



I hope you are doing well and that your semester is going smoothly. It's hard to believe that we are already nearing Thanksgiving! Below I've included some information regarding funding and training opportunities that you may or may not know are available to part-time faculty at MCC. Whether to enhance your course content or develop knowledge in your field, feel free to take advantage of these great resources.

Co-Curricular Engagement Opportunities

MCC has a wonderful Center for Leadership and Engagement that funds various student-centered activities that can enhance classroom learning and engage students in their coursework as well as the local community. **The Center for Leadership and Engagement may fund guest speakers in your class, purchase tickets and transportation to local events and activities, and even sponsor a dining experience for your students.** If you would like to use this resource, but aren't sure how to proceed, please contact Ben Adoo (adoob@middlesex.mass.edu) or Sheri Denk (denks@middlesex.mass.edu). The Center can help you to find a speaker or activity that would best support your classroom teaching.

Faculty can submit an application for an engagement activity by logging into The COMPASS: <https://middlesex.collegiatelink.net/form/start/47918>. Submission requires faculty to log into The COMPASS with their MCC email credentials (if they already have an account). Faculty who do not have a COMPASS account will be asked to create an account (using their MCC email credentials). Applications should be submitted at least three (3) weeks prior to the activity date. Please visit the Faculty Resources page on the Center for Leadership and Engagement website for additional information on the application process as well as upcoming activities:

<https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/studentactivities/faculty.aspx>

View the [October 2015](#), [November 2015](#), and [December 2015](#) Engagement Calendars to see how MCC faculty members have used engagement funds for field trips and other wonderful learning activities this semester.

Grants for Part-Time Faculty

Would you like to attend a conference or workshop to learn more about what's happening in your field? Have you ever wanted to enroll in discipline-related coursework? **MCC's Professional Development Office will fund your efforts up to \$500.** Please visit the *Professional Development* website for information on eligibility and the application process:

<https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/professionaldevelopment/staffproposals/eligibility.aspx>

Part-time faculty are eligible in their second year of employment. Please contact Peter Shea (sheap@middlesex.mass.edu) or Paulo Barrio (barriop@middlesex.mass.edu) for questions or more information. For information on local conferences, inquire within your department.

Blackboard Support

For those faculty members who would like additional Blackboard support, we are working to set up a live workshop during a time that is convenient for many (prior to the Spring 2015 semester). I have started a discussion thread on our [Discussion Forum](#) that asks for suggestions (issues, topics, subjects, techniques, tools, etc.), so if you want to chime in, please do! Or feel free to email me privately. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, here is a link to **Blackboard Learn: For Instructors:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLontYaReEU1tzu1T5gfiX-JQA5nBc3isN> with many helpful videos. You can also visit the [Blackboard page](#) on Adjunct Junction for more tutorials and support.

As always, thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to our students. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at bakerk@middlesex.mass.edu.

Best,

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