# CTL Spring 2026 Calendar of Events

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# January 2026

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| 11 | 12 **Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META), 1-3 pm** | 13 **Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META), 1-3 pm** | 14 **Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META), 1-3 pm** | 15 **Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META), 1-3 pm** | 16 **Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META), 1-3 pm** | 17 |
| 18 | 19 *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: University Holiday* | 20 | 21 **Spring 2026 Classes Begin** | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

# JANUARY 2026

**Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META)**
**Monday, January 12th through Friday, January 16th, 1-3 pm daily**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: University Holiday**
**Monday, January 19th**

**Spring 2026 Classes Begin**
**Wednesday, January 21st**

# January 2026
## Maverick Educators Teaching Academy (META) Workshop Series

- Monday, January 12th through Friday, January 16th, 1-3 pm daily

- Interactive, feedback-driven workshops, which provided tools that you can use right away

- All sessions were held in-person in the CTL Hub (Main Hall, Suite G5) and were also accessible via Zoom

- All META Workshop series presentations, recordings, and resources are now shared in a folder for each day/topic at this link, as part of the CTL Faculty Professional Development Resources Blackboard Organization

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 **Third-Year Review Dossier Preparation Workshop, 1-2 pm** | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 **Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #1, 1-2 pm; Universal Design for Learning** | 12 **Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Registration Opens** | 13 **Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Proposals Due** | 14 |
| 15 | 16 *Presidents' Day: University Holiday* | 17 **Lunch and Learn: How do you perceive differentiation?, 1-2 pm** | 18 **2025 New Faculty Cohort, Meeting #4, 12-1 pm Provost Kristin Curry Greenwood** | 19 **Getting Started with AI Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #1, 2-3 pm; Assignments in the Age of AI** | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 **Virtual Resource Fair for Mercy Faculty (online only), 12-1:30 pm** | 26 **Virtual Resource Fair for Mercy Faculty (online only), 12-1:30 pm** | 27 **Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Session Information Forms Due** | 28 |

# FEBRUARY 2026

**Third-Year Review Dossier Preparation Workshop**
**Wednesday, February 4th, 1-2 pm**
**Facilitators: Dr. Roseanne Vallice Levy and The CTL Team**

**Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #1**
**Wednesday, February 11th, 1-2 pm; Topic: Universal Design for Learning**
**Facilitator: Christina Locario, LMSW, Director, Office of ACCESSibility**

**Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Registration Opens**
**Thursday, February 12th**

**Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Proposals Due**
**Friday, February 13th**

# FEBRUARY 2026 (continued)

**Presidents' Day: University Holiday**
**Monday, February 16th**

**Lunch and Learn: How do you perceive differentiation?**
**Tuesday, February 17th, 1-2 pm**
**Guest Speaker: Dr. Melanie Caughey, The University of Scranton**

**2025 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #4**
**Wednesday, February 18th, 12-1 pm**
**Guest Speaker: Provost Kristin Curry Greenwood**

# FEBRUARY 2026 (continued)

**Getting Started with AI Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #1**
**Thursday, February 19th, 2-3 pm; Topic: Assignments in the Age of AI**
**Facilitators: Dr. Naushad Kollikkathara and Dr. Lorraine Shikapwashya**

**Virtual Resource Fair for Mercy Faculty (online only)**
**Wednesday, February 25th <u>and</u> Thursday, February 26th**
**12-1:30 pm each day**

**Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Session Information Forms Due**
**Friday, February 27th**

# February 2026

All February presentations, recordings, and resources are available in the [CTL Faculty Professional Development Resources Blackboard Organization](#) at the following links/folders:

- The **Third-Year Review Dossier Preparation Workshop** is in the [Contract Actions/Digication Support](#) folder

- Sessions on **Universal Design for Learning** and **Assignments in the Age of AI** are in the [CTL Communities of Practice](#) folder

- The Lunch and Learn session **How do you perceive differentiation?** is in the [CTL Workshops](#) folder

- The **2025 NFC meeting #4** with Provost Greenwood as our guest speaker is in the [2025 New Faculty Cohort (NFC) Sessions and Resources](#) folder

- Both **Virtual Resource Fairs** are in the [Virtual Resource Fairs, February 2026](#) folder

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# March 2026

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| 1 | 2 | 3 **Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #2, 1-2 pm; Neurodiversity** | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 **Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day Mercy Hall Rotunda, 9:30 am-3:30 pm** | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 **Lunch and Learn: Differentiated Assessments, 1-2 pm** | 17 | 18 **Diversity Dialogues Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting, 2-3 pm** | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | *Spring Break (no classes; administrative offices open)* | | | | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 **2025 New Faculty Cohort, Meeting #5, 1-2 pm President Susan Parish** | | | | |

