

From: Sharon Hargus (TA coordinator), Darren Tanner (09-10 Lead TA)
To: all Linguistics Department grad students who are thinking about teaching in the near future

Re: Autumn 2009 TA training activities

If you're thinking about applying for a Summer 2010 TAship, your application will be looked upon more favorably if you've been through the university's and/or department's TA training activities.

CIDR TA Training

The Center for Instructional Development and Research organizes a TA Conference on Teaching and Learning every fall. This year's conference will take place on Monday Sept 21, 2009 (international TAs only) and Tuesday Sept 22, 2009 (all TAs). The program is available at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/cidrweb/TAConference/2009/Program.html>

We recommend the following workshops:

- Teaching Social Science & Humanities Quiz Sections: First Day and Beyond
- Activities to Engage Your Students in Learning
- Including All Students: Teaching in the Diverse Classroom
- Balancing Graduate School Demands
- Gathering and Using Student Feedback to Improve your Teaching

If you think you would like to attend the CIDR TA conference, you are supposed to register for it:

<http://depts.washington.edu/cidrweb/TAConference/2009/Registration.html>

They recommend registering by July 31.

CIDR videotaping

CIDR provides a videotaping service to departments. New or prospective TAs prepare and present a three-to-five-minute teaching segment on any topic of their choosing. The presentation is videotaped and critiqued by the CIDR facilitator, the other new/prospective TAs, and the lead TA. (No other TAs or faculty will attend.)

Contact Darren Tanner if you would like to participate. This event will probably take place on Thurs, Sept 24.

Departmental TA workshop

The Linguistics Department TA workshop will take place on Friday, September 25 in the seminar room, CMU 202, of the Simpson Center for the Humanities. Here is a summary of the departmental TA training schedule as currently envisioned.

		<i>Presenter/moderator</i>
8:45	coffee and bagels	
9:00	welcome	Julia Herschensohn; Sharon Hargus
9:05	survey of workshop participants	
9:10	Some Catalyst tools: CommonView, GoPost, CollectIt, GroupManager, GradeBook	Jason Civjan (Catalyst)
9:40	Some uses of these tools in dept classes	Darren Tanner
10:10	Team teaching/etiquette	Sarah Churng and Dan McCloy
10:45	Teaching an actual class	Sharon Hargus
11:15	union representative (UAW Local 4121)	to be announced
11:45	lunch break	
1	Group activities	Darren Tanner
1:30	Difficult classroom situations	David Goss-Grubbs
2:15	Planning our next meetings; evaluation of training	all
2:30	adjourn	

Please let Sharon know if you would like to attend the departmental TA workshop.