

From: Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement <avpfa@neu.edu>
Subject: ONTrack - January 27, 2006
Date: January 27, 2006 7:55:59 AM EST
To: avpfa@neu.edu

ONTrack – January 27, 2006

ONTrack is an e-bulletin sent to Tenure Track Faculty, Faculty Mentors, Department Chairs, and Deans containing information about resources for faculty development and opportunities for scholarship and effective teaching. Please respond to this email with topics you would like to see here.

Topics include:

- 1) Top 10 Things New Faculty Want to Hear
- 2) COACHE Survey - Final Reminder
- 3) Going up for Tenure in the Fall 2006?
- 4) Mid-Term Course Feedback
- 5) Faculty Kudos
- 6) Upcoming Events and Deadlines

1) Top 10 Things New Faculty Want to Hear. This list from the Center of Teaching at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst is a good resource to print out and keep near your computer. It is archived on the "Tomorrows Professor's List Serve" as "an antidote to the triple threat of evaluation, isolation, and overwork." View the list at:
<http://ctl.stanford.edu/Tomprof/postings/566.html>.

2) COACHE Survey - FINAL REMINDER. Northeastern is participating in a Harvard study related to new faculty job satisfaction. Over 8,000 tenure track faculty from around the country are being surveyed. Your responses are important to us so that we can improve the tenure track experience here at Northeastern and know how we compare to other schools. Feel free to contact Luis Falcon (l.falcon@neu.edu) if you have any questions. An additional reminder with your link to the survey was sent last week. The survey is only available until Tuesday 1/31.

3) Going up for Tenure in the Fall 2006? Colleges are in the process of notifying you if your case is scheduled for tenure review and promotion in the Fall 2006. You should notify your Department and Dean of your intention to be considered for tenure during the 2006 - 2007 review cycle near the beginning of February. Faculty wishing to be considered for early tenure review should receive endorsement from their departments and colleges who will intern consult with the Office of the Provost. Refer to the tenure time line on the faculty mentoring web page for representative dates. Check with your college for specific deadlines related to your situation. See: <http://www.facultymentoring.neu.edu>.

4) Mid-Term Course Feedback. If you are interested in assessing your course during the term, you may want to register for Mid-Term Course Feedback, a confidential and effective way to improve the classroom experience. The Center of Effective University Teaching will spend about 30 minutes of regular class time interacting with your students (without the instructor in the room). The objective is to provide constructive feedback to an instructor for improvement of teaching, learning, and

increased communication in the classroom. See <http://www.ceut.neu.edu/sgid.htm> for more information and registration forms. Classes will be assessed on a first come first serve basis for registration by January 31, 2006.

5) Faculty Kudos. Let us know what you are up to by completing the form at: http://www.facultymentoring.neu.edu/faculty_highlights/brag_form.

- * Professor Friedman of the Sociology and Anthropology Department, received a book contract for her manuscript entitled, "The Housing Divide: How Generations of Immigrants Fare in New York's Housing Market."
- * Professor Sasani of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department has been notified that he will receive the prestigious National Science Foundation Career grant to study the progressive collapse of structures.
- * Professor Smith of the Music Department has had a few recent works performed nation-wide. "Rain Cycles" was published on CD and "Something Suspicious (Small)" was presented at the Festival of New American Music in Sacramento, CA. Presentations in Europe are expected this Spring.

6) Upcoming Events.

- * EdTeck Talk by Professor Tom Sheahan on the use of the Bluetooth-enabled pen tablet in the classroom. Thursday, February 2 (3:00 - 4:30) in 50 Dockser Hall. For more information, contact x3157.
- * Abstract Deadline for NU Research Expo: February 14, 2006. See: <http://www.expo.neu.edu>. This year's expo will be held on Wednesday March 15, 11am - 2pm in the Curry Student Center Ballroom, McLeod Suites, and Indoor Quad. The Expo provides a great opportunity for the NU Community to explore the wide range of research and scholarship activities at Northeastern University, and allows faculty and students to generate ideas for future collaborative research projects. Abstracts will be accepted until February 14, 2006 at <http://www.expo.neu.edu>.
- * Women's Studies BROWN BAG: "Is that your Mom?: A qualitative Investigation of White mothers of non-White Children." Wednesday February 15 at noon in 220 BK. Contact Dr. Lihua Wang at x4984 for more information.
- * Tenure Workshop: This workshop has been rescheduled for March 1, 2006 from noon - 2pm in the McLeod Suites.
- * End of Year Luncheon for tenure track faculty and mentors: Wednesday April 19 (noon-2pm) in the Raytheon Amphitheatre.