

**“Course (Re)Design”
Conference**

**Salmon P. Chase College of Law
Northern Kentucky University
March 18-19, 2011**

“Course (Re)Design” is a one-day conference for new and experienced legal educators interested in designing a new course or redesigning an existing course. The conference will take place on March 18-19, 2011, at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law in Highland Heights, Kentucky. The conference co-sponsors are the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning (Gonzaga and Washburn) and the Salmon P. Chase College of Law (Northern Kentucky University).

Benefits to Participants

The conference will be of greatest benefit to professors confronted with teaching a new course and those who would like to reinvigorate their approach to a course they have previously taught.

By the end of the conference, participants will have engaged in

- (1) setting course goals and learning objectives,
- (2) designing formative and summative assessments,
- (3) choosing teaching and learning methods, and
- (4) selecting and creating teaching materials.

During the conference, participants will learn best practices for course design, apply them to a course they have taught or will teach in the future, and receive immediate feedback on their course design efforts. Participants should leave the conference with a strong foundation for completing the design of the course they worked on and for applying the principles to other courses in the future. Each participant will receive a copy of *TEACHING LAW BY DESIGN: ENGAGING STUDENTS FROM THE SYLLABUS TO THE FINAL EXAM* (2009).

Structure of the Conference

Participants should arrive at the conference with a course they wish to design or redesign and the materials they anticipate needing to do so. The conference will consist of four sessions: (1) setting course goals and learning objectives, (2) designing formative and summative assessments, (3) choosing teaching and learning methods, and (4) selecting and creating teaching materials. Each session will include discussion of design principles, examples of each design element in law school courses, and time for participants to work on the course they have selected for (re)design. The learning experience in all sessions will be interactive, collaborative and “hands-on.”

Presenters

The program will be designed and co-taught by four law professors:

- Olympia Duhart (Nova)
- Gerry Hess (Gonzaga)
- Michael Hunter Schwartz (Washburn)
- Sophie Sparrow (UNH)

The conference planners/presenters have authored books, law review articles, and shorter works addressing law teaching, learning, assessment, and curriculum design. They have delivered presentations about these topics at national and international conferences and as invited speakers at law schools around the country.

Registration

Attendance will be limited to 40 participants. The roster will be filled in the order that Chase receives the registration form *and* conference fee of \$225. Registration information is available on the websites of the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, <http://lawteaching.org>, and Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, http://chaselaw.nku.edu/course_redesign.php.

Registration Form

Transportation, Meals and Lodging

Conference activities will be held at the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) METS Conference Center, 3861 Olympic Boulevard Erlanger, KY 41018. The Center is located minutes from The Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport. Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Dinner on Friday, March 18, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, March 19 are included in the registration fee. A limited block of rooms has been booked at Courtyard by Marriott Cincinnati Airport for \$89 per night. Bookings must be made by March 4, 2011 (see [Registration Form](#)).

Pre-Conference Event (*Optional*)

Participants are invited to get acquainted at the Law School during an evening reception starting at 6:00 on Friday, March 18. The reception will start with drinks and hors d'oeuvres and follow with dinner.

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 18

Afternoon Registration at Conference Hotel
6:00 p.m. Dinner reception at NKU Student Union 104 (shuttle from Conference Hotel)

Saturday, March 19 – NKU Conference Center

8:00 Registration and Breakfast
8:30 Welcome and Opening
8:45 Goals and Learning Objectives
10:15 Break
10:45 Formative and Summative Assessments
12:15 Lunch
1:15 Teaching and Learning Methods
2:45 Break
3:15 Selecting and Creating Teaching Materials
4:45 Closing
5:00 Adjourn
Evening - dinner on your own (shuttle service will be provided)