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Happenings & Accomplishments

For the next two months, the Center for Writing and Communication is partnering with the McWherter Library to bring us some productive and illuminating events in the form of Tigers Write and Tigers Speak this month and in October. The Tigers Speak event will give students an opportunity to workshop presentations while the Tigers Write events will be a convenient means by which students can get help with any of their writing. Please encourage your students to attend these events, so we can continue to support the many ways the CWC is always there for our us and those we teach.

Mark your calendars for these and other events happening in the next couple months!

September 18 at 11am: CWC Tigers Speak (Michael D. Rose Theater) September 20 at 11am: Study Abroad Fair (Michael D. Rose Theater) September 28 at 8am: Discover Your Major Day

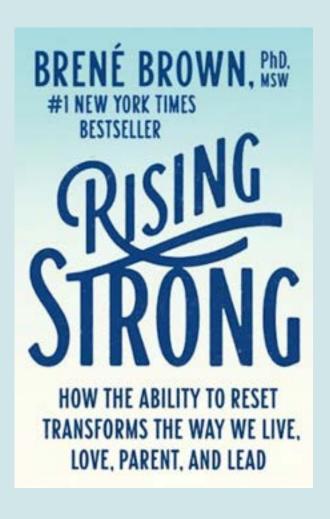
October 19 at 10am: CWC Tigers Write (Patterson Hall)

We want to celebrate you! Please send your upcoming conference presentation, publications, and defenses to Nina Myers (cnmyers@memphis.edu)

Materials From 8/26 CAP Meeting on Storytelling

If you missed or would like to revisit Dr. Lindsey Helms engaging presentation inspired by Brene Brown's book, Rising Strong, you can find links to the materials used in that presentation here and here.

Dr. Helm's discussed storytelling as methodology and explained its uses for shifting from quantitative to qualitative research modes, particularly its role in helping students heal from trauma.



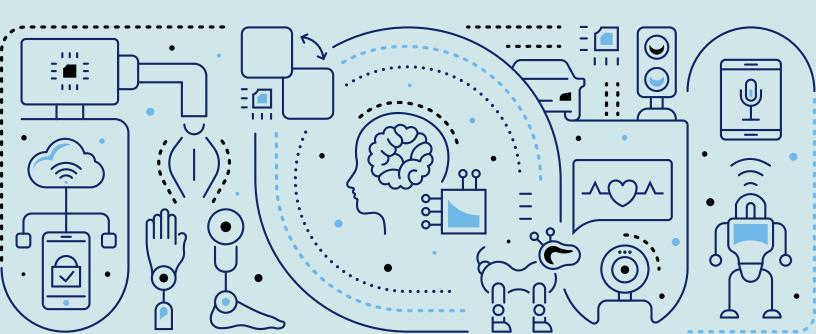
She shared some great ideas for applying these strategies in the classroom and the TAs came up with additional practical applications, so you may want to reach out to those who attended the meeting to hear more about this exciting conversation if you missed it.

Looking Forward to 9/26 Meeting on GenAl

Our next all CAP meeting will be led by Dr. Will Duffy and Dr. Elliott Casal. If you have had a chance to participate in one of their discussions on policy, you already know that GenAI has been generating emotions ranging from enthusiasm and invigoration to trepidation and concern.

You can access some guidance on how to incorporate an AI policy into your syllabus here. If you have not yet checked out Dr. Casal's dialogue asking ChatGPT to write a poem in the style of Emily Dickinson, you can find that here.

Drs. Duffy and Casal will be focusing our upcoming meeting on some of the myriad pedagogical implications of GenAI, so make sure you attend what will undoubtedly prove to be a fascinating discussion.



First-Year Writing Guidelines

The department has updated the First-Year Writing Guidelines. You can find the updated document here.

The guidelines include reminders about the requirements for each course as well as department policies about conferencing, cancelling class, and more.

Please be sure to read through the policies at your earliest convenience.



CAP Calendar

August 29:

All CAP meeting in PT 456

-Storytelling with Dr. Lindsay Helms

September 5:

First Year CAPs in cadre Professional CAPs in PT 315

September 12:

First Year CAPs in PT 456 Teaching CAPs in cadre

September 19:

First Year CAPs in PT 456
Professional CAPs in PT 315

September 26:

All CAP meeting in PT 456
-GenAl with Dr. Will Duffy
& Dr. Elliott Casal

