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Mutual Mentoring: Moving Beyond One Size Fits All

Mary Deane Sorcinelli, Associate Provost for Faculty Development at University of Massachusetts Amherst will be our guest speaker for this sensational workshop on faculty mentoring, Wednesday, March 7th, 8:30am - 10:30am in the City Campus Union (room posted). All faculty are

invited to attend by RSVPing to advance2@unl.edu by March 2, 2012

In this interactive session, you will identify potential roadblocks to success in an academic career; explore both traditional and emerging models of mentoring; “map” your own mentoring networks;

and discuss best practices in mentoring, including how to be your own best mentor.

Register Today! Free continental breakfast provided.

Big Ten STEM Writing Retreat coming to UNL

In addition to the UNL STEM Writing Retreat, UNL has received a grant from the Elsevier Foundation to host a Big Ten STEM Writing Retreat on City Campus from June 17 – 22. This writing retreat will focus on bringing collaborators from the Big Ten together to provide large blocks of unstructured writing time,

professional writing coaches, peer feedback and social networking opportunities, and opportunities to write with a collaborator on campus. Travel, food, room and board are included. Kids are invited to attend as well. A Special themed day camp for school and pre-school age kids will be

provided at the Lincoln's Children's Museum.

Deadline to apply is March 31 with a \$200 registration fee. As an additional bonus, all UNL faculty who attend the May writing retreat will have the \$200 registration fee waived. So [Apply Now!](#)

UNL STEM Writing Retreat – Save the Date!

Do you need a large chunk of uninterrupted time to finish a paper or a proposal? Find the time and the space at ADVANCE-Nebraska's 4th annual week-long Writing Retreat, May 14 – 18th. This year the retreat will be held on East Campus at the Law College, with wireless access,

unstructured writing time, breakfasts, lunches, and snacks. Office of Research and Economic Development will host a workshop to help demystify the art of writing effective proposals, and professional writing coaches will be on-hand this year for workshops and one-on-one help. The rest of the week is writing

time, away from the distractions of your office. Past participants have finished up to three papers apiece!

Find applications at [ADVANCE-Nebraska](#) and send to advance2@unl.edu.



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Issues for Women in STEM Brown Bag Lunches

There will be a series of brown bag lunches this semester on the UNL campus for faculty wishing to come discuss issues for women in STEM. Bring your lunch and get to know other women in STEM on campus. All faculty are invited to attend.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, March 16th, Noon – 1:00pm, 3rd Floor Board Room, Whittier Building

Wednesday, April 18th, Noon- 1:00pm, A211 Animal Science Building, East Campus

Tuesday, May 8th, Noon-1:00pm, Beadle Center room N263

Conference for Post-Docs Underrepresented in STEM

Conference for Post-Docs Underrepresented in STEM. The conference will begin on the evening of May 31 and conclude on the afternoon of June 2.

The CIC Arts & Sciences and Graduate School Deans are funding the conference which has two goals: (1) interest post-docs from groups historically underrepresented in STEM fields in pursuing faculty careers, and (2) provide a venue whereby our Big Ten institutions can recruit these post-docs for faculty positions at our institutions.

The CIC is providing the registration website which can be found at www.cic.net/PostDoc. The tentative program can be accessed at the registration website.

Faculty Retention Proves a Major Challenge for Universities

ScienceDaily (Feb. 16, 2012) — Attracting and retaining the world's brightest students is on the mind of every university official. But a new, unprecedented study in the journal *Science* suggests leaders in higher education face an understated, even more pressing challenge: the retention of professors.

The good news, said Deborah Kaminski of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, who led the study, is that men and women faculty in the areas of science, technology, and engineering are being retained at the same rate. The one exception is in mathematics departments, where women faculty depart their jobs significantly sooner than men. However, looking at the bigger picture of the study -- the first large-scale longitudinal study on faculty retention -- reveals that faculty members of both genders stay at a university for a median of 11 years. [Read full article.](#)

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