

Dear Colleagues,

Descriptions of professional development sessions for Fall 2024 are below. Other sessions and activities will be added during the semester. Professional development activities for staff and faculty are listed on the [SharePoint Academic Resources Calendar](#). Please, note that room assignments might change – check the weekly CELT emails for session updates.

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2 – 4 pm
BLIB 115

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Thursday, August 15
2 – 4 pm
BLIB 115

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION FOR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY FACULTY – Session includes welcome; FERPA; academic integrity; Title IX; student success; accessibility services; diversity, equity, and inclusion; Lutheran higher education; academic technology; professional development opportunities; and IDEA course evaluations.

Monday, August 19
6 – 8 pm
<https://capital.zoom.us/j/6142366449>

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF RECEPTION – Help us welcome the new faculty and staff and reconnect with your colleagues from across campus.

Monday, August 26
4 – 5:30 pm
Bridge of Learning Breezeway

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Wednesday, September 4
11 – 11:50 am
Huber Spielman 127

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CANVAS BROWN BAG LUNCH – These lunches include a short presentation on a feature or function of Canvas and then open discussion and collaboration among instructors about using Canvas. Bring your lunch or buy your lunch from the MDR!

Topic: Canvas Course Basics (navigating, finding things, etc.) and Modules

Thursday, September 5
12 – 12:50 pm
Weiler Conference Suite, Student Union

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Thursday, September 5
4 – 4:50 pm
Battelle 289

CALCOTT LECTURE SERIES – WINNING VS. WINNING WELL: THEORETICAL DEBATE ON THE LOGICS OF WAR AND WINNING – Where does the environment fit into these logics of realism, constructivism, just war, and green theories? Is the environment considered at all or just ignored? Is the environment an “acceptable casualty” or an “innocent?” What does this mean for waging war or using/developing/testing new weapons? What about turning the environment into a weapon itself? The lectures to follow will focus on historicizing this debate by examining real warfare and weapons, their effects on the environment, and how policy-makers think about the environment while at war.

Tuesday, September 10
3 – 4 pm
Convergent Media Center 121

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BLIB 110

ENGAGE – Do you work with a student group? Or, do you want to let students know about the activities and events that your division, department, or area hosts? Learn how students find Student Organizations and events and track their involvement through Engage. Discover how this tool can help you connect students to your events and organizations.

Thursday, September 12
3 – 3:50 pm
BLIB 119

FEC SESSION WITH JUNIOR FACULTY – The College Faculty Evaluation Committee co-chairs, Dr. Joy Schroeder and Dr. Laura Boser Kane, will meet with junior faculty to talk about the promotion and tenure process.

Friday, September 13
10 – 10:50 am
BLIB 115

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Student Union Main Dining Room – by the North Windows

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Monday, September 16

3 – 3:50 pm

LC 104

Part 1: Thinking with AI

Introduction

Chapter 1: AI Basics

Chapter 2: A New Era of Work

Chapter 3 AI Literacy

Chapter 4: Reimagining Creativity

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Topic: Canvas Assignments and Quizzing

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Battelle 289

CALLICOTT LECTURE SERIES – NOWHERE TO HIDE: CHEMICAL WARFARE – This lecture looks at how CWs were developed and used in WWI and beyond; special focus on WWI’s first use of CWs and Vietnam’s uses of chemical incendiaries and herbicides.

Tuesday, September 24
3 – 4 pm
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Topic: Integrations (Echo, Google, MSOffice, etc.)

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12 – 12:50 pm
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Battelle 289

ADVISING STRATEGIES – This session is designed for faculty and staff who do academic advising at Capital. We will cover some of the advising tools and share effective advising strategies.

Friday, October 4
10 – 10:50 am
BLIB 115

LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT PLANNING – Get help entering your assessment plan into Anthology!

Monday, October 7
3 – 3:50 pm
LC 102

ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY

Monday, October 7
5:30 – 7 pm

CALICOTT LECTURE SERIES – UNCONTROLLABLE SPREAD: BIOLOGICAL WARFARE – This lecture looks at how BWs were developed and used, especially in lead up to WWII by Unit 731; use of bugs, animals, and viruses with lasting impacts will be discussed.

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BLIB 110

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – Presented by the Culture and Climate Committee! Topic areas include soft skills, communication skills, campus resources, wellness and health, and more! This event will take place on the first day of fall break, ensuring that staff and faculty can attend.

Thursday, October 10
More details will follow!

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GERHOLD RECEPTION WITH GUEST, JEFFERSON COWIE

Wednesday, October 16
5:30 – 7 pm
The Schumacher Gallery

GERHOLD LECTURE: JEFFERSON COWIE (PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR)

Wednesday, October 16
7:30 – 9 pm
Huntington Recital Hall

CANVAS BROWN BAG LUNCH – These lunches include a short presentation on a feature or function of Canvas and then open discussion and collaboration among instructors about using Canvas. Bring your lunch or buy your lunch from the MDR!

Topic: Canvas Rich Content Editor

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Monday, October 21
3 – 3:50 pm
LC 104

Part 2: Teaching with AI
Chapter 5: AI-Assisted Faculty
Chapter 6: Cheating and Detection
Chapter 7 Policies
Chapter 8: Grading and (Re-)Defining Quality

CALCOTT LECTURE SERIES – BECOMING DEATH, DESTROYER OF WORLDS: NUCLEAR WARFARE – This lecture looks at the testing, development, and use of NWs in WWII and beyond; special focus on broken arrows and accidental uses like Palomares event, as well as the Trinity and Castle Bravo tests.

Tuesday, October 22
3 – 4 pm
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Topic: Canvas Student Submissions and SpeedGrader

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CALCOTT LECTURE SERIES – RULING THE BATTLEFIELD THROUGH THE ELEMENTS: WEAPONIZING THE ENVIRONMENT – This lecture looks at the testing and use of resources wars and climate wars; we consider how the environment might change status from casualty of war to weapon of war.

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Part 3: Learning with AI
Chapter 9: Feedback and Roleplaying with AI
Chapter 10: Designing Assignments and Assessments for Human Effort
Chapter 11: Writing and AI
Chapter 12: Assignments and Assessments
Epilogue

CALCOTT LECTURE SERIES – THE DARKEST TIMELINE? FUTURE WEAPONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK – This lecture looks at weapons in development or on the horizon and how they may impact the environment in wars to come.

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