

Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)

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HOURS: Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

<http://www.stlawu.edu/ctl>

Mission Statement:

The St. Lawrence University Center for Teaching and Learning promotes improved student learning through facilitating excellence in teaching practices and supporting a wide range of faculty professional development activities. The Center aims to further the creativity, risk-taking, collaboration, and professional renewal among faculty members at all stages in their teaching careers. Specifically, the goals of the Center are to expose faculty to current knowledge and practice regarding teaching and learning; provide a forum for formal and informal exchanges of ideas and expertise; and stimulate, support, and reinforce pedagogies that optimize student learning.

2004-2005 Programs

New Faculty Orientation:

This year-long series of workshops introduces first-year faculty to each other, seasoned colleagues, academic policies, and assorted other “need to know” information to make new colleagues’ transitions smooth. The first two meetings are held on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the start of classes in August. Follow-up sessions are held the first Monday of the month in the fall and the first Thursday of the month in the Spring.

Shop Talks:

The Shop Talk series offers a forum wherein faculty come together to discuss pedagogy and related classroom issues in workshops and informal discussions led by members of the faculty. Three to four Shop Talks are scheduled throughout each semester.

Oral Communication Institute:

The Hewlett Foundation funded this faculty institute from 2001-2003. The project involves faculty members in workshops and seminars designed to develop teaching strategies that lead to productive and engaged classroom discussions. The development of a **Rhetoric and Communication Institute** is underway.

Online Course Modules: Democracy Lab

Starting in fall 2004, the CTL is participating in a national initiative that allows St. Lawrence students to engage in online deliberative dialogues with students from other colleges and universities. More about this Democracy Lab project can be found on the CTL web site.

Teaching Circles:

A small group of faculty, students, and administration meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss how issues of race/ethnicity, gender and class impact teaching and learning at St. Lawrence. These discussions offer opportunities to learn by encountering the ideas of professional experts and experienced colleagues.

Faculty Quiet Hours:

During the fall and spring semester final exam weeks, the CTL doors are open all day long to provide a comfortable and quiet space for faculty to grade student work. The coffee is always on!

Pedagogy Travel:

The Center for Teaching and Learning offers \$1,000 annually to full-time faculty members who wish to attend conferences that focus on the development of teaching skills. Each faculty member is eligible to attend one pedagogy conference per year. To download the proper form and instructions, please visit our website:

www.stlawu.edu/ctl/travform

Grant Funds:

Full-time faculty are eligible to apply for two different types of funding: Instructional Mini-grants and Teaching with Technology grants. Guidelines and application forms can be found on the CTL web site.

FACULTY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT at the CTL

The Center for Teaching and Learning at 62 Park provides exciting opportunities for new types of faculty technology development.

TechBreaks Visit the CTL on specified Friday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. as we address topics specific to teaching with technology in an informal setting, by demonstration or tutorial. **Registration is not required.**

Faculty Technology Spotlight Series Update your pedagogical perspective on technology by learning from your faculty colleagues about new tech implementations in teaching, learning or research. This event is held once per semester – watch your email for details. **Registration is not required.**

Instructional Technology Liaison Hours Drop by the Center during liaison hours (Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., Thursdays 9-11 a.m., and Fridays 10 a.m.-12 p.m., whenever classes are in session) for one-on-one assistance from an instructional technologist with your teaching and technology needs. Bring your questions and concerns and enjoy a personal technology consultation. **Appointments are accepted but not required.**

Wednesday Workshops offer regular training opportunities on Microsoft, Adobe and Macromedia software (Office, image editing and web editing) at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday mornings. These workshops are open to faculty, staff and students. **Registration is required.**

Complete schedules and clarifying details for each of the above opportunities are available online at: <http://it.stlawu.edu/training/training.htm>.

Faculty Project Lab:

The project lab contains a variety of technology resources, also ample workspace, including a table and chairs and a portable whiteboard/flip chart. The project lab is designed as a place where faculty can accomplish work collaboratively or individually, while employing technology tools that may not be readily available elsewhere. A portion of the room is often used by instructional technologists during I.T. liaison hours.

The project lab is available 24 x 7, and utilized on a first come, first served basis. Computer hardware includes a DVD/CD-ROM combo drive to facilitate data storage for archival purposes, an HP scanner and color networked printer, standard software and other specialized software to facilitate teaching with technology. Software manuals and other documentation are readily available.

The project lab space and associated equipment is reserved exclusively for faculty. Access is restricted to faculty members (and I.T. staff) who enter via swipe card access. Please note that your ID card is also required to access the building outside of normal business hours.

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