Teaching Resources at Texas A&M University

New Faculty Orientation

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How Some Professors Deploy Mobile Technology in Their Teaching

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Students in Ronald A. Yaros’s Info 3.0 class at the University of Maryland at College Park this fall will use a smartphone app specifically designed for practically everything in the course: Writing blog posts, sending tweets, and shooting video interviews.

Mr. Yaros doesn’t allow laptop computers in his classroom but not because he doesn’t expect students to look at screens. Instead, he asks them to bring a tablet computer or use their smartphones to follow along with his interactive demonstrations during class, which he can beam to their devices using another app, called Nearpod. With a swipe of the finger on his iPad, the screens on his students’ devices change as well. In addition to slides, he pulls up work the students have done in the week since their last meeting, as well as asks open-ended questions, polls them, and shares PDFs on the small screen.
We enhance the practice of teaching to improve student learning.
How can I utilize the expertise at the CTE to reach my full potential as an educator?
Teaching Resources at A&M

- Center for Teaching Excellence
- Instructional Technology Service
- Data and Research Services
- University Writing Center
- Honors and Undergraduate Research
- Study Abroad Programs Office
- University Libraries
- Disability Services
One-on-One
- Consultation
- Classroom observation
- Student evaluations

Faculty Workshops (examples)
- Course syllabus
- Course design series
- Engaging today’s student

Graduate Students
- Academy for Future Faculty
- Graduate Student Professional Development in Teaching
Peer review of teaching
Curriculum design and re-design
Montague-CTE Scholars Program
Innovation in High-Impact Learning Experiences

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Mentoring in academic success
Best practices in mentoring
What do mentees want from mentors?
Mentoring graduate students
Fostering teaching excellence
Creating a mentoring culture at A&M
Faculty Teaching Academy – 10th Anniversary
APRIL 1 - 3, 2016
WAKONSE SOUTH
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For 19 years, faculty members from universities and colleges have been coming to Wakonse South to share best practices and interests in teaching and learning. Examples of past session topics include teaching through case studies, collaborative learning, and incorporating new technology in the classroom.

The conference takes place at Canyon of the Eagles Resort in Burnet, Texas - a beautiful hill-country venue. The Center for Teaching Excellence encourages you to join us for a unique opportunity to learn with colleagues, with time built in for reflection and relaxation.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We invite you to submit a proposal for an innovative and interactive presentation, round-table discussion, demonstration, plenary session, or panel. Proposals can be submitted at http://tiny.cc/WakonseSouth2016 until October 19, 2015.

Wakonse
Wakonse is a word from the Lakota Indian language meaning to teach, to inspire.

HISTORY
Twenty-seven years ago, faculty looking to share teaching ideas in a creative and relaxing atmosphere started the Wakonse Conference at an inspiring overlook on Lake Michigan.
Graduate student mentors
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