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Dear Colleagues:

We invite you to take part in Spring 2011 classroom observations sponsored by the Committee for the Support of Teaching (CST).

This spring, the Committee is experimenting with a new format for Peer Classroom Observations, with more courses available for observation, and a more informal process for participating. Attached and posted on the CST website at <http://www.brandeis.edu/das/downloads/Spring2011ClassesAvailableforPeerObservation.pdf> is the list of spring course titles, instructors, times, and locations.

Faculty and graduate students who are interested in visiting one or more classes are asked to e-mail the instructor prior to a visit and to ask about the context and content of the class s/he plans to attend. You may wish to review the course syllabus, if available, on the LATTE website (click on Browse Course Syllabi) prior to your visit. All participants may observe more than one of the same instructor's classes, or observe more than one instructor, but as a courtesy, please do notify the instructor in advance.

The purpose of these visits is to enable faculty and graduate students to become more familiar with the wide variety of teaching techniques now being utilized by Brandeis course instructors. We hope that you will come away from this experience thinking about teaching methods and approaches that might apply to your own courses.

If you have questions about this initiative, please write Elaine Wong (ewong@brandeis.edu). We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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