

Advanced Teaching Workshop - January 16: 3:30-4:30, HGS 119

Preliminary Workshop Agenda

Beyond “What Are We Doing This Week?”: Advanced Section Planning

- Warm-Up and Introductions [10 min.] – **JW, DD**
 - Looking back on your previous teaching experiences, what is one section policy or practice that you would want to establish or modify before teaching your first section this semester.

- Starting with the End in Mind: Goal-Setting / Semester Planning [15 min.] - **JW**
 - Using Your Syllabus to Sketch Out a Semester Plan
 - Using syllabus to set goals for section
 - Different kinds of goals (assignments, skills, knowledge)
 - Provide syllabus and section plan from HIST 131
 - See if you can link goals and section activities [3 min.]
 - Scaffolding and Skill Development Throughout the Semester
 - Conceptualizing a Course: From Section Planning to Syllabus Design

- Scaffolding Instruction and Structuring Activities [15 min.] - **DD**
 - Based on what you know about typical teaching assignments in your discipline or Yale more generally (syllabus, conversation w/ professor, course description, etc.), what is one overarching goal you might have for section planning?
 - Provide participants with a list of potential activities for quick reference
 - Have each group design a sequential list of activities that build towards their larger semester section goal.

- Designing Section Collaboratively [15 min.] – **JW, DD**
 - Warm-Up / Transition – Think/Pair/Share [5 min.]
 - Reflect on a particular challenge that you have encountered working with a fellow TF or supervising instructor. What was the challenge? How did you respond? What might you do differently?
 - Talking Points [10 min.]
 - Working with other course TAs to formulate section plans – not just cooperation and coordination, but also fair division of work
 - Engaging in fruitful exchanges with course professor
 - Balancing your personal teaching style w/ working within an instructional team (head TA)

- Closing and Feedback [5 min.]

MATERIALS

Sample syllabi and semester plan [JW]

Activities List [DD]

Chart Paper Final Questions

Feedback Forms [DD, JW copy]

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