

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 **July-August, 2017**.

By the Numbers

In the last two months, the Center staff has done:

- 9 Invited Conversation/Workshops**
- 3 Orientations to the Reinert Center**
- 15 Faculty Consultations**
- 9 Blog Posts**

New Faculty and Graduate Assistant Orientations

The Center was again invited to facilitate interactive workshops for both New Faculty Orientation and New Graduate Assistant Orientation. New SLU faculty engaged with *Developing Effective Syllabi*, while new graduate assistants were introduced to *Tools for First-Time Teachers* and *Teaching a Diverse Student Population*.

Introducing Our 2017-2018 Theme: Transformative Learning

This year, the Reinert Center will offer programming and resources highlighting different aspects of transformative learning. All learning involves change. Transformative learning occurs when learners themselves are changed by their learning experiences. In the classroom, this means students learn to master the content and skills needed for success in a discipline, and they also experience this learning as a shift in perspectives, in frames of reference - about themselves, their beliefs, and their actions. During the year, we will explore possible answers to four key questions:

1. What is transformative learning?
2. What conditions create the potential for transformative learning?
3. What instructional methods and course designs promote transformative learning?
4. What kinds of technologies can support transformative learning?

To see what programs and resources we're currently offering, visit our website: <http://slu.edu/ctl>

Celebrating 20 Years of the Reinert Center

2017 marks the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the Reinert Center. To celebrate this milestone, the Center hosted a party on Wednesday, August 30. In addition to the broad SLU community, we also invited many of those people who played a major role in the Center's history and development, such as professor emeritus, James H. Korn.

The formal remarks began with a brief introduction by current director Debie Lohe, followed by Provost Nancy Brickhouse, former director Mary Stephen, and finally Sue Tebb, professor in Social Work and current Reinert Center Advisory Board member.



20th Anniversary Party. (left to right) Former director Mary Stephen, Professor Marla Berg-Weger (Social Work), Provost Nancy Brickhouse, Debie Lohe, Sandy Gambill, and Professor Sue Tebb (Social Work)