

## Fall 2008-SDSU Faculty Learning Communities

Interested faculty members should contact the leader of the community of interest by phone or email. Learning Communities will start meeting in mid September.

**Topic:** Exploring Ways to Engage, Encourage, and Stimulate Student Learning

**Book:** *University Teaching: A Reference Guide for Graduate Students and Faculty*

**Description:** In this collection of 25 essays, experienced university teachers explore various topics related to improving student learning. Many of the authors have been involved with the national Preparing Future Faculty program. The essays are filled with personal reflections and examples. The members of this faculty learning community will select and read 8-10 essays covering issues of interest.

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**Meeting Times:** TBA

**Topic:** Learner-Centered Teaching, Fall 2008 Faculty Development Conference follow up

**Book:** *Learner-Centered Teaching: Five Key Changes to Practice* by Maryellen Weimer

**Description:** Learner-centered teaching focuses attention on what the student is learning, retaining, and applying. This book presents the meaning, practice, and ramifications of this approach and how it transforms the classroom environment.

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**Topic:** Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

**Book:** *Enhancing Learning Through the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: The Challenges and Joys of Juggling* by Kathleen McKinney and K. Patricia Cross

**Description:** At SDSU, there has been growing interest in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning which is gaining recognition as a viable form of scholarship. This book offers college-level faculty members advice on how to do and apply SoTL work to improve student learning and development.

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**Topic:** Online Learning: How technology is changing the face of higher education

**Book:** *Building Online Learning Communities: Effective Strategies for the Virtual Classroom* by Rena M. Palloff, Keith Pratt

**Description:** As SDSU strives to become a competitive institution in today's educational market many faculty are now more than ever renewing their commitment to becoming stronger and better educators. As departments add online courses, faculty are often left wondering how to teach these classes. This book explores many ideas to create a successful virtual learning experience.

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