

To: Faculty
From: Noreen M. Carrocci
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Date: December 3, 2002

Dear Colleagues:

On Monday, January 6, 2003, Dr. Charles C. Bonwell will present two half-day workshops. From 9-12, Dr. Bonwell will present "How to Teach Critical Thinking Through Active Learning." He will help us to identify important disciplinary thinking skills that students should possess and to devise active learning strategies to help students extend their abilities within the context of a specific classroom assignment. We will explore various definitions of critical thinking, its relationship to course structure and questioning skills, and methods of assessment. In the afternoon from 1:30-3:30, Dr. Bonwell will present "How Spring Hill College Can Build on the Results of the National Survey of Student Engagement," (see the news release in the SHC web page archive if you missed this good news story!).

Dr. Bonwell is an instructional consultant, who has facilitated over 190 workshops nationally and internationally for faculty and teaching assistants on active learning and critical thinking, and has given the keynote address at numerous regional, national, and international conferences. A former Professor of History, he received a B.S. and M.S. in mechanical engineering from Stanford University and his Ph.D. from Kansas State University in the history of science and technology. In 1986 Bonwell was one of 50 faculty honored nationwide by the American Association of Higher Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for his "outstanding educational leadership." He is co-author, with James Eison, of the best-selling ASHE-ERIC monograph *Active Learning: Creating Excitement in the Classroom* (1991). In 1996, Jossey-Bass published *Using Active Learning in College Classrooms: A Range of Options for Faculty*, co-authored with Tracey Sutherland.

The day will begin at 8:00 with coffee and pastries outside the Gautrelet Room. The morning workshop will begin at 9:00, and the afternoon workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Cheryl Kirkland (x2262; kirkland@shc.edu) by December 13.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this post-holiday gathering!

Sincerely,

Noreen M. Carrocci

Name: _____

_____ I plan to attend the January 6 workshop in the morning.

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_____ I do not plan to attend the January 6 workshop.