

Professional Development Workshop Descriptions: *Connect* Partnership Grant

1. **Become a Prolific Scholar**, a workshop with Tara Gray from New Mexico State University. This workshop was co-sponsored Textbook and Academic Authors (TAA) and the Office of the Provost.

Workshop Description:

Increase your productivity by a factor of three. Write prose that is clearer, better organized, and more compelling. Learn to work smarter, not harder.

Many scholarly writers are educated at the School of Hard Knocks, but it's not the only school, or even the best. Much is known about how to become a better, more prolific scholar and anybody can. Research points to specific steps scholars can take including:

- Write daily for 15-30 minutes
- Revise paragraphs around key sentences and papers around lists of key sentences
- Solicit the right feedback from the right colleagues and make effective use of feedback

This workshop was co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

Because P&T SMARTS hosted this workshop, RIT received a one-year Institutional Membership to TAA, a non-profit, interdisciplinary organization dedicated to helping textbook and academic authors thrive. RIT's Institutional Membership covers the membership dues for up to 75 educators to join TAA, whether or not you attended the workshop.

2. **Strategies for Teaching Effectiveness**, presented by Dr. Keith B. Jenkins and Dr. Reginald Rogers, [RIT](#).

Workshop Description:

The importance, planning, and execution of efficient and effective course preparation materials
The strengths and limitations of student teaching evaluations and how they may affect teaching effectiveness
How to address the special issues or concerns AALANA faculty may experience in the classroom and best practices on how to navigate these challenges.

Support for this workshop was provided by the Office of the Provost, the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, and the Wallace Center.



- 3. Strategies and Choices for Publishing an Academic Book**, presented by Bruce Austin, RIT Press's Director. His academic training is in mediated communication, Before coming to the Press, he was Professor and Chair of the Department (now School) of Communication for 15 years, His writing ranges from scholarly research on the audiences for theatrical motion pictures to journalistic reporting on antiques for a number of periodicals.

Workshop Description:

You have an idea for a book. Perhaps you've begun researching and writing on your topic. But you don't know much about the book publishing process. This edition of P & T Smarts is intended to answer questions about what publishers need to know in order to become interested in your book-length manuscript and what choices you have as an author when it comes to making publishing decisions.

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- 4. Promotion to Full professor: Strategies for Preparing a Strong Case Workshop.**
Presenters: Jeremy Haefner, Twyla Cummings, Sophia Maggelakis, Doreen Edwards, Peter C. Hauser, RIT.

Workshop Description:

This workshop is for faculty who want to submit a strong package for promotion to full professor OR are planning to do so in the near future.

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- 5. Strategies for Teaching Effectiveness**, Presented by Dr. Laverne McQuiller-Williams and Professor Joe Williams.

Workshop Description:

The importance, planning, and execution of efficient and effective course preparation materials. The strengths and limitations of student teaching evaluations and how they may affect teaching effectiveness. How to address the special issues or concerns AALANA faculty

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6. *Basic elements of a proposal and resources available at RIT.* Presenters: Margaret Bailey, Kara Maki, David Bond, and Maria Cortes, RIT.

Workshop Description:

Participants learn how to write competitive proposals for seed funding for their research plans. Learn about Connect Grant opportunities and best practices. Registered participants received best practice proposal examples.

Support for this workshop was provided by the Office of the Provost, the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, the Wallace Center, the AALANA Faculty Advisory Council, and the Council for the Representation & Engagement of Women Faculty and AdvanceRIT (CREW).

