



Faculty Professional Development Fall 2019

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FLEX Activities

We invite you to submit a proposal if you have an idea for a FLEX activity during the Fall 2019 semester. [The proposal form](#) is available at the [HR Professional Development webpage](#). You can send in proposals throughout the semester.

Friday, October 4th, 2019

High-Challenge, High-Support Classrooms in English

Presented by: California Acceleration Project (CAP)

Facilitated by CAP representative Summer Serpas, this Central Coast regional workshop will address best practices for supporting first-year students during the first year of AB705 implementation. This workshop will focus on pedagogical practices to support all students struggling in the classroom, and faculty will troubleshoot various strategies to address common student challenges. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This workshop is funded by Student Equity.

Please Register [HERE](#) By September 30th.

Breakfast 9:30 am – 10:00 am | Workshop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Room 5401

Monday, October 7th, 2019

Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Teaching and Campus Operations

Presented by: Feride Schroeder

This 1.5 hour workshop will introduce faculty and staff to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) using ArcGIS Online. This activity will provide faculty with a new tool to incorporate spatial thinking into the learning process. GIS facilitates the use of real data for critical thinking exercises in the classroom. For example, a business instructor could use real data and have students map retail shopping trends for a marketing project. GIS technology can also be used by staff to improve management of campus services. A Cuesta staff member in facilities could use GIS to help track and monitor areas being treated for pest management. This activity provides Cuesta faculty and staff training in an innovative



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technology that can be applied to instruction and campus management. Lunch will be served for all participants after the workshop. This workshop is funded by an NSF grant for the GIS Certificate Program.

RSVP for the lunch by October 4th to Feride Schroeder at fschroed@cuesta.edu

Workshop: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Room 3406
Lunch: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm | Room 3406

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

Teaching with Food

Presented by: Bruce Henderson

In this workshop we will discuss the incorporation of food issues into the curriculum for teaching English 201A first-year composition.

9:30 am – 10:30 am | Room 3308

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

Equity—From Data to Solutions: Responding to student voices

Presented by: Elizabeth DeSwart

In this workshop, we will view Cuesta student quotes recorded in RP Group research, and through self-reflection and active discussion, identify new practices we can easily weave into our work at Cuesta College.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Room 3134

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

Flex Faculty Lunch

Provided by: Student Equity

Join colleagues for lunch to connect with one another. We will also be collecting ideas for our Spring Faculty Retreat. **Please RSVP [HERE](#).**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Student Success Center Lobby Building 3300



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Camp Canvas

Presented by: Cynthia Wilshusen

A full day of hands-on, interactive, and practical activities guided by your camp counselors, AKA our team of instructional designers and support specialists. You'll leave camp with an arsenal of new skills, a Canvas course shell you've designed yourself, and ideas for how to maximize the tools and technologies available within it. The ideal campers are faculty and staff who are new to Canvas, curious about how it can support teaching and learning in their classroom, and interested in getting some support from a team of expert instructional designers. Whether your course is online, hybrid, or face-to-face, we're here to help.

Camp Canvas is not your typical workshop. You'll be in the driver's seat, deciding what's most important for you to learn about. If you're looking for a more traditional session on Canvas basics, we encourage you to sign up for one of our [upcoming Intro to Canvas sessions](#). We'll also be focusing our attention on how Canvas can be used for instruction.

Sign up to save your seat!

10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Room 3219

Thursdays: October 24th, November 7 and November 21, 2019

Building a Beloved Community: A Journey to Being Anti-Racist

Facilitated by: Bailey Drechsler and Que Dang

Creating opportunity for critical conversations around racial equity, faculty and staff are invited to participate in our first series of deeper dialogues on race and racism and the impact it has on us as educators and student advocates. Dialogues will involve exploration of building a positive racial identity, understanding white privilege, and moving towards anti-racist practices in our classrooms, institutions, and within ourselves.

Participants are asked to commit to watching/reading short video clips and articles on matters of race and racism and come together to share reflections and insights. In the spirit of building connection and safety in these courageous conversations, we ask you to commit to all three dialogue dates.

Dinner will be provided. Please sign up [HERE](#). Details and information will follow.

Please email que_dang@cuesta.edu for questions.

Oct. 24, Nov. 7 & Nov. 21 | 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Room TBA



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Friday, October 25th and Friday November 22, 2019

Cuesta Book Club

Presented by: Rachael Barnett

Back by popular demand! Join us for the Fall Book Club focused on Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony. Discussions will be designed to introduce participants to each author's work and discuss implications for equity at Cuesta College. Two ninety-minute gatherings for the novel are scheduled for SLO and NC campuses.

Please sign up [HERE](#). Snacks will be provided for our gatherings.

Please email que_dang@cuesta.edu for questions. We hope you can join us!

SLO: Oct. 25 & Nov. 22 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Room 3409

NCC: Oct. 25 & Nov. 22 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Room N1128

Friday, October 25th, 2019

Can*Innovate 2019 – Free Online Conference

Facilitated by: Cynthia Wilshusen

Designed for California Community College faculty and staff, featuring showcases of effective practices in Canvas. brought to you by CVC/OEI and @one (Online Network of Educators). Two options to participate!

1. Join Your Peers in Our Group Viewing Room - SLO 3219

We will be streaming sessions throughout the day. Food and fun activities will be provided. Flex credit is available! [Save your seat on the SLO Campus today!](#)

2. Attend Online (from anywhere)

Can't make it to campus? No problem! Just register online for the sessions you're interested in attending. You will receive a participation link for each session via email, as well as a verification email for each session you attend. Use that verification to earn flex credit! <https://onlinenetworkofeducators.org/caninnovate19/>

9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Room 3219 or online

October Flex Days Calendar

	Friday, October 4 th	Monday, October 7 th	Tuesday, October 8 th
9:00			
	<p style="text-align: center;">Breakfast for CAP 9:30-10:00 Rm 5401 RSVP</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Teaching with Food 9:30-10:30 Rm 3308</p>
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