

Teaching

Academic

Survival

Skills

ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES EVERYWHERE, there are students who are not well enough prepared academically to take full advantage of the available educational opportunities. How do we reach and help our largest educational minority – the under-prepared college student?

Teaching Academic Survival Skills (TASS) conference participants explore various techniques and teaching philosophies used by educational specialists throughout the country. The keynote and concurrent sessions cover a diversity of topics including reading, writing, math, technology, freshman orientation experiences, student support services, and programs for special needs (ESL, LD).

The TASS Conference is designed so that each participant can come away with practical ideas that can be implemented or shared with other colleagues at their institutions. PALM BEACH

UNIVERSITY

ATLANTIC

We are pleased to announce that Palm Beach Atlantic University is the conference host for TASS 2009. PBAU is located in West Palm Beach, Florida, nestled among the palm trees swaying among the ocean breeze. The Palm Beach Atlantic University conference center will afford us the perfect environment for organized learning.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is for all faculty, administrators, academic advisors, and counselors from two and four-year institutions, educators who care about and want to help the under-prepared college student achieve success in college. Professionals involved with college-bound high school students will also benefit from attending the conference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO

REGISTER

Visit the TASS home page at or contact one of the

ONLINE

http://www.tassconference.org Conference Coordinators below:

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# SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

5:00 - 7:00 pm ................Registration & Reception – Hilton Palm Beach Airport 5:30 - 6:00 pm ......Welcome Address

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

7:45 am - 3:00 pm ......Registration at PBAU 7:45 - 8:40 am ......Opening Session - Breakfast 8:50 am - 11:50 pm .....Concurrent Sessions 12:00 - 1:20 pm ......Lunch & Keynote Speaker -Dr. Robert Feldman 1:30 - 3:20 pm ......Concurrent Sessions

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

1:30 - 3:20 pm ......Concurrent Sessions

7:45 am - 2:00 pm ......Registration at PBAU 7:45 - 8:40 am ......Opening Session - Breakfast 8:50 - 9:40 am ......General Session & Keynote Speaker – Professor Steve Piscitelli 9:50 - 11:50 am ......Concurrent Sessions 12:00 - 1:20 pm ......Lunch & Keynote Speaker – Dr. Lane Glenn

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

7:45 - 10:30 am ..... Registration at PBAU 7:45 - 8:40 am ......Breakfast 8:50 - 11:40 am .........Concurrent Sessions 11:40 am ..... ...Conference ends

#### CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS

The concurrent session topics will be posted on the TASS website (www.tassconference.org) when the scheduling is completed. All sessions are limited to 50 minutes and offer you a variety of presentations during the three-day conference.

# Dr. Robert

12:30-1:20 PM • MONDAY, MARCH 9

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ROBERT S. FELDMAN is Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Feldman, a winner of the College Distinguished Teacher award, has also taught courses at Mount Holyoke College, Wesleyan University, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Feldman is Director of Power Up for Success, the first-year experience course at the University of Massachusetts. He also teaches introductory psychology to classes ranging in size from 20 to nearly 500 students. He has served as a Hewlett Teaching Fellow and Senior Online Teaching Fellow, and he frequently gives talks on the use of technology in teaching. He initiated the Research and Mentoring Program for minority students at the University of Massachusetts.

Feldman is on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences, and is also on the Board of the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science, Feldman received a B.A. with High Honors from Wesleyan University and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is a winner of a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar and Lecturer award, and he has written more than 100 books, book chapters, and scientific articles.

Feldman's books include P.O.W.E.R. Learning: Strategies for Success in College and Life, Understanding Psychology, and Development Across the Life Span. His books have been translated into many languages, including Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch, Chinese, and Japanese. His research interests include honesty and deception and the use of nonverbal behavior in impression management, and his research has been supported by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Disabilities and Rehabilitation Research. O

# Professor Piscitelli

8:50-9:40 AM • TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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Our keynote speaker brings energy, humor, interaction, music, and practicality to his classroom as well as each session he facilitates.

An award-winning teacher and seasoned workshop facilitator, Professor STEVE PISCITELLI has written five student success books. Rhythms of College Success: A Journey of Discovery, Change, and Mastery (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2008) embraces the power of personal choice and addresses the often-competing needs of college students. The book demonstrates how respect, responsibility, reflection, and renewal fuel student success.

Piscitelli's latest book Study Skills: Do I Really Need This Stuff. 2nd edition, (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009) examines how critical thinking skills are the basis for academic success and personal choice. Piscitelli also wrote, produced, recorded, and released his first

music CD, Same Tune, Different Song. Some of those songs you will hear during the keynote session as he sings about the challenges and joys of both the workplace and the classroom. Piscitelli currently serves as professor of history, education, and student success at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. He lives in Atlantic Beach, Florida with his bride, Laurie, and his canine companion, Buddy. O

# Dr. Lane

12:30-1:20 PM • TUESDAY, MARCH 10

LANE A. GLENN is Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He has also served as Dean of Academic and Student Services at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, Michigan, and on the faculty at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan. He has a diverse background in education and the performing arts that includes nearly twenty years of teaching and administration, alongside work as an actor and director for the stage, television, and films.

