



CTL *notes*

A Monthly Newsletter

The CTL logo is a mature tree, symbolizing the developed roots and continued growth of Miami University Middletown's excellence in teaching and learning under the canopy of its Center for Teaching and Learning.

Important Dates

November 7 — Conversation

Community Learning for Access
and Empowerment

November 15 — Roundtable

Middletown Retardation and
Developmental Disabilities
partnership

December 7 — Conversation

Disability Studies and Universal
Instructional Design

Conversations are scheduled
from 12:00 - 1:00 in 120
Johnston Hall

MUM/MRDD Partnership

On November 15, from 12:00 -1:00, in the new Community Center, room 136, the CTL will sponsor a roundtable presentation on Miami Middletown's new partnership with the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) organization of Butler County. Members of the Middletown campus community and the MRDD who have already been involved with the partnership will be on hand to share their goals for the program. The partnership will be modeled after a similar program, Passion Works at Ohio University. The Passion Works Studio(www.passionworks.org) supports collaborations amongst artists with and without developmental disabilities. Artists involved with MUM/MRDD partnership will produce ornaments, postcards, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, and other works that will be marketed and sold to support themselves and the organization. There are opportunities for every discipline (Engineering, Art, Business, you name it) to partner in some way with this project. This roundtable is devoted to exploring the possibilities. If you have any questions about the MUM/MRDD partnership or this presentation in particular, please contact Cathy Bishop Clark at bishopcu@muohio.edu.

Ways to Access the CTL

Current happenings and news items can be found at www.mid.muohio.edu/ctl. So add us to your favorites; we are just a click away!

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CTL Conversation "Community Learning for Access and Empowerment"

The next CTL Conversation will take place on Tuesday, November 7, from 12:00 to 1:00 in JH 120. This CTL Conversation focuses on ways teachers might involve their students in community projects related to their course work. Facilitators Cathy Bishop-Clark (CIT), Mira Smith (Co-op/Intrnshp & Placement), and Eric Melbye (ENG) will describe particular projects as well as organizations at Miami Middletown, such as the MRDD project, Career Services, and CCE, designed to help students and teachers engage sites beyond campus. Participants will discuss ways community learning projects might benefit students and teachers, as well as surrounding areas and academic disciplines. Considering ways that projects like these can challenge "town and gown" distinctions, participants will also reflect on the meaning of such engagement in terms of our mission as an open-access institution.

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SOTL Wants YOU!!!

As part of its ongoing effort to promote awareness of and participation in the scholarship of teaching and learning, the CTL would like to add to its Web site a list of SOTL (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning) publications MUM faculty have written. While definitions of SOTL may vary, the CTL intends to apply the concept broadly: We'd like any published article that reflects on the effectiveness of teaching and learning. Our goal is to create a resource that will let everyone (including those not involved with SOTL) know what kinds of possibilities there are for publication in this field and also what areas of SOTL expertise are already available on our faculty. If you have any items for the list, please submit bibliographical information directly to Rob Schorman at schormr@muohio.edu or to the CTL at mumctl@muohio.edu

Conversation Update

On October 10, over 20 faculty, staff, and students participated in a CTL-sponsored Conversation on "Teaching Non-Traditional Students." Facilitators Tammy Allen (SPAN), Carolyn Keiffer (BOT), Teri Newton (Computer Facilities), and John Tassoni (ENG) shared stories about their own undergraduate careers, focusing on aspects of campus life that had made their college work difficult, as well as aspects that had helped them succeed.

Discussion centered on such features of higher education as attendance policies that might not adequately consider students' job and family obligations, some difficulties of relocating to Oxford as a non-traditional student, and conflicts some teachers experience when considering whether they should alter policies in response to specific students' life circumstances.

To help continue this dialogue, the CTL invites members of the campus community to join a CTL Conversations Blackboard site. For information on how to enroll on this site and participate on Discussion Boards there, contact John Tassoni at tassonjp@muohio.edu

Say "Hello" to Our New Student Assistant Ashley

My name is Ashley Deaton and this is my first year attending Miami University Middletown. I am currently undecided in my major and trying to explore all of my options. I am very excited about my job with the CTL because I have always been interested in teaching and learning and the many ways of doing it. I have already met some wonderful people and look forward to an interesting year ahead.

CTL Staffing Hours

This semester the CTL is trying to be accessible to the entire campus community by staffing the center at various times during the week. We encourage anyone who has an interest in discussing their teaching or ways to enhance their course experiences to drop by.

Beth Dietz-Uhler	Thu 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Lizz Howard	Thu 9:30 - 11:30 am
Kevin Kittredge	Tue 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Rob Schorman	Mon 1:00 - 3:00 pm
John Tassoni	Tue 10:00 - 11:00 am & Thu 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Alana Van Gundy-Yoder	Tue 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ellenmarie Wahrab	Wed 10:30 am - 1:00 pm & Wed 5:30 - 7:00 pm

The CTL is adjacent to the Computer Center on the lower level of the Gardner-Harvey Library. We look forward to talking with you.