



Teaching Circles 2009-2010 New Faculty Discussion Group

To join this Teaching Circle, please submit a Teaching Circle Application. See contact information below for Linda Wilson.

Moderator: John Garrigus, Department of History [Garrigus@uta.edu]

Discussion text: Robert Boice, *Advice for New Faculty Members* (Allyn & Bacon, 2000)

The Office of the Provost has limited copies of this book available for circle members.

Meeting 1: Wednesday, October 28; 3:00-4:30 p.m.; 560 University Hall

Introductions

Boice: "Why New Professors Need Timely Advice," 1-11

Boice: "Section I: Moderate Work at Teaching," 11-46

Discussion topics (from Boice)

- Do professors need advice?
- Why start with teaching and not research?
- The *Nihil Nimus* (Moderate) approach
- Active waiting
- Begin before feeling ready
- Brief regular sessions – in preparing and teaching
- How to stop, and why it is important

Meeting 2: Wednesday, November 18; 3:00-4:30 p.m.; 560 University Hall

Boice: "Section I: Moderate Work at Teaching," (continued) 46-98

Discussion topics (from Boice)

- Coping with over attachment
- Coping with negative thinking
- Sharing the work
- Classroom incivilities: research findings and advice

Meeting 3: Wednesday, February 17; 3:00-4:30 p.m.; 560 University Hall

Boice: "Summary and Extension of the *Nihil Nimus* Approach to Teaching," 99-102

Boice: "Section II: Write in Mindful Ways," 103-156

Discussion topics (from Boice)

- Mindfulness and writing
- Active waiting
- Begin writing early
- Writing in brief regular sessions
- How to stop writing
- The importance of working with balance

Meeting 4: Wednesday, March 24; 3:00-4:30 p.m.; 560 University Hall

Boice: "Section II: Write in Mindful Ways," (continued) 157-191

Discussion topics (from Boice)

- Dealing with negative thinking
- Writing and emotions
- Letting go of attachment
- Sharing the writing work
- Reducing wasted effort

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