

Dear Colleague,

As MERLOT Project Director for the CSU system, I want to personally invite you to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> annual MERLOT International Conference, August 13-16 in San Jose. Rarely do we have the opportunity to attend an international conference focused on pedagogy, teaching and learning innovations, effective application of academic technology within our own beautiful state.

As my friend and colleague Dr. Cris Guenter, Professor of Education at CSU-Chico reminded me recently,

*“The MERLOT International Conference provides a chance for me to share and exchange recent technology trends, teaching issues, and simmering ideas with friends and colleagues from around the world. The inclusive atmosphere, the range of perspectives and the variety of approaches to how MERLOT is used by instructors helps me keep my face-to-face, blended, and online courses current and engaging.”*

Perhaps we’ve had the chance to meet on your campus recently. I’ve been facilitating workshops in partnership with Faculty Development Centers across the system this year and have enjoyed the enthusiasm that has greeted me consistently about how MERLOT adds value to your efforts.

I know budgets are tight for us all and yet as people committed to teaching and



learning we still must find effective ways to innovate, collaborate and develop new skills and insights to meet our students effectively. Please take advantage now of the early bird, partner registration discounts available to you as a valued member of the MERLOT community.

Register at

<http://conference.merlot.org/2009/registration.html>

As always, on behalf of the MERLOT, thank you for your dedication to teaching excellence. Your efforts are appreciated. I’m looking forward to seeing you in San Jose this summer for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual MERLOT International Conference.

With appreciation,

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