

Moreno Valley College
Faculty Development Days
Thursday and Friday, August 25 and 26, 2011
Student Services 101

All faculty are welcome at all events. Attendance at the morning sessions on Thursday is mandatory for full-time faculty, and will count for flex hours. Attendance is optional Thursday afternoon, starting with lunch, and Friday, but will count for flex. Make sure you sign in at all sessions.

Lunch Options: We will take orders for Subway sandwiches in the morning (\$5 for a 6" sandwich, chips, and a cookie). You can also bring your own or eat out.

Staff Parking Permits will be available for purchase between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in STU 101. Checks only, please.

8:00-8:30 Refreshments

8:30-9:30 Kickoff Forum: Putting Reading at the Center, Dan Clark
Let's start a campus discussion on the role of reading in our classrooms. A video excerpt of students talking about their experiences with college reading will be followed with open discussion.

9:30-9:55 Welcomes and Introductions

9:30-9:35 Welcome: Tom Harris, Acting President, Moreno Valley College

9:35-9:40 Introduction of Senate Committee Chairs:
Travis Gibbs, Faculty Senate President

9:40-9:45 CTA Report, Fabian Biancardi

9:45-9:50 Introduction of New Faculty: Department Chairs

9:50-9:55 Introduction of Administrative Teams:
Lisa Conyers, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Greg Sandoval, Vice President of Student Services
David Bobbitt, Interim Vice President of Business Services

9:55-10:05 Break

10:05-10:30 The Year Ahead

10:05-10:20 Faculty Development Opportunities, Dan Clark

10:20-10:30 Accreditation Midterm Report, Carolyn Quin and Lisa Conyers

10:30-11:30 Workshop Two: No-Hoops Assessment: How to make assessment a tool for improving classroom practices and student success. Presenter: Sheila Pisa.

11:40-12:50 Working Lunch

Option One (Lib 136): Getting More Students Involved in Thoughtful Class Discussion. Presenter: Eddy Chi.

Option Two: No-Host Lunch at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant (Iris and Perris): Discuss Strategic Planning and Accreditation with Don Foster, Lisa Conyers, and Carolyn Quin.

Option Three (Lib 131): Incorporating Reading Into Your Content Classes. Presenter: Lori Ogata

1:00-2:00: Workshop Three

Option One (Hum 333): Professor-Proven Tricks for Blackboard 9.1: Jose Duran

Option Two (Lib 136): One Book: How to Use *The Story of Stuff* with Your Students: Jeff Rhyne, Sonya Nyrop, Debbi Renfrow.

2:10-3:10: Workshop Four:

Option One (Hum 333): Blackboard 9.1: Your Questions Answered: Eddy Chi

Option Two (Lib 136): Accelerated Basic Skills: Pathways and Practices for Higher Retention and Success: Sheila Pisa and Dan Clark

3:20-4:30 Part-Time Faculty Reception and Information Session (Stu 101): Meet your Colleagues. Get Your Questions Answered. Refreshments. (Full-timers welcome and encouraged to attend.)

Welcome: Cynthia Mahon, Part-time CTA Representative

Introductions: Attending faculty, administrators, and staff

Instruction Office: Gilbert DeLeon (Receptionist); Teri Currie (IDS)

Mailroom and Copies: Christina Leon

Instructional Media Center: Angela Thomas

The Bookstore: Drew Nichols

Student Services: Greg Sandoval, Eugenia Vincent, Jamie Clifton

Assessment Made Easy: Sheila Pisa

Other Questions and Concerns

Friday, Aug. 26

Allies Seminar: 9-12, PSC 11: Please RSVP to debra.miller@rcc.edu or 8039 by August 22.

A seminar on providing ally support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender college community. The seminar includes a panel of LGBT students, dialogue around LGBT issues, information regarding resources and addressing heterosexism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia. **Presenters: Chani Beeman and Michael Schwartz.**

Flex Events Fall 2011

August 23, Tuesday, 9-4, Hum 234
New Faculty Orientation
Familiarize new faculty with MVC as an institution.

