

As you prepare for your courses this spring, keep in mind that the CTL is here to help with all of your pedagogical and technology needs in the classroom. Let us know how we can help you improve your teaching.

- Curious what technology exists in your spring classroom? Click [here](#) to view the room layout and included technology.
- Planning on using Moodle in your courses? Are you new to Moodle? Check out our [knowledgebase](#) or the self-guided [Moodle workshop](#) for more information.
- Interested in learning more about CBL? Check out our [CBL website](#).
- Have an assignment that needs tweaking? Contact us for a consultation!

Upcoming Events

Pedagogy Luncheon

February 17: 11:20—12:30 in Evans-Lively

Topic: Designing Effective Writing Assignments

Description: In this luncheon, we'll discuss effective ways to design writing assignments from three points of view—faculty across the curriculum, students, and Writing Center consultants—to find out how we might better pose questions and frame assignments so that students are most likely to deliberate and to essay in meaningful ways.

Opportunities and Funding

Community-Based Learning Mini-Grants

Mini-grants of up to \$500 for the development of community-based learning courses are now available on a rolling basis. The funds are meant to provide the resources needed to transform a traditional course into a community-based learning course. For more information about CBL or the application process email ellen.prusinski@centre.edu.

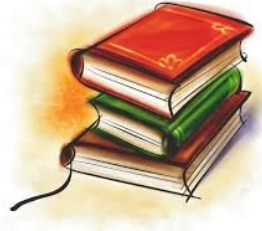
CTL Fellow applications due Friday, February 13

The Center for Teaching and Learning is pleased to announce a call for applications for a Faculty Fellow for the 2015 – 2016 academic year. This pilot fellowship is intended to recognize the teaching excellence of Centre College faculty members, supplement existing CTL programs and resources, and encourage faculty exploration, study, and sharing of pedagogical approaches. More information about the fellowship and application process is [available here](#).

Teaching and Learning in the News

[Helping the Poor in Education: The Power of a Simple Nudge](#)

Take a closer look at some of the subtle ways we can encourage and motivate our students to make a college education become a reality for low-income students. Sometimes it simply takes a nudge to create lasting results.



Just Ask

Q: How do I reserve equipment?

A: Login to our new online equipment reservation system [here](#).

Q: Where can I find tutorials and documentation?

A: On the CTL website, under [Technology Documentation](#), we have gathered several resources for you.

Click [here](#) to submit your own question.



Innovation in Teaching

Looking for inspiration?

[Check out what your fellow colleagues are doing in their courses.](#)

We have gathered a collection of interviews with faculty who are creatively engaging their students or using technology in innovative ways.



Moodle Methods

This month, we will discuss the best method for emailing your class from your Moodle course.

Moodle has a new module called **Quickmail**, and when added as a block to your Moodle course page, can quickly help you compose an email to one or all members of the course.

To get started, you need to turn editing on in your course. Then click Add a block. Choose Quickmail from the list of available blocks; this will add the Quickmail block to your page.

Next, all you have to do is click Compose New Email, select the recipients, and compose the message. For more information on this or other Moodle methods, contact me at kristi.burch@centre.edu or check out the self-guided tutorials and documentation located [here](#).

Tech Corner

TOP 5 IPAD APPS FOR AN INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM

- Docreri
- Explain Everything
- ScreenChomp
- Doodlecast Pro
- EduCreations

A few iPad activity ideas for aiding in the learning process are:

- ⇒ Students research topics
- ⇒ Watching videos in groups
- ⇒ Creating a quick presentation
- ⇒ Video recording lab experiments

