

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE UPDATE—February 28

Dalton State College Teaching and Learning Conference

Mark your calendars now!

March 15, 9:00-5:00, Brown Center

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Saundra McGuire



Assistant Vice Chancellor and Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University

Hear your Dalton State colleagues share their knowledge and skills about college teaching.

Calling All Volunteers!

Would you like to lead a reading group for one of the two books?

The Art of Lecturing : A Practical Guide to Successful University Lectures and Business Presentations

by Parham Aarabi

Team-Based Learning: A Transformative Use of Small Groups in College Teaching

by Larry K. Michaelsen, Arletta Bauman Knight, and L. Dee Fink

Contact Katie Pridemore if you would like to lead a book group
(kpridemore@daltonstate.edu)

Online Resources

The International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning at <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsofl/v7n1.html>

The Teaching Professor at <http://www.teachingprofessor.com/>

Other Conferences and News

Teaching Matters Conference, Gordon College, Barnesville, GA March 22-23. [Information here.](#)

Janet Sylvia (UGA) and Kimberly Tanner (VSU) - "Accessibility & Disability: General Requirements and Individual Accommodation"
You can register for this session [here](#).

The 6th Annual SoTL Commons Conference will be held on March 27-29, 2013, in Savannah, Georgia . Information [here](#).

Archived webinar link, "MOOCs FOR THE REST OF US" at [this link](#)

Like podcasts? [This link](#) has many podcasts of professional development programs sponsored by the Board of Regents.

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The New York Times Can Help You Teach Your Courses!

Here are some resources for college faculty available from *The New York Times*.

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