

A Faculty Professional Development Academy

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West Los Angeles College | Spring 2020

Each year, West welcomes a group of outstanding new faculty to our academic community. **The Faculty Professional Development Academy: West Connect** includes events for new and tenure-track faculty to provide information and resources; opportunities to expand perspectives by interacting and exchanging ideas with peers; and workshops relating to practical topics, instructional strategies, and implications for teaching.

The events are intended primarily for new and tenure-track faculty, and all faculty are welcome to attend. [According to our Collective Bargaining Agreement \(CBA\) in Article 13.8.d. full time tenured faculty members are obligated contractually to serve in one committee. The participation of these faculty members in three events per semester organized by the Faculty Professional Development Academy, during their first year as probationary faculty, meets this contractual obligation. Faculty not using the Professional Development Academy to fulfill their committee obligation may use attendance to these workshops for Flex Credit.](#)

Unless otherwise noted, workshops are scheduled on Fridays.

Please see RSVP information details.

February

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Annual Spring Summit | Equity Literacy Framework: Moving Mitigative Interventions to Transformative Practices

Professional Learning Subcommittee & the Student Success Committee | February 7 | 8:30 am-3:00 pm | HLRC 4th Floor
Strategies for reaching marginalized students that rely solely on individual interventions give educators permission to ignore systems of inequality, rely on stereotypes and focus on deficits. This interactive professional development addresses how to move from a deficit-based approach to an equity literacy

framework for meeting the needs of underrepresented students and families. *To register for this event, log on to the Faculty/Staff portal and click "The Vision Resource Center" button from the menu. Then, find the workshop in the calendar and select "Request."*

Turn over for more workshops.

The Faculty Professional Development Academy – West Connect has been developed in collaboration between the Academic Senate, AFT Faculty Guild, and Office of Teaching & Learning.

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Curriculum Process and Transfer Honors Program Faculty Info Session

March

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Curriculum Committee & Transfer Honors | March 6 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock

During the first half of this workshop, we'll discuss West's Curriculum Processes for new and revised courses and programs. Then, faculty will learn about the Transfer Honors Program. The presentation will include a discussion about program requirements and benefits as well as a review of appropriate assignments and responsibilities faculty can assign for honors credit in their courses.

4th Annual Creative Edge Creativity Conference:

Creativity Studies | April 25 | 10:00 am-3:00 pm | FA-100

This "un-conference" will be truly interdisciplinary. The theme is "Challenging Reality" (and it may be interpreted very loosely). Whether Innovators, writers, artists, physicists, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, or social visionaries, all great thought leaders have challenged our pre-existing notions of reality and helped us to see the world in a new way. Indeed, this may be the fundamental definition of creativity. Creativity flourishes when challenging the status quo through reframing 'realities' we have come to take for granted. For centuries, we believed the world was flat. It feels fitting to challenge our vision and world view in 2020. This conference is designed for faculty, staff, students, and the general public, and its mission remains to help all of us think about ways in which we can live our best, most creative lives. Register for the event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-creative-edge-conference-2020-tickets-89869430887>

April

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May

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8th Annual LACCD Student Success Initiative Annual Retreat

LACCD Office of Student Success | May 15 | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm | Harbor

Please join us for the 8th Annual LACCD Student Success Initiative District-wide Retreat. Our guest speakers will be addressing topics important to our campuses and will provide resources that can assist us in our planning for next academic year. Registration details to follow.