Academy for Leadership Training and Development and a certified Appreciative Inquiry Trainer for Company of Experts.net. As a researcher, author, and consultant for higher education professionals, businesses, and the social sectors, he has produced articles and workshops on topics ranging from behavioral styles and team building, to conflict management, strategic planning, change management, leadership through storytelling, academic master planning, student development at commuter colleges, and learning styles in the classroom and in the workplace.

Glenn is a Facilitator for the International Chair

A born optimist and former president of his local chapter of Optimists International, Glenn seeks solutions to student success and organizational development challenges through a "strengths-based and evidence-guided" approach to visioning, planning, and communications. Glenn earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State University, a Master of Arts from Oklahoma State University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Northeastern State University. Glenn is proud to say he got his start at a community college: Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL ON-LINE:

PROPOSALS CAN ONLY BE

www.tassconference.org/proposals.php

SUBMITTED ON-LINE AT:

- 1. Title of Session
- 2. Primary Presenter/Contact
- 3. Co-presenters: include name, title, institution address, mailing address, day phone, email address, and fax number of all presenters/co-presenters.
- 4. Summary: 25-30 words suitable for publication in the conference program.
- 5. Abstract: include a 150-200 word abstract to be evaluated by the Proposal Review Committee. Include major points, conclusions and applicability to other institutions.
- 6. Session Category:
- Administration
- Best-Practices/Core Competency • Humanities & Social Sciences
- Mathematics & Science
- ESL
- Writing
- Reading
- Technology/Distance
- O Study Skills
- Student Services
- Other

Abstracts focusing on college students, classroom experiences, teaching strategies, study skills, student services, administrative services, and the use of technology in teaching and learning are invited.

Abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of clarity, relevance to the conference, timeliness, and interest to those engaged in helping under-prepared students. Priority will be assigned to presentations which discuss ideas and/or methods, or indicate a high level of knowledge and unique treatment of a topic.

This conference is NOT an appropriate forum for reading papers. Please use adult learning techniques and plan on audience interaction in your program. Explain your plan of facilitating the discussion. All presentations are limited to 50 minutes, including at least 20 minutes of discussion at the end of the session.

**NEW:** Most of our communication now is via e-mail, so if you want to receive updates and additional information on TASS, subscribe to the TASS mailing list on the TASS home page:

www.tassconference.org

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS **IANUARY 5, 2009** 

# PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Registration cannot be confirmed without your payment. To confirm your registration and submit your payment, complete both sides of this form and mail or fax to:

David Kelley, TASS Conference Coordinator Northern Essex Community College 100 Elliott Street, Haverhill, MA 01830 Fax to: 978-556-3738 (credit card payment only)

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#### PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE CONFERENCE:

□ \$335 (by 2/1/09) □ \$365 (after 2/1/09)

3 Breakfasts (M,T,W) and 2 lunches (M,T) as well as the Sunday night reception are included in the above registration fee.

#### PLEASE REGISTER MY GUEST(S) FOR:

Breakfast & lunch on the day(s) checked off below -

day (\$35)	☐ Tuesday (\$35)	☐ Wednesday (\$1
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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

What type of accommodations do you require?

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Registration cannot be confirmed without payment. If you need an invoice, please contact David Kelley (mail to: dkelley@necc.mass.edu; 978-556-3401)

PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Note: after Feb. 1, 2009, late fees apply)

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Note: You must provide a signed Letter of Authorization on company letterhead before we can bill your employer. The letter should include your name, social security number, dollar amount, and an authorized signature. Your college may need the TASS Tax ID#, which is: 046-002-284

# **GROUND TRANSPORTATION FROM WEST** PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Hilton Palm Beach Airport runs a regular complimentary shuttle from the airport to the hotel. When you make your hotel reservations, you can inquire about this free service. You can also call the Hilton from the kiosk at the airport.

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Space has been reserved at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel at a special conference rate for conference participants. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by February 6, 2009. Make your reservations early, as there is a limited number of reserved rooms at this rate. We cannot guarantee the conference rate after this date. Please mention TASS to qualify for the conference rate.

> Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel TASS rate \$178.00 (USA) per night plus 10% tax \* \*(single or double room) \*(This rate is also available 3 days before and after the conference based upon availability)

The Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel will provide transportation to the West Palm Beach downtown entertainment district. To book your accommodations online at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, go to the TASS web site at http://tassconference.org/travel/accommodations.php and click on the Hilton link or call the hotel at 561-684-9400 or 1-800-443-3545.

#### TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTEL TO CAMPUS

There will be a free shuttle service from the Hilton Palm Beach Airport to and from conference events each day. Shuttle times will be available at the front desk and at the reception Sunday night.

#### **CONFERENCE FEE**

Early registration is encouraged. The conference fee includes all conference materials, reception, breakfast (M, T, W), lunch (M, T), and breaks. The early registration fee of \$335 (USA) will be offered to those participants who register and pay by February 1, 2009. The conference fee after February 1, 2009 is \$365 (USA). All presenters must register for the conference. Due to budgetary constraints, it is not possible to offer honorarium or waiver of the registration fee to presenters.

## **CANCELLATIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions will be accepted at any time. Cancellations prior to February 1, 2009 will result in a refund less a \$30 (USA) processing fee. No refunds will be made for cancellations after February 1, 2009.

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CONTENDED Call for Proposals & Conference Registration Sunday - Wednesday March 8 - 11, 2009 Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Florida This conference is sponsored by Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA and hosted by Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, FI