

# Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning

*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 **March-April, 2017**.*

## Programming & Services Overview

Nearing the end of the academic year, Reinert Center staff continued their focus on inclusive teaching, hosting related events and developing new web-based resources for faculty. The Certificate Program saw a large number of graduate students and faculty members complete a certificate (approximately 40 total recipients).

## Reinert Center — By the Numbers

- 5 Workshops/Seminars**
- 4 Institutes/Retreats**
- 6 Small Group Instructional Feedback Sessions**
- 9 Posts to The Notebook**
- 28 Teaching Portfolio Reviews (Certificate Program)**
- 14 Teaching Consultations**

## Black Man/White Tower

On March 1, Dr. Bryant Keith Alexander (Professor and Dean, College of Communication and Fine Arts at Loyola Marymount University) gave a performative presentation on being a Black/gay/male/professor/administrator and how issues of race and gender identity have the potential to circumvent and reorient issues of power. This event was part of the Center's year-long focus on Inclusive Teaching.



Dr. Bryant Keith Alexander presenting "Black Man/White Tower".

## Ignatian Pedagogy Institute

Also in March, we held our annual Ignatian Pedagogy Institute. This year's focus was on discernment and intellectual inquiry. This day-long event featured sessions on Ignatian discernment (led by Fr. Chris Collins, S.J.), connecting Ignatian discernment and intellectual inquiry, inquiry-based learning, and discerning one's teaching vocation. This event was the third in a three-year cycle. In 2018, the three-year cycle will begin again with a focus on contemplative pedagogy.

## Learning Studio Symposium

On April 19, the Reinert Center hosted our 6th Annual Learning Studio Symposium, where Innovative Teaching Fellows from the past year shared their perspectives on and experiences with teaching in the Learning Studio. Fellows who presented were:

- **Amber Hinsley**, Ph.D., Communication
- **Cathleen Fleck**, PhD., Art History Program
- **Dyan McGuire**, Ph.D., Criminology & Criminal Justice Program
- **Jeffrey Wickes**, PhD., Theological Studies
- **Amber Knight**, Ph.D., Political Science
- **Chris Carroll**, Ph.D., Civil Engineering
- **Simone Bregni**, Ph.D., Italian, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Videos of each presentation can be found on our [Vimeo Channel](#).

## 2017 Academic Portfolio Retreat

On March 24 & 25, the Reinert Center co-hosted the 20th annual Academic Portfolio Retreat. Dr. Marilyn Miller, the long-time invited presenter, led 11 full-time faculty through writing an initial draft of their academic portfolios for tenure and/or promotion. In conjunction with the retreat, the Reinert Center celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Academic Portfolio Retreat with a reception on the evening of March 24.