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Save the Date

Assessment by Design Workshop

Friday, January 8

6th Annual Regional Community College Assessment Conference

Friday, April 22
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Spotlight on **Assessment**

Plan Now for World Café XIII

Get Your Table Reservations In Today

Friday, January 15, 2016 • Noon-2:00 pm • Regnier Center 101



Keep your assessment plans on track, start a new plan, work on data analysis, or work on your general education assessment tool. All of these are possible ways to spend your time at World Café. Call the office now to reserve a table for January PDDs (ext. 7607).

- In addition to the table reservation, each person will need to individually register.
- Tables can accommodate eight to 10 people.

Registration is required for the World Café.

- Log on to MyJCCC
- Click on EASI and Student and Financial Aid
- Click on Enrollment
- Click on Add or Drop Classes
- Select a term (Staff Dev 2015-16) and submit
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen and enter CRN 30263 then Submit Changes

*Many a trip continues long after movement
in time and space have ceased.*

– John Steinbeck

I enjoy discovering quotes. In fact, I have saved a few particularly poignant ones that I would be happy to share if you want to drop by my office. Recently, I came across this one by John Steinbeck. I'm a fan of several of Steinbeck's books, but, interestingly, I didn't find this in a book. It appeared in one of those little "inspirational" calendars that are very popular, for which it seems wholly appropriate.

As I was musing on the quote, it came to me that assessment is very much like a trip that continues "long after movement...have ceased." When assessing students, the movement generated in the collecting of data on student learning has an impact on the curriculum long after the actual data collection has stopped.

With the act of analyzing the data, this movement amplifies as the very meaning of the measurement comes into play. Then the implications of the data are discerned, influencing future curriculum changes and new or reconsidered teaching plans, and with these continued transformation of student learning.

I have frequently referenced the major points of attending World Café as a perfect opportunity to create time and space to discuss assessment with your colleagues. These discussions also create movement long after the World Café event as faculty consider the influence on curriculum.

Now would be a good time as a department to sign up for a World Café table in January. That way you can make sure you have the time and space to continue the assessment trip with your colleagues.



Resources Available from OOA

In addition to books available for checkout from the OOA, the office supports a blog that addresses issues within the profession, as well as information on assessment initiatives.

The blog has a link to interviews conducted in the JCCC studios with faculty who share their experiences with assessment in the disciplines.

The OOA blog can be viewed at:

[blogs.jccc.edu/
outcomesassessment](http://blogs.jccc.edu/outcomesassessment)



In addition to the blog, the office expanded its use of Twitter as another means of updating internal and external audiences to program offerings.

Follow us at: #jccc00a.



A group of faculty and administrators from St. Charles Community College joined the Office of Outcomes Assessment on Friday, October 23, for a workshop focused on assessment. The group from St. Charles also lunched with the Assessment Council and talked assessment "shop" with their counterparts.

APPLY FOR OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT MINI-GRANT FUNDING

REMEMBER OOA Mini-grants are available on a rolling deadline. Submit by the 15th of the month to be considered in that month. Use mini-grants to jump-start or continue your assessment projects. **Mini-grants are now available for up to \$750.** Funds may be used for assessment resources, travel for assessment-related activities, equipment or software dedicated to assessment efforts, assessment retreats, costs associated with data input or external consultants, and more. New guidelines/applications are available from the Office of Outcomes Assessment, GEB 262, on InfoShare or on the Outcomes Assessment blog.

FAST-TRACK option

Are you looking for assessment resources in your discipline? Need a resource on assessment for general education? The Office of Outcomes Assessment is now offering a fast-track mini-grant for up to \$100 to purchase books on assessment. The fast-track mini-grant does not require a dean's signature, and the assessment resources will be purchased and provided for your use. For more information, contact the office.



Assessment by Design

REGISTER NOW!
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This daylong assessment workshop is geared to help faculty understand and apply the cycle of assessment and plan their assessment activities for the coming semester. Faculty participating will receive a "Certificate of Completion" for this faculty development offering.