September 8, Thursday, 12:50-1:50, Hum 234

Introduction to Sharepoint

SharePoint (SP) is an enterprise information portal that can be accessed from the internet. SP allows people, teams, and expertise to connect and collaborate. SP is designed for individuals, teams, and projects within a medium to large company wide enterprise portal. SP provides a single, integrated location where users can efficiently collaborate with team members, find organizational resources, search for experts and corporate information, manage content and workflow, and leverage business insight to make better-informed decisions. **See it live at www.mvcsp.com**

Contact: Julio.Cuz@mvc.edu

Starts Sept. 26, Monday, 2:30-3:30, PSC 11

Semi-Monthly Blackboard Learn Workshop, with Eddy Chi

At the end of fall semester, RCCD's old CE 8.0 course management system will be replaced by Blackboard Learn 9.1. Come to get help with the transition. Come even if you never used the old system. As the workshops will have a question-and-answer format, faculty who already using the new system are encouraged to come to share their insights. Connie Hagar will be on hand before and after to help. Plus a representative from Blackboard will visit on Mon. Oct 24. (**Note**, this is **not** a replacement for the required district training in Blackboard 9.1. You should take that training first: contact Connie Hagar or Bianca Vidales.) Here are all the updated times and dates:

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- Mon. Sep 26: 2:30-3:30PM in PSC-11

- UPDATED: Mon. Oct 10: 2:30-3:30PM in PSC-11 (only needed for 1 hour)
- UPDATED: Mon. Oct 24: 12:50-3:30PM in PSC-11 (need room starting at 12:50 for an extended meeting with Blackboard company representatives). During these extended hours, staff from the Blackboard company will join in on the discussion.
- UPDATED: Mon. Nov 7: 2:30-3:30PM in PSC-11 (only needed for 1 hour)
- Nov. 21: 2:30-3:30PM in PSC-11
- UPDATED: Mon. Dec. 5: 2:30-3:30PM in PSC-11 (only needed for 1 hour)

October 4, Tuesday, 12:50-1:50, Hum 336

Getting More Students Involved in Thoughtful Class Discussion, Part Two

In Part Two, we'll discuss more methods to get students to complete readings before class, increase their attendance, perform better on tests, and enjoy class: "ConceptTests," "Peer Instruction," and "Just-in-Time Teaching." We'll also look at the 4-S discussion framework in further detail than we did in Part 1 and discuss your future workshop ideas related to pedagogy. Please attend even if you didn't go to Part One!

Contact: Eddy.Chi@mvc.edu

Date: October 6, Thursday, noon to 2:00, PSC 11

Date: October 12, Wednesday, 9:00 to 11:00, PSC 11

Curricunet Training

Contact: Natalie.Hannum@mvc.edu

October 21, Friday, 2:00-4:00, Hum 207

Teaching Writing One-to-One

This workshop will offer information about best practices for teaching writing one-to-one through game playing, presentations, and reflective writing. Open to all instructors.

Contact: Jeff.Rhyne@mvc.edu

October 27, Thursday, 12:50-1:50, Hum 129

What I Learned from my DNA

Where did my ancestors come from and how long ago? What diseases might I pass on to my children? Until recently these questions were highly speculative, but now, for just a few dollars, everybody and their dog can find out the secrets of their genetic inheritance. Felipe Galicia, Associate Professor of Biology, shares the discoveries he made as a result of having his DNA analyzed, and he reflects on the implications and limits of this new technology, from the evidence it provides for our relationship to other species to whether or not our genetic makeup will affect our ability to get insurance.

Contact: Felipe.Galicia@mvc.edu

October 27, Thursday, 2:00-3:30, Lib 241

Lexis Nexis Training

This event will teach faculty how to search the Lexis Nexis databases so they will be better informed as to what Lexis Nexis can be used for in their assignments for students.

