Course Design Workshop: Integrating Team-Based Learning Into Your Classroom
Wednesday, August 19th, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Degheri Alumni Center Boardroom 120—
Lunch Included

This workshop is for you if:
♦ You are tired of hearing your students complain about group work.
♦ You have trouble finding ways to engage student groups.
♦ Students complain about social loafers in their groups.
♦ Students do not come prepared for class.

Team-based learning (TBL) is a structured form of small-group learning that emphasizes student preparation out of class followed by application of knowledge in class. Small group learning is on the rise, in part because of a pedagogical cultural shift from the traditional lecture to active learning, an overwhelming amount of content in any given discipline, and the potential small group uses have to facilitate deep learning. Additionally, employers repeatedly cite the ability to work effectively in a team as one of the important characteristics they look for in an applicant.

This past academic year, various faculty from across campus and disciplines formed a TBL Faculty Learning Community (FLC) tasked with researching and practicing, through trial and error, effective ways to incorporate TBL into their respective course(s). This FLC team would like to share what they’ve learned about TBL with you.

Participants will learn how to effectively implement TBL classroom strategies and pedagogical techniques in their courses through a hands-on, backwards course design workshop aimed at:

Morning Session
♦ Defining the tenets of TBL
♦ Identifying techniques for forming teams that are equitable
♦ Peer accountability measures
♦ Team Management Ideas

Lunch Session
♦ Team Formation and Ice Breakers

Afternoon Session:
♦ Identifying desired course learning outcomes
♦ Planning learning experiences and instruction
♦ Developing Readiness Assessment Tests and other ideas for class preparedness
♦ Developing an assessment plan

Although we recommend that individuals attend the entire day to get the full benefits, the workshop is divided into segments so that those who are interested in attending only some parts can do so. All participants will be asked to complete a small amount of work in advance of the workshop so that teams can be formed in order to fully engage in activities.

The first 10 faculty to register and complete the full day workshop will receive a $100 stipend. RSVP Here
The CEE is Proud to Welcome our New Associate Director, Dr. Alyson Ma!

The Center for Educational Excellence is excited to announce that Economics Associate Professor, Dr. Alyson Ma, has been appointed to the new CEE Associate Director position. Dr. Ma is excited about the opportunity to be involved in the process to enhance the quality of learning, teaching, and scholarship at the University of San Diego. It is her passion for instructional excellence that leads her to serve in roles aimed to promote the core values of USD in academic excellence. Additionally, Dr. Ma is the Faculty Director of the Globalization Living Learning Community. Through these various roles, she collaborates with colleagues both internally and externally. By actively listening, she successfully works with colleagues to achieve common goals. Dr. Ma has a solid research track in her field of international trade, including 14 peer-review articles and 4 invited book chapters from institutions such as the World Bank and the National Bureau of Economic Research. She presented at national as well as international conferences and served as an invited referee for nearly 20 journals. If you see Alyson around campus, please give her a big and exciting welcome to the CEE!

Do Student Evaluations Have You Singing the Blues?

Got the student evaluation blues? Did things not go as planned or as you had hoped? Come visit one of our consultants to get some advice and ideas to make your next semester more successful!!!

Take a Swing and Beat the Blues!

E-mail Johnny Bobé (jbobe@sandiego.edu) and set-up an appointment today! Please note that all information will be kept strictly confidential.

2015-2016 USD Just Read! Confirmed Fall Events:

Catholic Changemaker Presentation on Climate & Ecology—October 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Alcala Park Readers Book Discussion on Bottled & Sold—October 13, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

Film Screening & Discussion: Watermark—October 27

USD Just Read! Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion on Bottled & Sold—November 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Keynote Presentation with Dr. Peter H. Gleick—November 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
We are pleased to announce *Bottled and Sold: The Story Behind Our Obsession With Bottled Water*, by Peter H. Gleick, has been selected as the book for the 2015-2016 USD Just Read!

"Bottled and Sold shows how water went from being a free natural resource to one of the most successful commercial products of the last one hundred years—and why we are poorer for it. It's a big story and water is big business. Every second of every day in the United States, a thousand people buy a plastic bottle of water, and every second of every day a thousand more throw one of those bottles away. That adds up to more than thirty billion bottles a year and tens of billions of dollars of sales.

"Designer" H2O may be laughable, but the debate over commodifying water is deadly serious. It comes down to society’s choices about human rights, the role of government and free markets, the importance of being "green," and fundamental values. Gleick gets to the heart of the bottled water craze, exploring what it means for us to bottle and sell our most basic necessity.” – Quoted from Island Press

Many factors contributed to the books selection: It's interdisciplinary nature and applicability across the curriculum, it’s focus on issues revolving around water, sustainability, human rights, big business and role of the government (just to name a few).

Thanks to the Copley Library, USD has unlimited access to this book as an electronic resource (E-Book). The availability of the e-book should allow for greater implementation into your courses and across the curriculum.

USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature. The program promotes active learning and reading within the USD community and beyond. Programming surrounding Bottled and Sold will include campus book discussions, documentary film presentations, classroom projects, guest speakers, a culminating panel presentation and more. Contact us if you are interested in possible programming, course and syllabus integration, or any other collaborative projects for next year.

Dr. Peter H. Gleick Keynote Presentation Confirmed!

**Thursday, November 12, 2015**
7:00-8:00 p.m. in Camino Hall’s Shiley Theatre

*Make sure to mark your syllabi and calendars*

To RSVP: Phone: (619) 260-7402  Email: cee@sandiego.edu  Online: sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php
Syllabus Construction Workshop
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., MRH (SOLES) 201

The course syllabus is indispensable guide for your students. Often described as contract, the syllabus should make clear both the students’ and your responsibilities. What goes into your syllabus and the tone are key to facilitating a positive learning environment for all of your students.

Bring your ideas and existing syllabi and find out more about designing a comprehensive learning-centered syllabus for your courses. RSVP Here

Syllabus Design Drop-In Clinic
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
1:00 to 3:00 p.m., MRH (SOLES) 201

Faculty and CEE staff will be on hand to consult with you about any and all aspects of your syllabus design from developing learning outcomes to creating assignments and other assessments to enhance student learning. Please note, you may drop in and out of these sessions as your time allows. RSVP Here

Course Design Drop-In Clinics

As the fall semester approaches, maybe you are in the midst of revising an old course or even designing a new one, or maybe you just want to breathe new life into your old syllabus. Faculty and CEE staff will be on hand to consult with you about any and all aspects of your course design from developing learning outcomes to creating assignments and other assessments to enhance student learning. Please note, you may drop in and out of these sessions as your time allows. RSVP Here

Three Sessions Available in August:
♦ Friday, August 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in MRH (SOLES) 145
♦ Monday, August 24, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in MRH (SOLES) 133
♦ Wednesday, August 26, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in MRH (SOLES) 133

Adjunct and Part-time Faculty Welcome & Orientation
Thursday, August 20th, 2015
4:30 – 7:30 p.m., DeGheri Alumni Center Boardroom/Courtyard

All adjunct faculty, new and continuing, are invited to join us for dinner and networking at the annual Adjunct Faculty Welcome and Orientation. You will learn about the founding and mission of USD, employee perks and training opportunities, important policies regarding students and faculty, syllabus essentials, and the liberal arts education at USD. Representatives from several campus resource centers including Human Resources, Academic Technology Services, Student Wellness, and many more will be on hand to answer your questions. RSVP Here