Innovations in Pedagogy Conference: Ready for the Fifth Year of Awesome?

On Tuesday, May 15th, the fifth annual Innovations in Pedagogy Conference continues its well-regarded standing as being the venue for engaging conversations about teaching and learning, regardless of discipline. This year, aside from forty sessions, lunch, and prizes, we will also have our first invited speaker! Dr. Claire Howell Major, from the University of Alabama’s Institute of Higher Education, will first be talking about and then workshop subject of “Engaging Lecture.”

About last year's conference, your UWG colleagues said,
“I always enjoy hearing from my colleagues. This is a form of faculty renewal.”
“Thank you for some great activities I can use!”
“The topics were fantastic. I learned so much and have some ideas on how to better my class. This was my first time and I was highly impressed.”

Dr. Major has more than three decades of teaching experience in higher education and teaches, writes, and speaks about college teaching, technology in higher education, and reading research in higher education. Her books include:

- *Learning Assessment Techniques: A Handbook for College Faculty* (with Elizabeth Barkley)
- *Online Learning: A Guide to Theory, Research, and Practice*
- *Qualitative Research: The Essential Guide to Theory and Practice* (with Maggi-Savin Baden)
- *An Introduction to Qualitative Research Synthesis: Managing the Information Explosion in Social Science Research* (with Maggi Savin-Baden)
- *Collaborative Learning Techniques: A Handbook for College Faculty* (with Elizabeth Barkley and Pat Cross)
- *Foundations of Problem-Based Learning* (with Maggi Savin-Baden).

She has a new book, *Engaging Lecture Techniques: A Handbook for College Faculty* (with Elizabeth Barkley). The CTL will have a healthy stack of these as prizes for attendees!

Join us in May to get more of the same—if not better—and all for free! Check your email inbox for the invitation to register from the Center for Teaching & Learning.

**Barrett Chosen as Summer Governor’s Teaching Fellow**
Dr. Kathie Barrett, Political Science lecturer, has been selected by UGA’s Institute of Higher Education as a Governor’s Teaching Fellow in the Summer Symposium Program. The symposium gathers faculty from across the state based on their commitment to excellence in teaching and interest in continuing instructional and professional development. Like previous UWG fellows before her, Barrett aims to bring back what she will learn during the fellowship to enhance how our faculty teach and our students learn.

-Micheal Crafton

Maria Jones Wins First Wasdin International Scholarship

The Office of Education Abroad is pleased to announce the first winner of the Wasdin International Scholarship, Ms. Maria Jones. The Wasdin International Scholarship is designed to support a student who demonstrates both academic accomplishment and campus engagement who will be studying in Europe, Central or South America. Ms. Jones, a chemistry major with a secondary education concentration, will be studying in Belize with the College of Education’s program that partners with St. Matthew’s Government School in Belmopan. Ms. Jones is a member of the Honors College and secretary of UWG’s chapter of the American Chemical Society; she is also active in the Latino Cultural Society, WeTeach, and Voyageurs. This will be her first trip outside of the country. OEA is very excited about the opportunity this award provides to help talented UWG students take advantage of the opportunity to see themselves as global citizens.

Student Selected to Work With REU Program

The Honors College and Office of Undergraduate Research are please to announce that Dali Davis, a junior Chemistry major, will be spending her summer in Ann Arbor, Michigan, working on organic chemistry research as part of the University of Michigan’s REU Program in the Chemical Sciences. Dali was selected as one of only fifteen students from over 340 applicants for this REU. REUs are highly competitive Research Experiences for Undergraduates funded by the National
Science Foundation. Her REU provides a $4500 stipend, housing, and all travel costs. Dali is also a 2018 Goldwater Scholarship applicant.