This report provides a snapshot of activities and accomplishments in the Paul C. Reinert, S.J. Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning at Saint Louis University for July-August 2013.

Programming and Services Overview
As usual, July and August found Reinert Center staff gearing up for a new academic year. In July, we welcomed Erin Solomon (Psychology) back for her second year as a Graduate Assistant, and we welcomed new GAs, Elisabeth Hedrick-Moser (English) and Jacob Van Sickle (Theological Studies). In August, we were invited to facilitate several workshops at campus-wide orientation events for new faculty and new teaching assistants. Throughout the summer, Reinert Center staff also were invited to facilitate several college-level retreats on topics like developing online degree programs and fostering deeper student and faculty engagement in the classroom. During this period, we also finalized the revisions to the Certificate Program, offered the Online Teaching and Learning Institute, and participated in Walk to Madrid for the third year in a row.

Reinert Center By the Numbers
1 Week-Long Online Teaching & Learning Institute
5 Teaching Workshops
8 Orientation Sessions
22 Faculty Consultations
1 Open Studio Workshop
9 Blog Posts

Workshops for New Faculty and Teaching Assistants
Reinert Center staff and GAs participate in New Faculty Orientation, New Graduate Student Orientation, and New Graduate Assistant Orientation every fall. These events give us an opportunity to welcome new faculty and graduate students to SLU, to introduce them to the Center’s programs and services, and to hold teaching workshops for those new to teaching. Our GAs facilitated sessions that focused on tips for first-time teachers and on student cognitive development, while staff members led workshops on syllabus development and learning technologies.

Revising the Certificate Program
In August, we also rolled out the new requirements for the Certificate Program, which were the result of a year-long review and revision process. Our primary purpose in these revisions was to update and enhance the Certificate to ensure that it was meeting the diverse and changing needs of SLU graduate students and faculty. New requirements took effect on August 1. A full description of the revisions, including a chart comparing the old and new, can be found on our website.

New Faculty Open House
On Wednesday, August 28, we hosted our annual Open House for new faculty. This event gives us a chance to welcome new SLU faculty and to welcome back those who are already friends of the Center.