

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar


Subject: Acknowledging Sept. 11 and fires; AI detectors

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Dear faculty,

I want to start by taking a moment to acknowledge the anniversary of September 11, 2001. The events on that day continue to affect us all, and my thoughts are especially with you if you were directly impacted by the loss of a loved one. I also want to acknowledge the difficulty posed by the Bridge, Line, and Airport fires as well as any others; many CPP faculty, students, and staff live in direct threat areas and of course everyone is affected by the poor air quality and also the anxiety.

If you need non-emergency advice and support or know a colleague who might, [CPP Life Matters by Empathia](#) provides employee assistance. They can confidentially help faculty and staff get connected with appropriate services and resources.

I've gotten several inquiries as to what happened to the Turnitin AI detector that was available last academic year. Please see the  [explanation and suggestions](#).

CAFE's [gAI session](#) this week, Thursday Sept. 12, will feature the Student Conduct & Integrity team. If you are interested in AI issues, please consider volunteering for the new *Academic Affairs Emerging Technology Governance Committee*, which the Academic Senate announced on Sept. 10.

Take care,

Victoria

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[Wall of COOL](#) nominations are open!

We're inviting self-nominations for the [2025 Wall of COOL!](#) This light-hearted (but not light-weight!) award from CAFE recognizes excellent learning experiences that effectively use technology to enhance student learning and success. For the first time, the 2025 Wall of COOL is open to non-course learning experiences too! [Nominations](#) are due **October 18**.

Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- **“LATTE” Series:** In the “Learning And Teaching Techniques Exchange” Zoom series, we’ll start with 20 minutes on the clock to read a short article or watch/listen to video/audio content, and then discuss. These will not be recorded so plan to come in real time; all are Monday/Tuesday 12 – 1pm on various dates. Topics include: [Free and respectful speech in the classroom](#), [giving useful feedback on student work](#), and [motivation at the end of the semester](#).
- **Fall 2024 Faculty Reciprocal Peer Coaching:** Work in partnership with a colleague for a semester to use new teaching skills and/or hone existing skills – or in other words, “I visit your class, you visit my class, and we have great talks!” Peer coaching is completely non-evaluative. We have space for up to 20 STEM and 12 non-STEM faculty. See the [Call for Applications](#); apply by Sept. 22.
- **Generative AI Series:** Join CAFE and faculty experts for Zoom workshops/collegial conversations on learning to use AI in your classes. Topics include: [AI in the disciplines](#), [prompt engineering](#), [designing courses with AI in mind](#), and [designing assignments with AI in mind](#).

Teacher-Scholar:

- **Faculty Mentor Workshop Series:** From University Advising, this 6-part series provides tools, information, and resources to effectively serve as mentors/advisors. Attend at least 4 of 6 sessions to achieve a certificate to include in your CV.
- **Activate your NCFDD membership!** CPP’s institutional membership is available to all faculty graduate students, and even staff. Get resources for scholarly writing, managing time, and navigating the university.
- **DHHS workshop on grants: Wednesday Sept. 18, 12:00 – 1:00pm, in person;** Orion Room, Bronco Student Center. The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Human Services presents a faculty workshop on DHHS funding sources, the application process, and tips for writing successful proposals. [Please register](#).

Faculty Career:

- **“Everybody’s Mentor”:** Lisa Kessler, CAFE faculty associate and retired interim Dean of Agriculture, provides individual, confidential consultation and coaching. Email [Lisa](#) directly to set up an appointment.

Friends of CAFE:

- **National Student Parent Month Events:** September is National Student Parent month! Support our student parents! If you're a faculty parent, contact [Julie Shen](#) to join the Parenting Faculty Group.
 - **Wednesday Sept. 18, 1:00 – 3:00pm**, via Zoom: [Parenting Student Ally Training](#).
 - **Thursday Sept. 26, 2:00 – 5:00pm**, University Park: [Family Friendly Campus Resource Carnival](#), with family friendly games, activities, & resources.
- **ACE Women's Network SoCal Conference: Friday Oct. 11, 8:30am – 3:00pm, Kellogg West.** "Leading from Within: The Path to Authentic and Visionary Leadership." Keynote speaker Dr. Dorine Lawrence-Hughes, founder of Brazen Communication, discusses leadership with intentionality and agency. [Learn more and register](#).

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