



The Center for Faculty Excellence is pleased to announce the following workshops for March and early April 2013

Questions about the workshops listed below should be addressed to Anne Angermeyr, Office of the Provost, annea@montana.edu or 994-7136.

- **Are There Really Learning Styles? What Does the Literature Say?**

Thursday, Mar. 7, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., SUB 235

During this roundtable we will discuss a journal article that presents a meta-analysis of research conducted on learning styles. This article concludes that there is not an adequate evidence base to justify incorporating learning-style assessments into educational practice. Expect a lively dialogue! Participants are asked to [read the attached article](#) prior to the workshop.

Roundtable discussion facilitated by Tracy Dougher, Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology; **Marilyn Lockhart**, Center for Faculty Excellence; and others from the Teaching Excellence Action Committee.

Lunch will be served. Due to the format of this session, it will not be recorded.

Registration is required by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 5. [Click here to register.](#)

- **Effective Use of iPads and Other Mobile Devices in the Classroom**

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., SUB 235

Come learn how to incorporate the latest mobile technology in your classroom from three experts!

Presenters: Paul Andersen, Bozeman High School, 2011 Montana Teacher of the Year and Finalist for National Teacher of the Year; **Ritchie Boyd**, Center for Faculty Excellence; and **Nick Lux**, Department of Education

Lunch will be served. This session will be recorded and posted at the [Faculty Excellence Events webpage](#).

Registration is required by 5:00 p.m., Monday, Mar. 18. [Click here to register.](#)

- **Spring 2013 Book Discussion Group—Parker Palmer: *The Courage to Teach***

Mondays, Mar. 25 & Apr. 1, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Reid 223

We will be reading Parker J. Palmer's *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life*. Palmer's work is about "rejoining soul and role," and our facilitator, David Henderson, will invite participants to self-reflect about why they do what they do—and how they can do it with more integrity and authenticity.

Facilitator: David Henderson, assistant professor in the Department of Education and certified Parker Palmer facilitator

We will buy the book and provide a light lunch. We'll meet on two Mondays; if you are interested and can attend BOTH sessions, [RVSP here to register](#) by **5:00 p.m., Friday, Mar. 8**. We will have one facilitator and one group only. **There are only a few spaces left, so register ASAP!**

- **Opportunities for Enhancing Research Capacity: Learn What INBRE/EPSCoR/ADVANCE Can Offer You!**

Co-sponsored by the ADVANCE Project TRACS Team

Tuesday, Mar. 26, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., SUB 235

Stop by these roundtable discussions to learn about the MSU NSF and NIH institutional grants and what opportunities they offer to help you build your research capacity.

Roundtable Hosts: **Jessi Smith**, Psychology and Director of ADVANCE; **Mark Young**, Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology and Montana EPSCoR Program Director; and Allen Harmsen, Immunology & Infectious Diseases and Montana INBRE P.I.

Lunch will be served. Due to the format of this session, it will not be recorded.

Registration is required by 5:00 p.m., Friday, Mar. 22. [Click here to register.](#)

- **MSU Service Learning Summit: Learning by Doing and Doing What Matters**

Thursday, Mar. 28, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Strand Union Building (room TBA)

Coordinated by the Office of Activities and Engagement

The Service Learning Summit is a day-long conference for higher education professionals and community partners around the state and region to enhance their knowledge of service learning. MSU faculty attending these sessions will be eligible to earn units applicable to the [Certificate of Teaching Enhancement](#) from the Center for Faculty Excellence.

Register for this workshop today by clicking here. For more information, contact Ariel Donahue at ariel.donahue@montana.edu or 994-7475.

- **Peer Review of Grant Applications at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Various Mechanisms for Funding**

Co-sponsored by the Office of Sponsored Programs

Thursday, Apr. 4, group presentation 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., individual sessions by appointment 1:30-5:00 pm.; Friday, Apr. 5, individual sessions by appointment 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Dr. Dharam Dhindsa will speak on peer review of grant applications at NIH and various funding mechanisms on Thursday at 11:45 a.m. He will also be available to meet one-on-one with faculty on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

An MSU alumnus, Dr. Dhindsa served at NIH for more than 36 years as deputy chief of the surgical sciences, biomedical imaging and bioengineering integrated review group in the Center for Scientific Review.

Lunch will be served. This session will be recorded and posted at the [Faculty Excellence Events webpage](#).

Registration for Thursday's group presentation is required by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Apr. 2. [Click here to register.](#) Individual 30-minute appointments should be scheduled in advance by contacting Anne Angermeyr at annea@montana.edu or 994-7136.