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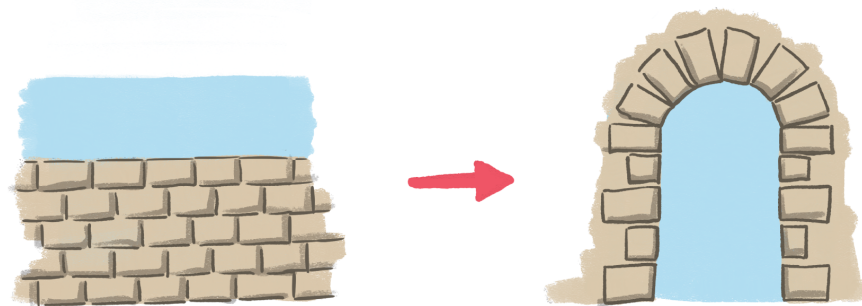
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# KENYON CIP

*Semesterly Newsletter - Special Pre-Summer Edition*

## 2023 What Works Conference!



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

The CIP will host the 2023 What Works conference from Wednesday May 31st through Friday June 2nd. This is a free, online conference showcasing teaching and learning approaches suitable for the small college classroom environment.

This year, we have a wide range of presentations, panels, and workshops focused in three general areas:

- collaboration between faculty and staff to support student learning
- new applications of educational technology
- courses that employ pedagogies of diversity, equity and inclusion.

This year's keynote speaker will be [Dr. Antar Tichavakunda](#), Assistant Professor of Race and Higher Education at the University of California Santa Barbara and author of *Black Campus Life: The Worlds Black Students Make at a Historically White Institution*.



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Dr. Antar**  
**Tichavakunda**

Presenters at the conference this year represent 10 different colleges, and registration is open to participants from all institutions.

**Sessions will run from 9am to 3:30 pm with a break for lunch.**

A full schedule and registration links will follow by email.

## A New Chapter in the Book of Kenyon Faculty Chairs

*By Joe Murphy*



The CIP is fortunate to work closely with two endowed chairs at the College. The John B. McCoy-Banc One Distinguished Teaching Professorship “honor(s) the long tradition of fine teaching and mentoring at Kenyon College.” We want to thank the outgoing McCoy Chair, Dane Heuchemer, Professor of Music, for his excellent work and terrific collaboration during the challenges of the last 4 years. Dane will host a final faculty development workshop this June; watch your email for more information.

The incoming McCoy Chair is Kimmarie Murphy, Professor of Anthropology. Kimmarie says “I’m incredibly excited to serve as the McCoy-Banc One Chair. Building on the success of the lead mentoring program for new faculty, I am interested in expanding the opportunities for peer mentoring to all faculty by exploring the benefits of reverse mentoring, co-teaching as mentoring, communal mentoring, and mentoring to enhance collective care within our community.”

The Peter Rutkoff Distinguished Professorship in Diversity and Inclusion “develop(s) academic initiatives that work in concert with ongoing activities advancing the College’s goals related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.” We want to thank the outgoing chair, Ric Sheffield, Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies, for his many years of service to the College and close mentoring of the CIP staff.

The incoming chair is Karen Hicks, Professor of Biology. Karen says, “Over the coming three years I plan to organize a series of hands-on participatory workshops about inclusive teaching strategies, led by outside experts and Kenyon faculty, and also convening faculty discussion groups for reading and reflection, primarily focused on racism and higher education, but also addressing transgender discrimination, the challenges experienced by first generation students, and other topics. I’ll be reaching out for your ideas and expertise!”

We look forward to collaborating with Kimmarie and Karen on these vital topics!



# PLANNING WITH THE CIP

We know the past few years have been exhausting for everyone, and we are all happy to have some time to decompress and disconnect. Summer is also a time of reflection and renewal (and preparation!). The CIP is offering two opportunities to help you get the most out of the next few months and return prepared and rejuvenated for the fall.

## SEMESTER TO SUMMER

We have ideas to help you structure a summer work plan that includes time for research, writing, and restorative time that is perhaps more necessary now than ever. In this session, we will provide time and space to reflect on the last semester and year before we turn our attention to planning for summer. We'll work through:

- how to set goals, tasks, and actions
- how to prioritize your projects and downtime
- how to create a plan and task map
- how to anticipate and overcome obstacles

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, May 24 from 9am-12pm. Sign up at

<https://forms.gle/Mcy388LwNoL8Fm4L8>

## COURSE DESIGN INSTITUTE

Our annual Course Design Institute provides faculty with a supportive atmosphere for designing new courses and making improvements to existing ones. We follow a “backward design” process which integrates course goals with assessment strategies and instructional methods.

The workshop meets in person for two days, Monday June 12 and Wednesday June 14, from 9 to 4 with time set aside for shared meals and individual work sessions.

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/9ft5lgNWpoaEL8rt8>.

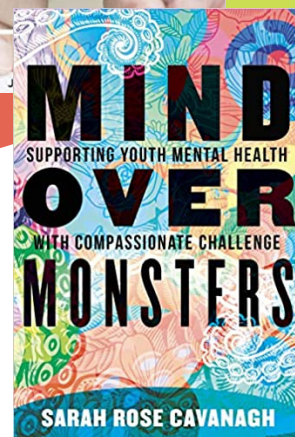
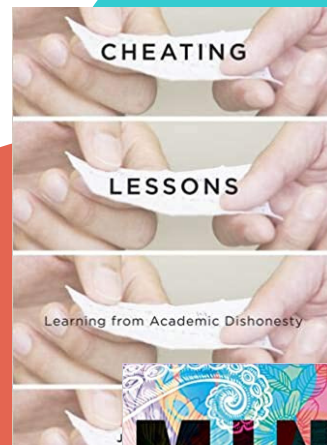
## READING WITH THE CIP

By: Joe Murphy

Join us for lunch and discussion with your colleagues this summer at the CIP's book clubs!

In June, we'll read James Lang's *Cheating Lessons: Learning from Academic Dishonesty*. Lang argues that learning environments can incentivize cheating, or remove those incentives, and that the strategies which best reduce cheating also improve learning for all students. *Cheating Lessons* offers practical tips and examples for both large-scale course redesigns and small changes to individual assignments. We'll meet at noon on June 13th and 28th.

In July, we'll read Sarah Rose Cavanagh's *Mind over Monsters: Supporting Youth Mental Health with Compassionate Challenge*. Cavanagh argues that the choice between care and rigor is a false one; we must feel secure and supported in order to take risks, and we must risk leaving our comfort zones in order to learn. We'll meet at noon on July 11th and 24th.



**CIP will provide lunch and the books! RSVP and join us for these thought-provoking discussions!**

RSVP at <https://forms.gle/XK1JEi2sDpZeHleM7>

## WRITING WITH THE CIP

By: Eric Holdener

Calls to sign up for Summer Writing Groups (2023 edition) will be coming your way soon. Start thinking about your summer schedule and when you might be able to join us for one or more of these weekly sessions.

Past Summer Writing Group participants have reported that they used their time with us over the warmer months to wrap up research articles or to tackle suggested/required edits from manuscript reviewers. Others have finalized and submitted book manuscripts. In short: sign up for a Summer Writing Group and GET THINGS DONE!

Depending on sign up numbers, group offerings will be: Mondays 12:30-2:00, Tuesdays 9-9:30 and 12:-1:30, Wednesdays 12-1:30, Thursdays 9-9:30, and Fridays 8:30-10 or 3-5. In-person location is TBA.

**Sign up here:** <https://forms.gle/A1hLLSgEomiAH8dY9>