

**Teaching and Learning Center's
Faculty Book Group
(Additional sessions are now available)**

You are cordially invited to the TLC's first Faculty Book Group. We have selected Ken Bain's, *What the Best College Teachers Do* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004). Ken has touched the lives of many teachers with his simple point that we teach who we are. Instructional development is at its most profound level really personal development. Treat yourself by spending some time with this extraordinary and distinguished voice from the teaching life.

Ken is the winner of the Virginia and Warren Stone Prize, Awarded Annually by Harvard University Press for an Outstanding Book on Education and Society. He is currently the Vice Provost for Instruction, Professor of History, and Director of the Research Academy for University Learning at Montclair State University.

In *What the Best College Teachers Do*, Ken asks: What makes a great teacher great? Who are the professors students remember long after graduation? This book, the conclusion of a fifteen-year study of nearly one hundred college teachers in a wide variety of fields and universities, offers valuable answers for all educators.

The short answer is—it's not what teachers do, it's what they understand. Lesson plans and lecture notes matter less than the special way teachers comprehend the subject and value human learning. Whether historians or physicists, in El Paso or St. Paul, the best teachers know their subjects inside and out—but they also know how to engage and challenge students and to provoke impassioned responses. Most of all, they believe two things fervently: that teaching matters and that students can learn.

In stories both humorous and touching, Ken describes examples of ingenuity and compassion, of students' discoveries of new ideas and the depth of their own potential. *What the Best College Teachers Do* is a treasure trove of insight and inspiration for first-year teachers and seasoned educators.

Please join us! All you need to do is to reserve a free copy of Ken's book while supplies last and RSVP to attend one of four sessions to discuss it. It's just that simple. Please email your request for the book and indicate which session date you will attend by **Monday, February 15**, to tlc@wfu.edu. You will receive your copy of Ken's book via campus mail. Please feel free to contact the TLC if you have any questions at x4587. Each session will be limited to 15 participants; please consider including a second date choice in case your first choice is no longer available.

Meetings will take place:

- Tuesday 2 March at 11:00-12:00 (The Teaching and Learning Center)
- Wednesday 3 March at 12:00-1:00 (The Teaching and Learning Center)
- Thursday 4 March at 3:00-4:00 (The Teaching and Learning Center)
- Monday 15 March at 3:00-4:00 (The Teaching and Learning Center)
- Tuesday 16 March at 11:00-12:00 (The Teaching and Learning Center)
- Wednesday 17 March at 12:00-1:00 (The Teaching and Learning Center)
- Thursday 18 March at 1:30-2:30 (The Teaching and Learning Center)

Sincerely,
Jeffrey D. Lerner, Director