MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Workshop: The Fine Print Exposed in 50 Minutes or Less!
Presenter: John Paul Manriquez
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
Campus/Room: Rio Grande Campus/A232
Description: Don't waste your money! Find out if your life insurance policy is benefiting YOU or the COMPANY. Too many people pay too much for too little. Learn the fundamentals easily. You will be surprised! CB Credit: #11

Workshop: Who is the Weakest Link?
Presenter: David M. Rodriguez
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A2326
Description: Every day you hear about companies being hacked, sensitive information being stolen, and the impact totaling in hundreds of millions. How does this happen? Who is responsible for the securing of information and resources? How do hackers break through such sophisticated security systems? The answer might surprise you… CB Credit: #9

Workshop: Digital Self-Defense
Presenter: David M. Rodriguez
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A1510
Description: In this Digital Age, how can you protect yourself, assets, and sanity? Take Digital Self-defense! Learn practical methods of protecting your identity online, how to keep your devices clear of malicious software, and why backups are a critical part of any disaster recovery plan. CB Credit: #8

Workshop: Time-Management in an Era of 10-Hours-Daily Smartphone Use: Strategies, Programs, Apps to Instill Attention and Commitment
Presenter: Brian Kirby
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Campus/Room: Rio Grande Campus/A232
Description: This workshop/presentation will demonstrate students' increasing and alarming dependencies on smartphones; it will present some practical strategies to regain your students' attention inside and out of the classroom; and it will introduce some free programs and apps that measure one's online presence. CB Credit: #7

Workshop: How Can MyCourses Help You?
Presenter: David M. Rodriguez
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A1510
Description: Would you like to offer additional materials to your students online and help the environment by going completely paperless? Come see what MyCourses has to offer you! This interactive workshop will showcase the many features available to our faculty through MyCourses, the system replacing Smart Start Network. CB Credit: #8

Workshop: Engage Your Students with Videos
Presenter: Janine Rudnick
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Rio Grande Campus/A232
Description: Many of us want to engage our students by using videos. However, we may not know exactly where to find them! This workshop will provide resources for finding videos for all subject areas. You'll learn about TED, NBC Learn, and many others. CB Credit: #8
Workshop: How to Help Second Language Learners in Your Classroom
Presenter: Roselia Galindo and Myshie Pagel
Date: August 17, 2015 Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/B101
Description: Do you find students struggling to communicate key concepts in your classroom? Join us as we share successful activities that can enhance the learning experience for second language learners in content areas. CB Credit: #3

Workshop: Communication Across the Curriculum: Creative Ideas for Oral Communication Projects
Presenter: Marcia Clark, Eduardo Rodriguez, Enrique Quintana, and Melissa Aguilera
Date: August 17, 2015 Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A2120
Description: In the continuing series of Communication Across the Curriculum, come join us as we share great ideas for teaching speech and oral communication. Instructions and rubrics will be provided. If you have a class that requires an oral communication project, it doesn't have to be boring or painful. Come join in this workshop/discussion that will help empower you to create fun communication projects. CB Credit: #7

Workshop: Integrating Online Total Access for Music Courses at EPCC
Presenter: Jim Camp
Date: August 17, 2015 Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A2116
Description: This is an interactive session to help faculty utilize the rich resources in Blackboard. CB Credit: #10

Workshop: What Does the IT Committee Do?
Presenter: Scott Mann, Dr. Carlos Amaya, and Dr. Sergio Saenz-Rivera
Date: August 17, 2015 Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A2118
Description: Please join the IT Committee for an informative session where you will learn all about the IT Committee’s charge, how technology requests are funded, as well as exciting plans for new technology-ready classrooms. CB Credit: #10

Workshop: Sociology Discipline Workshop on the SLO, QEP, and Core Curriculum Requirements
Presenter: Linda Chamblin
Date: August 17, 2015 Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: 11100 Sean Haggerty/Ardovino's Restaurant
Description: The Sociology Discipline is required to institute various testing measures for both the Sociology 1301 and 2301 courses. We will discuss how and which faculty members will be responsible for which assessments and learn about how the assessments have been done and review how we may change them in the future. Please come and contribute your teaching expertise to these learning measurements that are scheduled for the fall sociology courses. All sociology faculty members (full-time and part-time) should attend to find out how these testing measures will affect their classroom instruction time. This workshop is open to anyone interested in SLO, QEP, or CORE Curriculum assessments. CB Credit: #9

Workshop: EPCC Leadership Academy: What's In It for You?
Presenter: Linda Brown and Leadership Academy Committee
Date: August 17, 2015 Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A1510
Description: Innovation, Inspiration, Engagement and Fun! All employees are invited to join us to learn more about the many opportunities provided to Leadership Academy participants and how to join the class of 2016.