# MARCH 2026

Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #2
Tuesday, March 3rd, 1-2 pm; Topic: Neurodiversity in the Classroom
Facilitator: Dr. Sudha Ramaswamy

Spring 2026 Faculty Seminar Day
Mercy Hall Rotunda, Dobbs Ferry Campus
Wednesday, March 11th, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Lunch and Learn: Differentiated Assessments
Monday, March 16th, 1-2 pm
Guest Speaker: Dr. Melanie Caughey, The University of Scranton

# MARCH 2026 (continued)

**Diversity Dialogues Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting**
**Wednesday, March 18th, 2-3 pm; Topic: Extraordinary Children**
**Facilitators: Dr. Nancy Heilbronner and Professor Marc Palmieri**

**Spring Break (no classes; administrative offices open)**
**Monday, March 23rd-Sunday, March 29th**

**2025 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #5**
**Tuesday, March 31st, 1-2 pm**
**Guest Speaker: President Susan Parish**

# March 2026

All March presentations, recordings, and resources are available in the [CTL Faculty Professional Development Resources Blackboard Organization](#) at the following links/folders:

- Sessions on **Neurodiversity in the Classroom** and **Diversity Dialogues: Extraordinary Children** are in the [CTL Communities of Practice](#) folder

- The [**Faculty Seminar Day, Spring 2026**](#) folder includes the day's program, a copy of Keynote Speaker Dr. Kelly Chandler-Olcott's presentation, and presentations and resources shared with CTL by Mercy faculty from their breakout sessions

- The Lunch and Learn session **Differentiated Assessments** is in the [CTL Workshops](#) folder

*Please note that the **2025 NFC meeting #5** with President Parish, which was an open discussion with new full-time faculty about their experiences at Mercy, was not recorded.*

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| | | | 1 | 2 **Getting Started with AI Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #2, 2-3 pm** | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 **Lunch and Learn: Rubrics and Checklists for Final Assessments, 11 am-12 pm** | 7 **BoodleBox Workshops: Introduction to BoodleBox 9 am-12 pm OR 1-4 pm** | 8 **Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #3, 2-3 pm; Neuroplasticity** | 9 **BoodleBox Workshops: Using BoodleBox for Teaching and Learning 9 am-12 pm OR 1-4 pm** | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 **Curriculum Vitae (CV) Workshop, 1-2 pm** | 15 | 16 | 17 **Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #4, 12-1 pm; Metacognition** | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 **PPT and MYC Dossier Preparation Workshop, 1-2 pm** | 22 **Lunch and Learn: Grammarly Workshop, 1-2 pm** | 23 | 24 **Lunch and Learn: Practical Wisdom for Using Project-Based Learning (PBL) 12:15-1:45 pm** | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 **2025 New Faculty Cohort, Meeting #6, 2-3 pm** | 30 **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, 3-4 pm** | | |

# APRIL 2026

**Getting Started with AI Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #2**
**Thursday, April 2nd, 2-3 pm; Topic: Practicing Ethical AI in Teaching:**
**Applying Design Principles for Developing AI-Integrated Assignments**
**Facilitators: Dr. Naushad Kollikkathara and Dr. Lorraine Shikapwashya**

**Lunch and Learn: Rubrics and Checklists for Final Assessments**
**Monday, April 6th, 11 am-12 pm**
**Facilitators: The CTL Team**

**BoodleBox Workshops: Introduction to BoodleBox**
**Tuesday, April 7th, 9 am-12 pm OR 1-4 pm (same content in each session)**
**Facilitator: Meredith Lancaster, BoodleBox Director of Customer Experience**

# APRIL 2026 (continued)

Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #3
Wednesday, April 8th, 2-3 pm; Topic: Rewiring the Mind: Neuroplasticity, Mindfulness, and Behavior Change
Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler

BoodleBox Workshops: Using BoodleBox for Teaching and Learning
Thursday, April 9th, 9 am-12 pm OR 1-4 pm (same content in each session)
Facilitator: Meredith Lancaster, BoodleBox Director of Customer Experience

Curriculum Vitae (CV) Workshop
Tuesday, April 14th, 1-2 pm (followed by time for questions/discussion)
Guest Speaker: Dr. Daniel Olson-Bang, Syracuse University

# APRIL 2026 (continued)

Supporting All Learners Community of Practice, Spring 2026 Meeting #4
Friday, April 17th, 12-1 pm; Topic: Metacognition and Growth Mindset in Classrooms
Facilitators: Dr. Jeff Chang and Dr. Alberto Manzi, STEM Ready

Personnel, Promotion, and Tenure (PPT) and Multiple-Year Contract (MYC)
Dossier Preparation Workshop; Tuesday, April 21st, 1-2 pm
Facilitators: Dr. Roseanne Vallice Levy, Dr. Narasim Banavara, and
Dr. Jeanine Stancanelli

