

# A Faculty Professional Development Academy

# WESTCONNECT

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West Los Angeles College | Fall 2013

Each year, West welcomes a group of outstanding new faculty to our academic community. **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.

West Connect is 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. Due to starting our Faculty Professional Academy a bit into the semester, for this Fall 2013 semester you may use attendance to either one of these workshops or to the Academic Senate and/or AFT Faculty Guild meetings to fulfill your obligation.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Things to Know During the Tenure Process

**Recently-Tenured Faculty | October 14 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Winlock**

Join a roundtable discussion with recently-tenured faculty who will share what they wish they knew during the tenure process. We will also have an overview of the Tenure Process from the AFT Faculty Guild and the Academic Senate.

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### How to Survive Tenure in this Current Climate

**Charles "Buck" Stapleton | October 23 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Winlock**

Learn about the tenure process from initial hiring through advancement in the probationary process. Topics will include the evaluation process, serving on committees, mentoring, professional responsibilities, best practices, academic rank advancement, academic freedom, handling student complaints, maintaining accurate rosters, developing a syllabus and instructional notes, and maintaining accurate records to present to the tenure review committee.

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## Tenure-Track Faculty Social

West Administration | December 12 | 1:00-2:00 pm | HLRC-4CD

Join us to recognize the completion of your semester at West. Tenure-track faculty, Division Chairs, and administrators are invited.

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## PAST EVENTS

### Faculty Matters: Essential Information from the Office of Instruction

Office of Teaching & Learning and the Office of Instruction

August 21 | 9:30-11:00 am | Winlock

Join us for an introduction from key campus areas including Distance Learning, Library, Academic Senate, and more. We will also review Academic Affairs procedures and as well as discuss curriculum and the role of the Office of Instruction.

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### Academic Accommodation

Shalamon Duke | September 12 | 1:00-2:30 pm | SSB-414

This workshop is designed to give faculty members insight into the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) accommodation process. In addition, legislation and mandatory accommodations will be discussed.

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### Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs): Back to the Basics

Todd Matosic | September 25 | 2:00-3:30 pm | Winlock

The workshop will cover everything that new faculty will need to know about student learning outcomes from what needs to be included in course syllabi to the assessment cycle and the assessment process we have in place. The workshop will also benefit any other faculty looking to brush up on SLO specifics. *Faculty are encouraged to bring their newest course syllabi to the workshop for review of needs.*

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### Program Review

Rebecca Tillberg | September 27 | 10:00-12:00 pm | HLRC-218

This workshop is designed especially for new faculty. Learn about what program review is, how it's important, and how to do it.

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