**Vital Signs**

The programs at the Perlman Learning and Teaching Center (LTC) are among the many and diverse pleasures fall brings to campus. As we engage in curricular discussion and design, and do the important reflective work of accreditation self-study, the LTC offers programs to complement and further our work. From presentations on classroom pedagogy to institutional concerns of assessment and program initiatives, we will hear from colleagues about vital campus matters. We also present another installment of the Faculty Scholarship Forum, as well as a reading group for all interested faculty and staff members. Please join us for lunch or any of the other delights of autumn that you find on our schedule.

**Thursday, September 20**
**Moodle Turns One!**
Matt Bockol, Web technical administrator; Iris Jastram, reference and instruction librarian for literature and languages, Gould Library, and Joann Martyn, academic computing coordinator for arts, performance, and recreation

NOON-1:30 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Tuesday, September 25**
**Engaging the Classroom:**
**Teaching and Effective Communication**
David Wiles, associate professor of theater

NOON-1:30 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Tuesday, October 2**
**Critical Thinking about Numbers in the News**
Milo Schield, professor, Department of Business Administration, Augsburg College

Cosponsored by Quantitative Inquiry, Reasoning, and Knowledge (QuIRK) Initiative

NOON-1:30 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Thursday, October 11**
**Faculty Scholarship Forum:**
**The Emergence of Decision: Computational Models for Decision Making**
Greg Marfleet, assistant professor of political science

NOON-3:00 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Thursday, September 27**
**Thursday, October 11**
**Thursday, October 25**

4:30–6:00 PM, Headley House
815 EAST SECOND STREET
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Almost daily, we read about No Child Left Behind, the Spellings Commission’s recommendations, proposed changes in accreditation, and national standards for higher education. What does this mean for Carleton? Faculty and staff members are invited to three discussion sessions to consider background readings, relevant news of the day, and on-campus preparation for our accreditation process. How does Carleton define quality? What kind of evidence do we offer students, parents, trustees, and ourselves? How do we recognize success as well as problems that need attention? At the final session, Bill Condon of Washington State University joins in the discussion. He is a longtime friend of Carleton and a nationally recognized authority on quality measures for higher education.

Chico Zimmerman and Carol Rutz, facilitators

Sign up for this group by contacting Carol Rutz, x4082 or crutz@carleton.edu.

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**Thursday, October 18**
**Distinctive Pedagogies: Classes that Click**
Eric Egge, assistant professor of mathematics, and Stephen Parker, visiting assistant professor of physics

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NOON-1:30 PM, GOULD LIBRARY ATHENÆUM
BAG LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Thursday, October 25**
**Learning Languages at Carleton: Missions, Goals, and Aspirations**
Stacy Beckwith, associate professor of Hebrew; José Cerna-Bazín, professor of Spanish; and Laura Goering, professor of Russian

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NOON-1:30 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Thursday, November 1**
**Academic Civic Engagement at Carleton: A National Perspective**
Michael McNally, associate professor of religion, and Mary Savina, McBride Professor of Geology and Environmental Studies and director of archaeology

NOON-1:30 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

**Thursday, November 8**
**Full Contact II: Balancing Departmental Program Goals with Institutional Goals**
Scott Bierman, dean of the college

NOON-1:30 PM, ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE MEETING ROOM
LUNCH PROVIDED FOR 50

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