Lunch and Learn: Grammarly Workshop
Wednesday, April 22nd, 1-2 pm
Facilitator: Anna Leporte, Grammarly for Education Customer Success Manager

# APRIL 2026 (continued)

**Lunch and Learn: Practical Wisdom for Using Project-Based Learning (PBL)**
**Friday, April 24th, 12:15-1:45 pm (in-person only; lunch provided)**
**Guest Speakers: Dr. Kristin K. Wobbe, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and STEM Ready PBL Fellows**

**2025 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #6**
**Wednesday, April 29th, 2-3 pm; Topic: Reflect and Project**
**Facilitators: The CTL Team**

**Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction**
**Thursday, April 30th, 3-4 pm**
**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

# April 2026

All April presentations, recordings, and resources are available in the CTL Faculty Professional Development Resources Blackboard Organization at the following links/folders:

- Sessions on **Applying Design Principles for Developing AI-Integrated Assignments; Neuroplasticity, Mindfulness, and Behavior Change;** and **Metacognition and Growth Mindset in Classrooms** are in the CTL Communities of Practice folder

- All four **BoodleBox Workshops** are in the BoodleBox Sessions at CTL folder

- The Lunch and Learn sessions **Curriculum Vitae (CV) Workshop** and **Grammarly Workshop** and the **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction** session are in the CTL Workshops folder

- The **Personnel, Promotion, and Tenure (PPT) and Multiple-Year Contract (MYC) Dossier Preparation Workshop** is in the Contract Actions/Digication Support folder

- The **2025 NFC meeting #6: Reflect and Project** is in the 2025 New Faculty Cohort (NFC) Sessions and Resources folder

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 **CTL Spring Social, 12-3 pm in the CTL Hub (Main Hall, Suite G5)** | 7 **Finals Week** | 8 | 9 |
| 10 **Finals Week** | 11 | 12 | 13 **Spring 2026 Classes End** | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 **Faculty Recognition Ceremony, 9 am-1 pm** / **Annual Summary Activity Forms Drop-In #1, 2-4 pm** | 19 **Annual Summary Activity Forms Drop-In Clinic #2, 11 am-1 pm** | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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# MAY 2026

**CTL Spring Social**
**Wednesday, May 6th, 12-3 pm in the CTL Hub (Main Hall, Suite G5)**

**Finals Week**
**Thursday, May 7th through Wednesday, May 13th**

**Spring 2026 Classes End**
**Wednesday, May 13th**

# MAY 2026 (continued)

**2026 Mercy University Faculty Recognition Ceremony**
**Monday, May 18th, 9 am-1 pm, The Rotunda**

**Annual Summary Activity Forms Drop-In Clinic, Session 1**
**Monday, May 18th, 2-4 pm**
**Facilitators: Dr. Roseanne Vallice Levy and the CTL Team**

**Annual Summary Activity Forms Drop-In Clinic, Session 2**
**Tuesday, May 19th, 11 am-1 pm**
**Facilitators: Dr. Roseanne Vallice Levy and the CTL Team**

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 **Summer Sessions at CTL 10-11 am** **Summer Sessions at CTL 2-3 pm** | 10 **Summer Sessions at CTL 10-11 am** **Summer Sessions at CTL 2-3 pm** | 11 **Summer Sessions at CTL 10-11 am** **Summer Sessions at CTL 2-3 pm** | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 **Summer Sessions at CTL 10-11 am** **Summer Sessions at CTL 2-3 pm** | 17 **Summer Sessions at CTL 10-11 am** **Summer Sessions at CTL 2-3 pm** | 18 **Summer Sessions at CTL 10-11 am** **Summer Sessions at CTL 2-3 pm** | 19 | 20 |
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# JUNE 2026

## Summer Sessions at CTL: Save the Dates!

- ✴ **Tuesday, June 9th, 10-11 am and 2-3 pm**
- ✴ **Wednesday, June 10th, 10-11 am and 2-3 pm**
- ✴ **Thursday, June 11th, 10-11 am and 2-3 pm**
- ✴ **Tuesday, June 16th, 10-11 am and 2-3 pm**
- ✴ **Wednesday, June 17th, 10-11 am and 2-3 pm**
- ✴ **Thursday, June 18th, 10-11 am and 2-3 pm**

*Session topics, facilitators, dates, and times to be determined, with registration links to follow!*

Dates and events may be subject to change, including the addition of more sessions.

Visit our Blackboard Organization, **CTL Faculty Professional Development Resources**, for updated event information.

# Thank you!

Please reach out to us with any questions, and you are always welcome to visit us in Main Hall, Suite G5!

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