WHY PARTICIPATE? Develop your leadership expertise; learn about EPCC; network with faculty, staff, and College leaders; get to know yourself and better understand, respect, and appreciate others; meet with community leaders; and as a team, develop a student success idea. Skills and concepts provided in Academy activities and sessions include: Customer Service Excellence; Dynamics of Change; Teambuilding; Goal Setting & Branding; Mediating Conflict and Difficult Conversations; Positive Thinking; Personality Types; and more! CB Credit: #9
Workshop: Effective Anti-Plagiarism Programs
Presenter: Kathleen Bombach
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A2119
Description: Colleges and universities with more effective anti-plagiarism programs share many characteristics. The presentation will describe those effective approaches. Discussion will focus on what EPCC can do to reduce student plagiarism by adopting more effective strategies in the College and in the classroom. CB Credit: #9

Workshop: Mathematica for Beginners
Presenter: Fan Chen
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/L04
Description: Mathematica provides the users with a variety of mathematical functions for solving tasks in engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry, etc. This hand-on workshop covers beginner topics for those who are unfamiliar with the environment and syntax. No prior experience with Mathematica is required. CB Credit: #10

Workshop: NBC Learn
Presenter: Patricia Araujo
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/C201A
Description: NBC Learn is making historic and current events resources available to faculty and students. Designed to help teach and engage students of all levels and abilities, it is an effective way to infuse technology and digital media into 21st century learning. It also integrates with Blackboard. Over 10,000 resources and short 2 to 5 minute videos engage to help connect real-world applications to course materials aligned to Higher Education courses. CB Credit: #8

Workshop: Purchasing 101: What Every Faculty Member Should Know About Purchasing Policies/Procedures
Presenter: Debbie Espinoza and Lisa Elliott
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A1510
Description: Don't know the difference between a quote or an invoice and what happens next to purchase the item(s)? Not sure if your favorite supply company is an approved vendor? Are you wondering what the process is for purchasing items at the college? Come to the Purchasing 101 workshop, where buyer Debbie Espinoza will take you behind the curtain and explain the "ins" and "outs" of the Purchasing Department at EPCC. CB Credit: #9

Workshop: Creating Financial Independence
Presenter: Norma Aros Holmes, Agent
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/A2118
Description: This Creating Financial Independence workshop is designed to provide you with an overview of all aspects of managing your finances. This workshop focuses on the basics including life insurance, long term care, retirement planning, and other financial needs. At the end of this workshop, the audience will understand their current financial needs and be empowered to make informed financial decisions. I appreciate the opportunity to help you uncover your individual planning needs. CB Credit: #4

Workshop: Mathematica for Teaching
Presenter: Fan Chen
Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/L04
Description: Mathematica provides the users with a variety of mathematical functions for solving tasks in engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry, etc. In this hand-on workshop, you can share your ideas for using Mathematica as a presentation tool, a tool to develop more conceptual understanding, or a technical tool performing technical tasks. CB Credit: #10
Workshop: Preserving Your Retirement Funds  
**Presenter:** Pilar Gimbel and Gordon Gimbel  
**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.  
**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A2119  
**Description:** You've been working hard, building your nest egg for retirement. If you've planned diligently, your money should last for the rest of your life. But have you considered what would happen to your retirement funds if you had an accident or your health deteriorated so that you needed help for the activities of daily living? Come learn about the asset protector that provides you with extra income so you don't have to spend all your hard earned retirement money.  
*CB Credit: #11*

Workshop: Facilitating Mentor and Mentee Training Workshop  
**Presenter:** Karina Castillo and Veronica Gonzalez  
**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.  
**Campus/Room:** Rio Grande Campus/H248  
**Description:** EPCC is partnering with UTEP in the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN). NRMN promotes the training of research mentors to improve their research teaching skills. It also promotes the training for mentees who are entering research.  
*CB Credit: #7*

