

Lagniappe Series
Small Group Workshops for Faculty
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Directions: As we begin to prepare for a new semester, now is a perfect time to update some of your instructional strategies. Listed below you will find several small group discussion topics and the discussion dates. Read through the topics, select all of the ones of interest, and then just call on the appropriate date. Feel free to attend both, especially if you would like for your work in progress to be discussed. I look forward to speaking with you! Bring a colleague.

Welcome Letter

The welcome letter is the first interaction the instructor has with the student. Let's make it a positive and informative experience! This small group discussion will cover basic components of a well-crafted welcome letter as well as distribute links to topic appropriate resources. We may even have one or two of our own faculty members discuss the letters they use in class and describe their results. Interested?

Discussion Dates: March 20, 2013 at 10:30 am CT **OR** April 2, 2013 at 1:30 pm CT

Ice Breakers

So, you have a group of new students and you want them to get to know each other and really create an engaging learning environment. But how can you facilitate such an activity online? This small group discussion will cover several strategies for creating an environment ready for learner engagement. Hopefully, you can find something that will meet your goals and fit your taste. If you are already leading an activity that works great, call in and share. Look forward to sharing information on the following dates.

Discussion Dates: March 22, 2013 at 9:00 am CT **OR** April 3, 2013 at 1:30 pm CT

There is an App for That

The new world we live in is complete with applications or apps, but what does that mean for the classroom instructor? The incorporation of apps in your classroom structure could very easily revolutionize the way you teach, the way students learn, and be more efficient for each. This presentation will introduce faculty to a few of the most popular free academic apps available. If you are interested in what all the buzz is about, finding out if it is something for you, or if you want to share your favorite apps with others, please join us for a small group discussion on the topic.

Discussion Dates: March 26, 2013 at 10:00 am CT **OR** April 4, 2013 at 1:30 pm CT

Learning Activities

What to do? What to do? How can I get my students actively participating in class while assessing their mastery of learning outcomes at the same time? If you have ever asked yourself these questions, then plan to join the small discussion group. Several generic learning activities will be presented that can be modified for your specific topic and learning outcomes. Get ready to say..... I could do that!

Discussion Dates: March 28, 2013 at 1:30 pm CT **OR** April 5, 2013 at 9:00 am CT