Welcome to Fall 2012!

Every academic year begins with a variety of changes. This always includes saying goodbye to old friends and hello to new ones. There are a number of new faculty and staff this year, so be sure to introduce yourself when you have the chance.

This fall I will be at the LTEC on Fridays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (approximately) with my student assistant Erin Farrell - who is now a senior! Even when I am not at the LTEC feel free to call (Math, 2063) or e-mail (millercc) me with questions or to suggest event topics.

The LTEC has funds available for Facul-TE Awards (up to $500 each), so please look at the guidelines to see if you qualify for funding. Be sure to get your application (electronically) to me at least two weeks before the activity or travel so that the Facul-TE Committee has time to consider it and determine if you will be awarded. Travel to conferences or workshops that have a direct impact on your teaching are among the favorite ways to use such money. You can only be funded once per academic year, and we are accepting applications for activities that will be complete by January 15, 2013. (As long as funds are available, applications for activities ending June 1, 2013 will be accepted later, watch for an announcement.)

The calendar of LTEC events is beginning to take shape and other events can still being added if you have ideas or interests. As you have come to expect, details about all of our coming events will arrive in my weekly e-mails … I hope to see you at the LTEC.

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Funding Opportunities from the LTEC

Unfortunately the budget will again prevent us from choosing and funding an LTEC Faculty Fellow, but hopefully this program will return as the economy continues to recover.

Facul-TE Awards

The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center has funds available to support small teaching excellence projects designed by faculty. The project should be conducive to the improvement of teaching and active learning strategies in the classroom and college environment.

Facul-TE Awards cannot be used to purchase computer equipment or software, and must conform to the purchasing policies of the college. The funds can be used for travel to workshops or conferences if they directly relate to the applicant's teaching. This must be clearly explained in the application.

Since funds are limited, a maximum of $500 can be awarded for a project. Applications are accepted throughout the semester. This round of funding is for projects/activities that will be completed by January 15, 2013, with priority to faculty that have not been awarded in the previous year. Unfortunately the LTEC does not have the ability to fund activities that occur in the summer at this time.

For more details and to find the online coversheet required with the proposal go to the Facul-TE Funding page. Proposals must be submitted both electronically and in hard copy.

LTEC Hours

The LTEC will be staffed on Fridays (10am - 5pm) during the fall semester. Some events may occur on other days, at the convenience of the presenter, so be sure to watch the LTEC Calendar!

LTEC Student Assistant

Erin Farrell, will again be my assistant at the LTEC. Her hard work was invaluable with reduced hours I could commit to the LTEC during the fall, and I look forward to working with her again, as a senior!
Coming Events

There are still many events being scheduled (this is only the beginning) so be sure to check the LTEC calendar, and watch your e-mail throughout the semester.  Let me know if you have other ideas for events.

**September 13, 2012**  12 – 2:00 p.m.
Learning Communities Luncheon

**September 21, 2012**  3 - 4:30 p.m.
Wading Through the IRB Forms (LTEC Classroom)

**September 28, 2012**  2 - 4 p.m.
The Short Field Course As Interdisciplinary Research (LTEC Classroom)

**October 3, 2012**  12(noon) - 1:30 p.m.
Grant Writing (LTEC Classroom)

**October 16, 2012**  7 - 8:30 p.m.
Get Your Research On: From Idea to Design to Result (Kellas room TBA)

**October 19, 2012**  2 - 4 p.m.
Idea—Based Course Design and the Curriculum (LTEC Classroom)

**October 26, 2012**  3 - 4:30 p.m.
Obtaining IRB Approval for Classroom Projects and Assignments (LTEC Classroom)

**November 2, 2012**  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Not Just for the Sciences Anymore: Integrating Undergraduate Research Across the University (LTEC Classroom)

**November 16, 2012**  3 - 4:30 p.m.
Smooth Sailing through the IRB Process (LTEC Classroom)

**December 4, 2012**  3 – 5:00 p.m.
Learning Communities Reception