

# FOCUS on STUDENT LEARNING (FOSL)



## Spring 2014

FOSL's are monthly discussions on a variety of topics related to student learning. Repeat sessions are offered on different days and times to accommodate busy schedules. **Bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy as you learn.** All sessions are recorded and available for checkout for those who wish to view them at a later time. Ask for "FOSL Reserves" at the Scarborough Library Public Services Desk. For more information visit [www.shepherd.edu/ctl](http://www.shepherd.edu/ctl) or call 304-876-5461. Sponsored by The Center for Teaching & Learning.

**All sessions are held in Scarborough Library 309 (The WV Room) \***

\*except the Celebration of Student Learning on March 24 & 25 (Byrd CLS 165)

### January

28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 12:30-1:30pm

#### Need a Grader for your Class? Check This Out!

WebAssign is an online assignment tool serving over a million students each year. While WebAssign predominately serves physics, mathematics, and chemistry students, the service is ever expanding and now includes resources for astronomy, biology, engineering, geoscience, statistics, and accounting. In this session, Dr. Jeffrey Groff will discuss how he uses WebAssign in introductory physics courses. He'll share student feedback reflecting their high level of satisfaction with the tool, and will highlight how WebAssign's data-rich interface allows him to track student effort and learning.

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 12:10-1:00pm

#### Technology Conference Highlights

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 12:30 -1:30pm

Ms. Emily Gross & Ms. Lauryl Lewis share some of the latest tech trends and useful features they gained while attending the 2013 Teaching Professor Technology Conference.

17<sup>th</sup> Monday – 12:10-1:00pm

#### How Being Active on Social Media Outside the Classroom Can Benefit Professors

18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 12:30-1:30pm

You have probably heard about the potential teaching benefits of using social media in the classroom, but it's also useful to faculty for staying current in their field, connecting with other scholars across the globe, and sharing expertise with audiences both inside and outside of academia. Social media can help advance your professional development in teaching, research and service because it can open doors to new opportunities. Dr. Matthew Kushin will lead this discussion on these potential benefits and why you should join the growing number of faculty across the globe using these tools. This presentation will focus on the benefits of using social media, not on the basics of *how* to use various sites.

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 12:10-1:00pm

#### Service Learning in HPERS

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 12:30-1:30pm

Professors Ed Fincham and Stacey Kendig will share the ways in which they've incorporated service learning into their classrooms. Students in the HPERS department have worked with home-schooled children, children with disabilities, nursing home residents, and more. Learn more about how these projects were conducted and the opportunities for student learning which resulted.

24<sup>th</sup> Monday – 12:10-1:00pm \*

#### The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Student Learning

25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 12:30-1:30pm \*

\*location: Byrd Center for Legislative Studies Room 165

The Center for Teaching & Learning awarded more than \$8,000 in grants this year! Learn how your colleagues utilized funding from CTL mini-grants to enhance student learning and program development. Discover how you or your department/academic support unit can apply for up to \$1000 in grant funding in the next academic year. Refreshments will be provided. Come celebrate!

### April

7<sup>th</sup> Monday – 12:10-1:00pm

#### The Great Teachers Seminar

8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 12:30-1:30pm

In June 2012, Shepherd faculty members Karen Green, Stephanie Slocum-Schaffer, and Paula Donohue attended the 21<sup>st</sup> annual WV Great Teachers Seminar. Join us to learn more about their experience and how you can attend in 2014!