

To: CPP Faculty

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Subject: A special message; lots of programs and resources!

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Dear faculty,

This week's message is...THANK YOU. If you ever wonder in moments of tiredness, "Does this all matter?" It does. This is a real email from a real CPP student to a real CPP faculty member:

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for teaching me this semester. The [course] was a really great experience to me. I'm an introvert and I'm frightened a lot every time I have a [presentation]. I am still scared now but your course took me out of my comfort zone and that was really the first step for me to be more confident about myself....

Being a student in a class requires showing up to do the things. Not always easy, but doable. Being a professor? You provide daily leadership, expertise, encouragement, creativity, energy, endurance, constructive criticism, patience, humor, open ears, and more. It's almost impossible and yet there you are.

If you haven't heard it from a student or a colleague recently, hear it from me: Thank you. Professors are the best.

Take care,

Victoria

PS: Here's a new video in CPP's "Dreams of Success" series, telling the story of [Leara Dominguez](#) ('24, Aerospace). This is a *great* story.

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## Special Programs

- **NEXT TO LAST CALL: 10 spaces left for [CAFE's Winter Institute 2025](#): [Register now for Jan. 7-9 and 13-14, 2025](#).** Get empowered with practical pedagogical tools, robust scholarship, and a community of peers to create classes that promote equity, justice, and success for all students. Special guests *Pure Praxis* theater group provide an interactive performance, too! Faculty of any discipline and any stage in the faculty career are welcomed and encouraged; stipends are available for completion.
- **[Faculty Reciprocal Peer Coaching Spring 2025](#)**: The single most popular program CAFE has ever offered! In short: I visit your class. You visit my class. We talk! (There's more to it than that, of course.) We have funding for 20 STEM faculty and 12 non-STEM faculty. Applications from faculty who have not participated before are particularly welcome.

## Career & Community:

- **["The Truth about Time Management"](#): Monday December 16, 11:00am – 12:30pm via Zoom.** The truth about time management is...time management requires telling the truth. Our calendars can be truth-telling documents to help us keep promises -- including to ourselves. This session will set you up for winter break and provide useful strategies for spring semester. [Please register](#).
- **[Book Discussion "Say the Right Thing"](#): Spring Semester.** *Say the Right Thing: How to Talk About Identity, Diversity, and Justice* by Kenji Yoshino and David Glasgow is a "practical, shame-free guide for navigating conversations across our differences." Facilitated by Cindy Pickett (Psychology), take time to explore tangible strategies for fostering understanding and not alienate each other. Choose from in-person and Zoom options to accommodate your schedule, and choose a hard copy or Kindle book. [Please register](#).
- **Thinking about retiring?** Spring 2025, join the "Finding Retirement Fulfillment Learning Community (FRFLC)" for all faculty thinking about retirement and/or FERPing. Share strategies and plans for a successful retirement in a confidential, caring community. Contact [Lisa Kessler](#) to learn more or be contacted in spring.

## Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- **[Canvas Gradebook workshop](#): Thursday Dec. 5, 12:00 – 1:00pm, via Zoom.** Canvas administrator Ann Loomis presents a session on using Gradebook at the end of the semester. Come with specific questions or just a refresher as you start finalizing semester grades. [Please register](#).
- **[Canvas Zoom office hours](#): Tuesday Dec. 10, 4:00 – 5:00pm, Wednesday Dec. 11, 9:00 – 10:00am and Thursday Dec. 12, 12:00 – 1:00pm.** Canvas administrator Ann Loomis offers [drop-in Zoom hours](#) for help with grading in Canvas.

- **Canvas help in general:** Submit a [Canvas ticket](#), email [Canvas@cpp.edu](mailto:Canvas@cpp.edu), OR call 909-869-3099, M-F 8am – 5pm.
- **Gradescope workshop recording:** If you missed the Nov. 21 Gradescope workshop, see the recording. Gradescope can help to make grading more efficient and more helpful to students for all kinds of assignments including text, figures, equations, and drawings.

#### Teacher-Scholar:

- **Extended deadline: Call for book chapter proposals:** [Dr. Jill Nemiro](#) (Psychology) seeks chapter proposals for an edited volume entitled *Preparing Students in Higher Education for Creative Collaboration in Virtual Teams*, offered by [JGI Global Publishing](#). **Proposals are due December 2.** Learn more about the book, recommended topics, and submit proposals at the [Call for Chapters](#).
- **Call for chapter proposals:** [Dr. Neil Chaturvedi](#) (Political Science) seeks chapter proposals for an edited volume entitled *The 2024 Election and the Politics of Identity: Intersections of Representation, Backlash, and Change*. **Proposals are due December 16.** Please contact Dr. Chaturvedi for the full CFP.
- **SPICE grant feedback:** [Lisa Kessler](#), CAFE Faculty Fellow, is available to provide feedback on [SPICE grant proposals](#), which are due February 10, 2025. Please email Lisa directly – and don't wait until February!

#### AI in General:

- **Seeking Faculty Perspectives on AI at Cal Poly Pomona:** This research study, performed by [Alex Harwood](#), AVP for Advanced Computing and Chief Technology Officer, will help shape our understanding of AI's impact at Minority-Serving Institutions like ours. Take 10-15 minutes to [complete the research survey](#). You can also choose to participate in focus groups or interviews.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) webinar series:** Hear from industry experts from NVIDIA and Mark III Systems. Sessions are Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00pm; recordings available following.
  - Replay: [Intro to Machine Learning and AI: What is it and why we do we need it?](#)
  - Replay: [Intro to Deep Learning: An Introduction to Neural Networks](#)
  - November 14: [Introduction to Datasets](#)
  - February 13: Introduction to Computer Vision
  - March 13: Intro to Large Language Models (LLMs)
  - April 10: Deep Dive Tutorial into LLMs (NeMo)

**Friends of CAFE:**

- ***CSU Certificate Program in Student Success Analytics: January 24 - April 18, 2025, via Zoom.*** Turn institutional data into action! A special faculty-only track is offered this spring, that includes access to your own individual [Course Equity Portal](#). No previous experience with data is required. [Register by Friday Dec. 13, 2024.](#)
- ***Save the Date for the 2025 Academic Innovation Winter Institute: January 15 & 16, 2025.*** Learn about innovative practices in research mentorship, strategies to maximize mentoring efforts, enhance student success, and create inclusive research environments. [Register now!](#)

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