FCTL OPEN HOUSE WARMING WEEK

- **THURSDAY, 2/17 - 2:00-5:00PM (AL 405)** and 5:30-7:30PM (FORTES ROOM, AL 409)
The doors of the FCTL will be open from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Please join us for a reception and refreshments: visit AL 405, write on our “talking wall,” and have a conversation about the teaching challenges posed by the weather so far this term.

At 5:30pm, Sue Abbston, Associate Professor of English and resident drama expert, will join us in the Fortes Room to talk about David Mamet’s play OLEANNA. Afterwards we will head over to RIC’s main stage to watch the Theater Department’s production of OLEANNA at 8:00pm. Tickets are available for $5 each—RSVP to FCTL@ric.edu.

- **FRIDAY, 2/18 - 12:00-2:00PM—AL 405**
Join us for a screening of the film release of OLEANNA. Write on our “talking wall” and read the movie on our “talking wall.” Light refreshments will be served.

- **WEDNESDAY, 2/23 - 12:30-2:00PM—AL 405**
Visit the FCTL for a discussion on OLEANNA. Write on our “talking wall” and read what others have shared. Light refreshments will be served.

**“SPRING FORWARD” FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS TO THE JANUARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP—AL 405**
Wed. 3/2 or Thurs. 3/3 - 12:00-2:00pm
Faculty who attend will be invited to work in small groups for the first hour, discussing low stakes writing, what they did on the first day of class, and how they have coped with the weather and class cancellations. The second hour will be for all of us to come together and hear from each group.

**THE FACULTY SESSIONS: THE ART OF TEACHING—AL 405**
Fri. 4/8 or Mon. 4/11 - 12:30-2:00pm
Join Randy DeSimone, Associate Professor of Management and Marketing, for a conversation on the craft of teaching. Randy will share some assignments and activities that promote a collaborative approach to quiz and exam feedback, develop in-class group discussions of assigned readings, and model semester-long field research group projects.

**FCTL OPEN HOUSE—AL 405**
Wed. 8/31 or Tues. 9/6 - 12:30-2:00pm
Having a Learning Management System (like Blackboard) as a part of your class makes a difference in teaching your students in many crucial ways. First and foremost is the ability to get your class going even when you can’t meet due to weather — that is, unless the electricity goes out! Come check out the FCTL, meet Marie Beardwood - our new Academic Technologist - and let’s talk about what’s happening in your teaching right now as you begin the new term.

**UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING—AL 405**
Tues. 9/13 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 9/15 - 4:00-5:30pm
Internationally-known Elizabeth Dalton from RIC’s Sherborn Center will join Ann Rocchio, the Director of Student Disabilities, to talk about UDL, or Universal Design for Learning. UDL grows out of a movement to make architectural space more accessible. What we’ve learned since then is that when space is made more accessible for the disabled, space is made more accessible for all. This is nowhere more true than in the classroom when we reconsider our teaching from a UDL point-of-view.

**TEACHING SCIENCE WRITING IN THE SCIENCE CLASSROOM—AL 405**
Tues. 9/20 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 9/22 - 4:00-5:30pm
Chris Marco from Psychology will lead a discussion about teaching writing in the undergraduate science classroom. Given the direction General Education appears to be taking, this will be an excellent opportunity to continue to discuss writing across the disciplines.

**NEW FACULTY ROUND-UP: ADVISING WORKSHOP—AL 405**
Wed 9/28 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 9/29 - 4:00-5:30pm
Dolores Passarelli from OASIS will lead a discussion about advising. All new faculty are strongly urged to attend. All others who have questions about advising are invited as well.

**MATH, SCIENCE AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING ACROSS DISCIPLINES—AL 405**
Tues. 10/4 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 10/6 - 4:00-5:30pm
Join Praveena Gallapalli from Anthropology, Sarah Spinette from Biology, David Abrahamson from Mathematics and Karen Almeida from Chemistry to discuss the how math, science and quantitative reasoning skills might be made a more integral part of general education and education in general.

**HYBRID TEACHING WORKSHOP—AL 405**
Tues. 10/18 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 10/20 - 4:00-5:30pm
Are you teaching a hybrid-course this semester? What kinds of issues are coming up for you and your students? Hybrid-courses represent particular teaching challenges because so much happens outside of class. How do you keep students engaged with their work? How do you pace the assignments? How do you respond to writing or other assignments? Do you believe you’re using Blackboard well enough? How do you create a sense of space and community online? What computer skills do your students need to succeed in an hybrid class? Come and talk about your hybrid challenges with Marie F. Beardwood, the FCTL’s Academic Technologist and J. Zomato, director of the FCTL.

**ONLINE TEACHING WORKSHOP—AL 405**
Tues. 10/25 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 10/27 - 4:00-5:30pm
Marie F. Beardwood, the FCTL’s academic technologist, will give a brief presentation on managing student written assignments and giving students feedback. Open discussion will follow.

**FIRST YEAR SEMINAR WORKSHOP**
Tues. 11/1 - 12:30-2:00pm (AL 405) or Thurs. 11/3 - 4:00-5:30pm (AL 409, Fortes Room)
Come and help us work out answers to questions like: What is First Year Seminar? How is it different from First Year Writing? What kinds of topics might be appropriate to FYS? How much work should we require of our students? What type of writing assignments might work best, and how much? What will all sections of FYS share?

**ASSIGNING GROUP WORK IN THE CLASSROOM—AL 405**
Tues. 11/15 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 11/17 - 4:00-5:30pm
Group work can be extremely effective or it can often result in a waste of time. Devising clear and precise requirements for group assignments is key whether you want to do an afternoon exercise or a semester-long assignment. How might Blackboard help with a group assignment either in the face-to-face classroom, or the hybrid, or the fully online? Please join Jeannie Schwager from Nursing, Lisa Bain from CJS and Anita Duneer from English to discuss group work as a pedagogical tool for teaching and learning.

**GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING WORKSHOP—AL 405**
Tues. 11/22 - 12:30-2:00pm
Pierre Morenon (Anthropology) and Lisa Smolski (ORGA) will lead a discussion about how to find money! New faculty are strongly urged to attend, and anyone else who would like to figure out how to get someone else to pay for it, please join us.

**ADJUNCT FORUM—AL 405**
Tues. 11/29 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 12/1 - 4:00-5:30pm
Adjuncts are invited to come and talk with their union leaders as well as other colleagues across disciplines about what they need to succeed at RIC.

**NEW FACULTY FOLLOW-UP—AL 405**
Tues. 12/6 - 12:30-2:00pm or Thurs. 12/8 - 4:00-5:30pm
It’s the end of the semester. How did it go? What have you learned? What will you do differently next term?

**FCTL HOLIDAY FANDANGO—Fortes Room, AL 409**
Wed. 12/14 - 1:30-3:30pm
Celebrate the season with the FCTL! We invite faculty to close the FCTL’s first year on campus with festive food and great conversation at the Center’s first Holiday Fandango. Please RSVP to FCTL@ric.edu

COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE SERVED AT ALL CO-OP WORKSHOPS.