

The Nuts and Bolts of Teaching: Staying Inspired

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*Good teachers are like candles,
they consume themselves to
light the way for others*



Miss Garland, Teacher
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Implication: Staying inspired important
and capable of driving your research

What actions can you take to inspire yourself as a teacher?

- ▶ Observe the best teachers on your campus, **REGULARLY**
- ▶ Teach new preps, **SELECTIVELY**, especially those that challenge you
- ▶ Start a Faculty Teaching Academy



The Center for Teaching Excellence
Presents

Inspiration 103: *The Faculty Teaching Academy*

Inspiration is a powerful motivator and cherished gift. Register to be a participant in the upcoming Faculty Teaching Academy (FTA) and give yourself the gift of *Inspiration*. During the six FTA sessions you will have the opportunity to learn from Texas A&M University faculty members who have distinguished themselves as teachers. In addition, the peer observation part of the FTA allows you to see first-hand how these master teachers practice their craft. An added benefit is creating a network of colleagues who share your passion for teaching and learning.

Faculty Teaching Academy meetings are highly interactive, intellectually stimulating, and informal. Professional development in the teaching area has never been so accessible, and with more and more faculty who successfully earn promotion and tenure having participated in these types of activities, why wait? Space is limited so register today. Be inspired and inspire better learners!

Seminar Dates and Faculty Teaching Academy Professors:

September 21 st	Dennis Berthold (English)
October 19 th	Giovanna Biscontin (Civil Engineering)
November 16 th	Kerry Litzenberg (Agricultural Economics)
January 18 th	Susan Flechtner (Accounting)
February 15 th	Sarah Bednarz (Geography)
March 28 th	Tom Woodfin (Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning)

Academy Logistics:

Fridays: 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. (Lunch Served)
Location: TBA

Registration Required (Space is Limited)

To register, visit <http://cte.tamu.edu/events/rsvp> or call 845-8392
Registration secures a seat at ALL sessions

- ▶ **Visit and become involved in your school's Center for Teaching Excellence**
- ▶ **Champion a Doctoral Student Teaching Excellence Award at your School**
- ▶ **Get involved in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (*JME, MER, AMA Teaching SIG*)**



Final Checklist (📄)

- 📄 **The Importance of Day One and a Big Picture Question**
Example: What characteristics (2-3) do successful, high performing businesses share in common and why is each characteristic important?
- 📄 **Personalization**
- 📄 **Small Group and Individual Activities**
- 📄 **The Surprise Factor (a.k.a. "The 7-Minute Rule")**

