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Funding Available for Pedagogy Workshops Academic Year 2016 – 2017

The College is pleased to announce the continuation of the program to support pedagogical workshops that explore new instructional strategies or techniques. This program will enable faculty members within their own department and/or across departments to invite outside experts to facilitate workshops to enhance the academic programs of the College. Suggested topics include interdisciplinary teaching, student learning assessment, technology in the classroom, multi-media teaching challenges, restructuring curriculum, new curricular initiatives, engaged learning, service learning, globalized student populations, facilitating diversity, respect in the classroom, online workshops, flipped classroom instruction, and more. We would like to share with you some activities from the past year.

In 2015-16, the Department of Geography hosted <u>Dr. John Wilson</u> of the University of Southern California's Spatial Sciences Institute, who gave a presentation and a workshop on "Teaching the Geospatial Sciences Online." The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures sponsored a day-long workshop on "Intercomprehension," that is, how to build on students' knowledge of other languages; faculty from Florida State U, California State University-Long Beach, and Columbia University were involved.

All departments are encouraged to coordinate a workshop in any given year. Workshops could also be offered in collaboration with other departments or programs.

The College has set aside \$2,000 per department for this initiative; approximately half of which could be used to cover the honorarium; proposals will be accepted and reviewed through the fall 2016 term. The Dean's office, through Senior Associate Dean Maria Stampino (mgstampino@miami.edu), can assist departments in identifying outside specialists to facilitate proposed workshops.

Proposals to the Dean's Office should include and need not be more than one page in length:

- primary contact person;
- structure, purpose, and instructional benefits of the workshop;
- proposed budget;
- department chair's or program director's signature to indicate support of the proposal/workshop

Please submit your proposals at pedagogyworkshops@miami.edu.

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