Contact: Debbi.Renfrow@mvc.edu

November 2, Wednesday, 1:00-2:00, Hum 129

The Dark Side of the Universe: Dark Ages, Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Professor Bahram Mobasher, of UCR, will talk about his research with the Hubble Telescope to observe faraway and early galaxies. He will also discuss dark matter and the future fate of our universe: is it open or closed?

Contact: Dipen.Bhattacharya@mvc.edu

Nov. 10, Thursday, 12:50-1:50, Hum 105

Perspectives on China

China—the world's most populous nation, the world's oldest continuous civilization, and now the world's second largest economy! Professors Eddy Chi (economics), Nick Sinigaglia (philosophy), Fabian Biancardi (politics), and Fen Johnson (math) have all recently visited China and share their perspectives.

Contact: Nick.Sinigaglia@mvc.edu

November 15, Tuesday, 12:45-1:45, Hum 104

Workout 101: Designing Your Personal Exercise Program

The workshop will discuss how to set up a weight training program, which cardio machines are best, how much cardio to do, and other fitness topics to get you started at home or in the gym.

Contact: Ingrid.Wicken@mvc.edu

November 16, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00, Hum 129

A Journey to Casimir: A Quantum Force

Okay, not Kashmir, not Led Zeppelin. But it's electric nonetheless. Professor Umar Mohideen of UCR will talk about his ground-breaking research on the Casimir force that arises from a vacuum.

Contact: Dipen.Bhattacharya@mvc.edu

November 18, Friday, Noon-3:00, Hum 333

Teaching with Blackboard 9.1

Are you

- uncomfortable setting up an entire Blackboard v9.1 course for the upcoming 2012 winter and spring semesters?
- having students track you down for that study guide or assignment because they were absent?
- sometimes frustrated that the copy machine is down and there's no time to find another copier for those last minute copies? Why even copy?
- wanting to learn how to set up Blackboard's Grade Center? Receiving general emails from students with attached work, neither of which you can locate later?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, don't miss this survival of the fittest hands-on workshop. Find out how you can save yourself time and reduce the stress of maintain-ing your semester classes. Seating is limited so respond now!

Contact: Jose.Duran@mvc.edu

November 29, Tuesday, 12:50—1:50, Stu 101

Foster and Hinton play Brahms, Milhaud, and Bernstein

Music@MoVal Concert Series presents Moreno Valley

College Faculty Members in Concert: Donald Foster, clarinet; Wayne Hinton, piano.

Contact: Donald.Foster@mvc.edu

December 2, Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., PSC 11

Assessment and Program Review Attack

This is all about gettin' er done. You come in at 8 and get right to work on either an assessment project or comprehensive program review. If you complete an assessment project by 11, you get 3 hours of flex. That's right, just do it! Come with your grade books and other records (graded tests, papers, assignments, etc.). Assessment specialists (!) will be available to consult, encourage, motivate, bring coffee and snacks, and otherwise keep you on task. Likewise, 3 hours of flex is available for significant progress on your discipline's Program Review (completion or near completion). You can work individually or in focused teams, depending on the task. We will take a short break (11:00-11:30), just long enough to take a walk around the track and catch some fresh air. Then it's back to work with a bag lunch (you bring it) and your discipline and/or department colleagues. The goal: share out your assessment reports, talk about best practices and other ideas that come up, and as a group write up a comprehensive assessment roundup for your discipline/department that you can disseminate and that will actually help guide classroom practices in your fields, thus completing the circle of assessment. You'll get 3 more hours of flex if your group submits its competed report by 3:00 p.m. Yes, pressure can be good. Celebrations off site may be arranged for the remainder of the afternoon. Contact: danclrk@mvc.edu or Sheila.Pisa@mvc.edu

December 8, Thursday, 12:50-1:50, Stu 101

Music at Mo-Val Concert Series: Moreno Valley College Choirs

Contact: Don Foster