandin
Autism Activist • Professor • Best-Selling Author

The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
7:00 PM

When Temple was born in 1947, autism had only just been named. Today it is more prevalent than ever, with one in 88 children diagnosed on the spectrum. Weaving her own experience with remarkable new discoveries, Temple Grandin – one of the most respected and beloved voices in the field – brings her singular perspective to a riveting journey into the heart of the autism revolution.

Seminole State College Fine Arts Concert Hall (Building G) on the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 190 Weldon Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773.
Seating for the free event is first-come, first-served. Doors open at 6:30 PM.
Reception and book signing immediately following the presentation.

(407) 708-2776
www.seminolestate.edu/speaker-series

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [A.F.C Meet-and-Greet](#)
Sanford/Lake Mary, Multipurpose Room (C-110)
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. [A.F.C Meet-and-Greet](#)
Oviedo, OV-102J

Monday, March 14, 2016

Sign up online for [Canvas Basics Online Training](#)

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

End of day Reserve your spot in the [Working Group on Trigger Warnings](#)

Friday, March 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. [Increase Student Satisfaction](#)
Sanford/Lake Mary, C-110
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. [New Cohort for Reading Apprenticeship](#)
Sanford/Lake Mary, J-004

Saturday, March 19, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. [Adjunct Academy: Reflecting on Learning](#)
Sanford/Lake Mary, UP-2104

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [College Common Read Heathrow Book Club](#) —Part 1
HEA 203
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. [College Common Read SLM Book Club](#) —Part 1
S/LM J-004
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. [Doctoral Colloquium](#)
Sanford/Lake Mary, UP-1206A

Thursday, March 24, 2016

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [College Common Read Heathrow Book Club](#) —Part 2
HEA 203
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. [College Common Read SLM Book Club](#) —Part 2
S/LM J-004

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [College Common Read Oviedo Book Club](#) —Part 1
HEA 203
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. [College Common Read Altamonte Book Club](#) —Part 1
ALT 214
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. [Doctoral Colloquium](#)
Sanford/Lake Mary, UP-1206A

Thursday, March 31, 2016

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [College Common Read Oviedo Book Club](#) —Part 2
HEA 203
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. [College Common Read Altamonte Book Club](#) —Part 2
ALT 214

Please visit the calendar on our website or click the titles above for more information.

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