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The Winter Convocation
*Focus on Teaching: Reflecting on What Works in the
Classroom*

Friday, February 27, 9:00-Noon
In the Hearthside Student Lounge across from the bookstore

Join us in a highly interactive, hands-on meeting focused on great teaching and the challenges of the classroom. Using photography and lenses as our theme, we'll talk about focusing our SLOs on what goes on in our classrooms. We'll begin the day with coffee and pastries and hear new Vice President of Instruction, Katie Townsend-Merino describe her vision for SLOs and Instruction.

Next, we'll enjoy images provided by Kate Jordahl and Ron Herman, our own photography experts. They'll explore the strategies they use to "compose" an image and discuss ways they think about focus and perspective when they photograph.

Then we begin our most important work—our Focus on Teaching. This is powered by **your** concerns, insights and successes. Here's how we're thinking about the morning.

The goals for the day are really simple and are derived from the "Great Teachers Seminar" philosophy that faculty are their own best experts.

- ❑ To celebrate good teaching
- ❑ To inspire faculty to venture beyond the limits of their own disciplines and environments in search of the universals of teaching.
- ❑ To discover realistic, creative approaches to teaching and learning.
- ❑ To stimulate the exchange of information and ideas within the college by building communications networks among faculty.
- ❑ To promote introspection and self-appraisal by providing a supportive environment in which participants may seriously reflect on their attitudes, methods, and behavior as teachers—all in a non-evaluative setting.
- ❑ To renew the commitment to student learning

To meet these goals, we'll be asking you to do TWO things:

1. Send one challenge you frequently face in the classroom. We'll brainstorm solutions during the meeting.

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2. Share one non-astounding teaching idea. It could be an idea you use for dealing with the “administrivia” of the classroom/ college environment. Non-astounding is the key phrase here. We’ll collect these in a handout you’ll get at the end of the convocation. This convocation is all about your teaching world. Join us for great conversations about pedagogy and good practice.

Send in your challenges and ideas to arcarosemary@foothill.edu by February

1. See you at the Convocation.