

factors measured by NSSE. Every academic department should have a representative attend these sessions. The remaining session is scheduled as follows:

April 21, 2011, 12:00-1:15 pm, OGC 100 – Enriching Educational Experiences (Lori Brandt Hale)

Please visit our Moodle Community Site – NSSE Conversations – for more information,

Light refreshments will be served.
Please RSVP to hedstrom@augsborg.edu

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Scholarly Writing Retreat

SUBMITTED BY **VELMAJ LASHBROOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MAL PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR OF CTL, MAL PROGRAM, CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Dunrovin Retreat Center, May 16-18, 2011

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites faculty to participate in the second annual Scholarly Writing Retreat at Dunrovin. The retreat gives scholars time and space to work on scholarship, undistracted by meetings, classes, or even children and family responsibilities. Last year, many participants came specifically to plan an approach to a new project; it was an opportunity to focus new ideas so that participants could spend the summer further developing these projects. And for some, it was a chance to finish articles that they had been working on during the year; one person, for example, used the time to complete a piece for publication.

Comments from last year's attendees:

"I can honestly say that I was able to get more quality writing done in the 48 hrs. we were there than any time since my sabbatical."
"The group that went to Dunrovin was wonderfully supportive of each other, and the environment seemed to make everyone's work productive."

The retreat will take place Monday, May 16 at 10 am through Wednesday, May 18 at 3pm. There are 15 openings. First come, first served - those who attended last year are welcome to sign up again. There will be no charge for participants. Please email hedstrom@augsborg.edu to sign up.

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Staff Development Series

SUBMITTED BY **VELMAJ LASHBROOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MAL PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR OF CTL, MAL PROGRAM, CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Creating a Culture of Innovation and Excellence

This spring, CTL is launching the first of three parts of a development series designed for academic and administrative staff. The first set of workshops will deal with different aspects of creating a culture of innovation and excellence; providing you with a model or framework for thinking about the topic, conversations about what it means in practice, and exercises to help you begin to apply it to your work. The sessions are held from 3:00-5:00 pm every other Tuesday during the regular academic year and once a month during the summer.

The remaining workshops scheduled for Spring and Summer 2011 are:

April 5, 2011, 3:00-5:00, SVE 1 – Creating an Intentionally Diverse Culture (Julio Vargas)
April 19, 2011, 3:00-5:00, OGC 114 – Managing Change and Strategic Improvement
May 3, 2011, 3:00-5:00, Marshall Room – Collaborating Across Boundaries (Jessica Fox-Wilson and others)
May 9-10, 2011, 8:30-4:30 – Creating an Inclusive Campus conference (formerly the Diversity and Global Learning Conference)
June 7, 2011, 3:00-5:00, OGC 114 – Summer Group Dialogues (Jessica Fox-Wilson)
July 12, 2011, 3:00-5:00, OGC 114 – Summer Group Dialogues (Jessica Fox-Wilson)
August 2, 2011, 3:00-5:00, OGC 200 – Summer Group Dialogues (Jessica Fox-Wilson)

Hosts and Organizers: Jessica Fox-Wilson and Julio Vargas/TBD
Please RSVP to hedstrom@augsborg.edu to ensure proper arrangements are made for each session and that your place is reserved.

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Foundational Series on Student Learning

SUBMITTED BY **VELMAJ LASHBROOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MAL PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR OF CTL, MAL PROGRAM, CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Integrating Online Learning Technologies
April 11, 7:30-9:00 am, OGC 100
Continental Breakfast

The spring sessions of our Foundational Series on Student Learning addresses how to construct and assess written and group assignments, and how to integrate online technologies into courses. These workshops are intended to provide tools to help improve student learning. The final spring session is:

April 11, 7:30-9:00 am, OGC 100 – Integrating Online Learning Technologies (Facilitators: Velma Lashbrook, CTL & MAL, and Scott Krenz, IT)

Please RSVP to hedstrom@augsborg.edu

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General Announcements

Award-Winning Event Planning: Advent Vespers 2010

SUBMITTED BY **REBECCA JOHN, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATION, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION**

Augsburg College's 2010 Advent Vespers dinner won the Minnesota Star award for "Best Design & Decor: Budget Under \$25,000" at the annual award ceremony for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of the International Special Events Society (ISES) last weekend.

Augsburg's invite-only Advent Vespers dinner honors donors to our institution following the tremendously popular Advent Vespers service. The 2010 event design focused on circles, which represent the relationship between the organization and the donor. See photo: <http://web.augsburg.edu/~wheelerw/vespers.jpg>

In addition, the ISES awards event itself was chaired by Augsburg's own Leslie Larson and was one of the most successful awards events in the Twin Cities chapter's history.

Congratulations to Leslie, Jodi Collen and the rest of the Event and Conference Planning team who worked on these events. Stellar job!