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*CB Credit: #3*

Workshop: Universal Design: Making Your Blackboard Course Accessible  
**Presenter:** Andres Lopez  
**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
**Campus/Room:** Rio Grande Campus/A232  
**Description:** "Universal Design" means your Blackboard course is accessible by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. Creating ADA compliant Blackboard courses is not a recommendation, it's a must. Join us to learn how. Please call DE at 831-2827 to register.  
*CB Credit: #2*

Workshop: Tejano Passport Training Session for Instructors  
**Presenter:** Dr. Gertrud Konings-Dudin and Dr. Ondrea Quiros  
**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A2120  
**Description:** Come learn how to be a part of the Tejano Passport program. This training session will cover how the Passport program will document community participation and volunteerism and the EPCC instructor’s role in this program. During this training session, interested instructors will receive detailed information about how they will be guided throughout the semester and about the documentation procedure. Bring your smart phone or a tablet to the session or let us know in advance, if you do not have either yourself.  
*CB Credit: #9*

Workshop: EDUC 1300 Finishing Touches with CONNECT  
**Presenter:** Lori LeBleu  
**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A2326  
**Description:** This open lab workshop will be a hands-on demonstration of CONNECT as well as an overview of how CONNECT can be integrated into Blackboard. Participants will be able to build their course(s) through CONNECT with the assistance of McGraw-Hill Representatives. All EDUC 1300 faculty who will be using CONNECT are invited to attend this workshop.  
*CB Credit: #8*
**Workshop:** Bring Excitement to your Class with EPCC’s Literary Fiesta!

**Presenter:** Janine Rudnick

**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A1301

**Description:** In this workshop, instructors can learn more about the Literary Fiesta and how to tie in the Literary Fiesta workshops into their class activities and schedule. This year’s Literary Fiesta will feature Alfredo Corchado, an award-winning Mexican-American journalist who has covered Mexico for many years, and is currently the Mexico City bureau chief of *The Dallas Morning News*. Faculty on the committee will explain how to make the best use of the Literary Fiesta. **CB Credit:** #7

**Workshop:** Mexican Diplomacy towards the United States: Strategies from Independence to the Era of Globalization

**Presenter:** Dr. Sergio Saenz-Rivera

**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A2119

**Description:** We will discuss basic historical Mexican foreign policy strategies under contemporary theories of international relations. We will pay close attention to Mexican diplomacy towards the U.S. The presentation seeks to provide the participants with some tools to understand contemporary international relations theories and also to understand the profound and complex Mexico-U.S. relation, seen from a Mexican perspective. **CB Credit:** #4

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**Workshop:** Enhancing Your Classroom Technology Capabilities & More!

**Presenter:** Carlos Mejia and Jessie Salas

**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A2518

**Description:** A hands-on workshop on how to use the equipment placed in the Technology Enhanced Classrooms and multimedia carts. Learn how you can connect your own devices on the carts and podiums for classroom use (e.g., graphic calculators, iPads, Tablets, etc.). Please bring your devices and adapters. You do not have to be here the entire time if we answered your questions or helped you with your device. **CB Credit:** #8

**Workshop:** Technology Enhancements for your American Government Course: Using Connect and Government in Action Simulation Game

**Presenter:** Dr. Sylvia Peregrino, Lorie LeBlue, and Blayne Primozich

**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Campus/Room:** Valle Verde Campus/A2326

**Description:** Come and learn about the valuable resources from McGraw-Hill that are bundled with your American Government default textbook. Learn about Connect and how you can use it to flip your classroom and lecture on topics your students are having problems understanding. We will also present an overview about using Government In Action (GINA). GINA allows students to explore the real-world challenges of a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Students develop and pass legislation and strategize political moves. Players have limited resources to spend, so cooperation with other students is crucial to finding success in the game. **CB Credit:** #8
Workshop: Excel for Grades
Presenter: David M. Rodriguez
Date: August 17, 2015  Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Campus/Room: Valle Verde Campus/C201A
Description: In each clinic we will discuss the process for entering and deleting rows and accommodating the number of students (records) in your class. You will learn how to add and delete columns (fields) to represent your graded items, like assignments, projects, and exams. You will enter formulas to determine weighted averages, delete low scores, find the highest scores and a total score. You will also learn how to use VLOOKUP functions to determine a letter grade based on the total score. Clinics will run in thirty minutes intervals. CB Credit: #9

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