# CTLS News

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## Dear Colleagues -

The semester is well underway, and the crispness and colors of fall are awakening the senses – any that aren't already wide awake. The current tension in the changing weather reflects the tension we experience in our daily work – noticing and celebrating the joy in ordinary teaching and learning moments while balancing feelings of uncertainty and concern. Recognizing the strength in our collective wisdom and voice is so important. Together we can work toward authentic, collaborative decision-making that results in positive, thoughtful action. I encourage all of us to address the current challenges with compassion and curiosity – with resolve and commitment to the mission and community citizens of Lesley University. And I sincerely wish everyone a wonderful semester...

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Dean of Faculty & Professor

## **Clearinghouse and Collaboration**

Have you ever wanted to share a piece of writing or other creative work with fellow faculty for some informal feedback? Thanks to the energy and ideas of LUCAD Professor of Fine Arts, Anthony Apesos, the CTLS is supporting a new opportunity for University-wide collaboration in research and scholarship. The idea is simple – faculty who are interested in volunteering to read/critique others' works will contact the Dean of Faculty at <a href="mailto:lfiore@lesley.edu">lfiore@lesley.edu</a>. Faculty who are interested in receiving candid and constructive feedback will do the same. The CTLS Advisory Group will help coordinate pairing scholarly work in various stages of completion with faculty members who will provide the feedback within an agreed-upon time period. This voluntary process is open to core and adjunct faculty across all schools, programs, and modalities, and offers an opportunity to learn more about the fantastic work that sustains and inspires us.

## Call for CTLS Grant Proposals!

The deadline for proposals for CTLS (mini) Grants has come and gone, but there are funds available to support 3 fall proposals of \$400 each. Check pp. 92-93 of the Faculty Handbook for more information, and feel free to contact <a href="mailto:lfiore@lesley.edu">lfiore@lesley.edu</a> with any questions. The extended deadline is Oct. 31, 2014.

# Sabbatical Research – from brain to Brooklyn

Congratulations to Associate Professor Liv Cummins! Her original musical theater piece, *The Bridge*, is debuting in workshop this week. For more information, see the Crowdfunding site: https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-bridge-in-brooklyn



# Journal of Pedagogy, Pluralism, & Practice: Special Issue Fall 2014

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Congratulations to all contributors!

## Please Mark Your Calendars...

Faculty Development Days 2015: Thurs., January 22, 2015

Thurs., May 21, 2015

Community of Scholars Day: Thursday, March 26, 2015

Note – all academic deadlines and policies have been updated in the Faculty Handbook over the summer. See the link on the Provost's page of the Intranet once logged in (<a href="https://intranet.lesley.edu/provost/">https://intranet.lesley.edu/provost/</a>) for the latest due dates and deadlines for sabbatical, promotion, faculty development/conference travel grants, emeritus nominations, and more...

This newsletter is intended to provide a snapshot of current information and initiatives. Please continue to contact the Center for Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship with ideas and information that may be included in future publications: CTLS@lesley.edu or lfiore@lesley.edu.

