

Subject: Peer Observation Invitation Fall '09

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to take part in fall '09 classroom observations sponsored by the Committee for the Support of Teaching.

Four outstanding professors, Bruce Foxman (CHEM 15a, Honors General Chemistry), Derek Isaacowitz (PSYC 37a, Psychology of Adult Development and Aging), David Rakowski (MUS 103a, Theory and Musicianship II), and Steve Whitfield (AMST 185b, The Culture of the Cold War) have agreed to open their classes for observation during three to four week periods this fall. The schedule follows at the end of this e-mail.

We invite interested faculty and graduate students to sign up to visit one or more classes during the periods listed below, by e-mailing Kristen Caporiccio at kcapor@brandeis.edu and letting us know which class you will attend at least three days before the scheduled class. A copy of the course syllabus and a brief set of questions to orient your observations will be distributed to you in advance of the class, or feel free to review available syllabi on the LATTE website (click on Browse Course Syllabi) and the set of questions on the CST website (<http://www.brandeis.edu/das/downloads/FOCALQUESTIONS-2009.pdf>). Please read and bring the syllabus and questions to the class. You may sign up to observe more than one of the same instructor's classes, or to observe more than one instructor. Observers are always welcome on the dates listed below, but we strongly encourage you to notify our office in advance of your visit.

From a survey of previous participants, we know that you will come away from this experience thinking about teaching methods, questions, and approaches that might apply to your own courses. If you have questions about this initiative, please write Elaine Wong at ewong@brandeis.edu. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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for the Committee for the Support of Teaching

Peer Observation Schedule

Bruce Foxman	CHEM 15a	Honors General Chemistry I	Sept. 21, 23, 24, 30 Oct. 1, 7, 8 M, W, Th 10:10AM-11:00AM Gerstenzang 121
Derek Isaacowitz	PSYC 37a	The Psychology of Adult Development and Aging	Oct. 26, 28 Nov. 2, 4, 9, 16, 18 M, W 2:10PM-3:30PM Lown Cntr for Judaic Studies 201
David Rakowski	MUS 103a	Theory and Musicianship II: Part 1	Sept. 21, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 19, 21 M, W 2:10PM-3:30PM Slosberg Music 227
Steve Whitfield	AMST 185b	The Culture of the Cold War	Sept. 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 30 Oct. 1 M, W, Th 11:10AM-12:00PM Brown Social Science Center 316