Morgan Iommi Joins Teaching Academy

Out of a strong pool of 50 candidates, Dr. Morgan Iommi (I-owe-me) was chosen as the new associate director for teaching and learning at the Teaching Academy. She replaced Dr. Michelle Jackson. Morgan comes to NMSU most recently from the Center for Teaching at the University of Iowa, where she provided professional development for graduate students and post-docs. Her Ph.D. work was completed at The Ohio State University in Communication Studies, with a dissertation on motivational factors influencing instructor involvement in teaching development. She also earned a specialization in college and university teaching, while serving as a graduate teaching fellow who provided professional development for graduate students in the School of Communication. At the Teaching Academy, Morgan leads workshops and book groups that explore topics such as motivating students to enhance learning and principles for universal design. Morgan also assists faculty and staff in designing, developing, and delivering their own workshops on a variety of teaching and learning topics. If you have an idea for a workshop at the Teaching Academy, or a question about teaching and learning, you can reach Morgan at miommi@nmsu.edu or 575.646.1788.

Special Events Fall 2018

Dynamic Lecturing: Finding Balance and Maximizing Student Learning
Friday, Oct. 12
8:30–11:30 am or 1:30–4:30 pm
Todd Zakrjsek, University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Cultural Diversity Across the Curriculum
Thursday, Oct. 25, 9–10 am—Social sciences, humanities and arts
10:30–11:30 am—STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
Bruce Bridges

How to Escape the Lecture/Textbook Trap
Tuesday & Thursday, Nov. 6 & 8, Milton Hall, Room 50
8:30–10 am
David Pengelley, Oregon State University; professor emeritus, NMSU Mathematical Sciences

Wednesday & Friday, Nov. 7 & 9, Milton Hall, Room 85

Team-Based Learning Institute
Wednesday–Friday, Dec. 12–14, Time TBD, with follow-up consultations throughout the spring semester
Bill Roberson, Vancouver Island University, Laura Madson, Psychology, and R.T. James McAteer, Astronomy

Registration deadline is November 30.
The 2018 Teaching Academy Gala

The Teaching Academy celebrated 15 years of service to New Mexico State University on Monday, April 30. The ceremonies honored about 350 Teaching Academy members and more than 100 donors. Members in the Teaching Academy participate in at least 10 hours of professional development during 2017–2018.

The Most Distinguished Member Awards were presented to the faculty member and the graduate student who participated in the greatest number of hours of professional development during the year. Dr. René Guillaume, assistant professor in Educational Leadership and Administration, earned the Most Distinguished Faculty award. Nina Dropcho, Biology, earned the Most Distinguished Graduate Student award.

The Outstanding Mentor Award was presented to Dr. Laura Madson, associate professor in Psychology. Moire Prescott, Astronomy, nominated Laura, citing Laura's listening, understanding, knowledge and wisdom.

The Truly Innovative Teaching Award is presented to the individual who best applied something they learned about or taught about at the Teaching Academy. This year, Dr. Mark Walker, professor in Philosophy, earned the award for his implementation of Socratic Note Taking, which requires students to engage deeply with their reading before coming to class, leading to significant improvement in their comprehension of reading material and quiz scores.

The highest recognition the Teaching Academy bestows is an Honorary Membership. This award is conferred upon an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to faculty development at NMSU. This year the Teaching Academy honored Sandra Lujan, who worked at the Teaching Academy and its predecessor from 1995 to 2016. Through all those years, Sandra kept the unseen gears that carry the faculty development efforts at the Teaching Academy forward running smoothly. Red tape was no match for Sandra's determination.

Greg Fant opens the celebration of the Academy's 15th anniversary by ringing the ceremonial gong.

Sandra Lujan receives an honorary membership in the Academy from then Provost Dan Howard.

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