

Creativity Initiative Digest 2/27/11

You can find an archived version of this digest on both MSU Creativity Initiative website <http://creativityinitiative.msu.edu/> and MSU Creativity Initiative Angel page. I have added all the known Creativity Initiative members onto the Angel page list. Please visit the Angel page as there is a wealth of useful information related to the initiative located there -- including grants, articles, web materials, fully scanned books, and a directory of all current CI members. If you receive this digest and are not able to access the MSU Creativity Initiative Angel page please contact me so that I can add you to our list. As we search for the best means of conversation between CI members it is crucial that we utilize all of our current means of communication and filter out that which is not advantageous in advancing meaningful dialogues. Insights you have that will aid in our success are always welcomed.

The Creativity and Pedagogy cluster had a meeting on 2/22/11. Kristen Kereluik of the cluster reported in on what was discussed at the meeting. You can find a full version of her meeting notes on the CI Angel page, which include information about Creativity and Pedagogy grants, grant writing, information on a web database that includes creativity activities developed by the MAET program, information about the Sparks of Creativity Wiki, and the Creativity Bibliography (on Mendeley). Members of the Creativity and Pedagogy group who attended the meeting expressed interest in several different developing projects. Elahe Crockett expressed interest in writing a grant on possibly using multimedia games to teach science to middle/high school students he identified grant NIH R01 or R25 as possibilities (deadline: April 1st) and is looking for co-collaborators with similar interests, if interested email Elahe Crockett (ecrocket@msu.edu). Eron Drake from the Office of Faculty and Organizational Development discussed upcoming Spring Initiative on College Teaching and Learning session on Creativity and Innovation: Enhancing Performance and Effectiveness. Tentative dates May 19th & 20th, 2011 - for more information visit: <http://fod.msu.edu/springinstitute/about.asp>. Anna Cardona discussed involvement with Michigan State Department of Education and interest in trans-disciplinary teaching and learning. She would like to serve as a resource for researchers looking for information/expertise on education system, and arts education in particular. The Creativity and Pedagogy cluster is planning their next meeting for the third week in March.

The Creativity and Health cluster is planning a meeting for sometime next week. Further information regarding a time, date, and place will be going out shortly.

Finally, we would like announce that Robert Rosenfeld (http://www.innovating.com/com_who.php?person=rbr) and his colleagues will be coming to MSU for a MSU Creativity Initiative workshop -- specifics about the workshop will be announced shortly. If you are aware of any events that would benefit members of the Creativity Initiative please let us know. Also, if there are interesting projects evolving and materializing within your cluster please contact us with updated information that can be shared with the entire CI.

Regards,
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Artsmarts: Why Cutting Arts Funding Is Not a Good Idea

MICHELLE AND ROBERT ROOT-BERNSTEIN

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/imagine/201102/artsmarts-why-cutting-arts-funding-is-not-good-idea>

Online Content

No Right Brain Left Behind

<http://rightbrainsare.us/theidea/>

The 'Spark' of creative inspiration

PRI radio interview about Spark by Isabel Allende

<http://www.pri.org/arts-entertainment/books/spark-book-creative-inspiration2616.html>

Mendeley -- Online Bibliography for the Creativity Initiative

<http://www.mendeley.com/> -- search "MSU Creativity Initiative"