

A Faculty Professional Development Academy

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West Los Angeles College | Spring 2015

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, but all faculty are welcome. All faculty may use attendance to these workshops for Flex Credit. *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.*

Workshops are scheduled on Fridays.

Please RSVP to Kimberly Manner at mannerke@wla.edu.

February

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Second Annual Spring Summit

Student Success Committee and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Development | February 6 | 8:30 am-2:00 pm |
General Classrooms Building

The theme of this year's summit is "Innovative Teaching Strategies to Increase Student Success." Join us for an interactive day of professional learning and leave with one or two strategies you can implement immediately. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please reserve your spot at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-spring-summit-innovative-strategies-to-increase-student-success-tickets-14928649994>

Turn over for more workshops.

March

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Habits of Mind for Student Equity

3CSN, Pierce College, and West Professional Learning | March 6 |

8:30 am-2:00 pm | General Classrooms Building

“Habits of Mind” are acquired dispositions to respond in particular ways when we don’t immediately know the solution to a problem. Students who develop Habits of Mind such as metacognition, thinking interdependently, and managing impulsivity are more successful than students who do not. Join us in this one-day regional workshop where we explore how Habits of Mind can improve outcomes for *all* students, and particularly for students of color. Register at: <https://homwllac.eventbrite.com>

April

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Special Student Populations: Veterans and DSPS Accommodations

Dr. Shalomon Duke | April 17 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock

Come learn about how to meet the needs of two at-risk student populations: veterans and disabled students. This workshop is designed to give faculty members insight into working with student veterans and the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) accommodation process. In addition, legislation and mandatory accommodations will be discussed.

May

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Shared Governance and Focused Inquiry

Olga Shewfelt, Adrienne Foster, and Nancy Sander | May 15 |

10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock

In our final meeting of the year, West’s presidents of the AFT Chapter Guild and the Academic Senate will discuss the role of shared governance and opportunities for faculty to become involved at West. In addition to contributing to the governance of the college, faculty may also choose to take part in one of several FIGs (Focused Inquiry Groups) on campus. Nancy Sander will wrap up our session by highlighting the importance of faculty inquiry and discourse in an interactive discussion of FIGs.