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FACULTY BEHIND THE SCENES

The latest in Titan Success, making Tommy proud.

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Newsletter construction by Shea Atkins '23
Hispanic Studies



DATES TO REMEMBER



Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 28 4pm: IGS Grant Deadline (Extended)

Dec. 1: Annual Review Materials due to the Provost's Office

Dec. 5 at 4pm: Faculty Meeting in CNS C101

Dec. 9: Last Day of Classes

Dr. Irons is Capturing his Article

Academic Chair and Associate Professor of Finance, Dr. Robert Irons, has been named an editor for the US Chess Federation. He states, "I am the new Correspondence Chess Editor for the US Chess Federation, and I analyze chess games and write a monthly column online about correspondence chess, titled "The Check is in the Mail" (2022). His October article mentioned the crowning of King Charles (UK). Dr. Irons wrote, "To honor the crowning of King Charles, this month's selected games show the results of playing fast and loose with the king. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but it usually leads to exciting chess!" (2022).

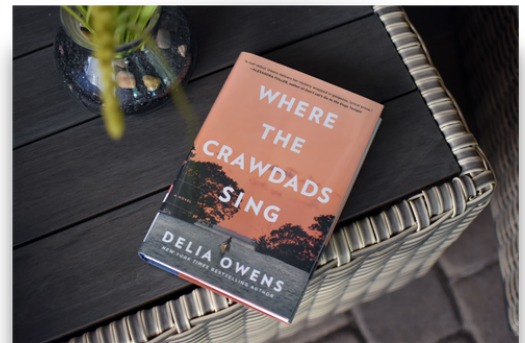


You can read his article here:

Check Is In The Mail: October 2022

Dr. Kooken Fighting Isolation

Associate Professor of Nursing, Dr. Wendy Kooken has found a route to engaging with the community. She writes, "This semester, my clinical group for psych mental health nursing went to Westminster Village over the course of 4 weeks and led discussions of the summer reading book, *Where the Crawdads Sing*. We shared the intellectual theme "The Power of Place" with the residents. The residents who attended were IWU alumni. The students loved getting experiences with leading process groups and working with older adults. We feel this project contributes to the community and helps, not only us, but the residents, especially in light of the social isolation that occurred during the pandemic. This is an excellent example of civic engagement and ways both students and the community can benefit from working together" (2022).



The Pedagogy Hotspot

Clicks and Clunks

Activity by: Dr. Pennie Gray

Associate Professor of Education Dr. Pennie Gray was asked to share an activity that she is proud of or found extremely helpful. She writes, "After students have learned about a particular concept or completed a selected reading, I do a quick check-in with them called Clicks and Clunks. I give each student a few sticky notes, usually in two different colors, like green and red. First, on the green sticky notes, I ask students to write down concepts, quotes, or ideas from the content that "click" with them--in other words, concepts that make perfect sense to them and about which they feel confident. I do not ask students to include their names because I want this to be an anonymous check in. Then, students place those green "clicks" on the white board at the front of the room. As they do, I group the sticky notes together by concepts and then summarize the areas in which we, as a class, feel pretty confident. Then, on the red sticky notes, students write down the concepts that "clunk" for them--those concepts they don't understand just yet or need me to re-teach. Once again, I group those concepts together so that I have a good idea of what I need to re-teach either during that class period or during the following one. I see a few benefits to this approach. First, it's a pretty quick, easy check in to make sure that students are understanding the content. Second, it gives me an opportunity to address confusions and gaps in content knowledge. Finally, it shows students that they are not alone in their confusion about concepts in class. I find that students appreciate my willingness to re-teach material and be responsive to their learning needs. (If I want to get fancy, I sometimes include another category for "I kind of get it but need more practice" which I call the "clacks" category".

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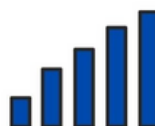
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