

# What the Best College Teachers Do

Summer Institute June 21-23, 2006



International Summer Institute: New York City Area.  
A Three-day institute based on

Ken Bain's award-winning and best selling book *What the Best College Teachers Do*\* (Harvard University Press, 2004), and featuring some of the subjects of the 15-year study of excellence in college education. Institute combines resources of Northwestern University, New York University, Rhode Island School of Design, and Montclair State University.



## Overview

What do the best teachers do to captivate and motivate students, to help them reach unusually high levels of accomplishment?

Participants in this highly interactive workshop will explore and use findings from a fifteen-year inquiry into practices and insights of highly successful teachers, those people with phenomenal success in helping their students achieve remarkable learning results. The program will emphasize both improving one's teaching and developing ways to share insights with colleagues back



home. Enrollment is limited. The workshop will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, and end in the early afternoon on Friday, June 23, and will take place at scenic Montclair State University located 12 miles west of New York City.

## Faculty

**Ken Bain** vice provost, director of the Teaching and Learning Resource Center, and professor of history at Montclair State University. Founding director of teaching centers at Vanderbilt, Northwestern, and NYU. Winner of four major teaching awards as a professor of history. Author of *What the Best College Teachers Do*. Historical Research and writing has centered on the development of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. Teaches courses on U.S. political history.



**Charlie Cannon** one of the subjects of the Best Teachers study, adjunct professor in three design departments at Rhode Island School of Design and in the Columbia University urban design program. His design studios use interdisciplinary collaboration to solve large-scale environmental and infrastructure problems. His innovative approach to creating natural critical learning environments for his students has won wide recognition and praise.

**Mary Ann Hopkins**, assistant professor of surgery at New York University medical school and key participant in the ALEX project, an innovative and cutting-edge use of technology to create a natural critical learning environment that promises to revolutionize both medical and undergraduate science education. Dr. Hopkins is one

of leading members of *Medicins Sans Frontieres*, winner of the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize, and has performed voluntary surgery all over the world, often in war-torn conditions.

**Wendy C. Newstetter** director of learning sciences research in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech. Conducts research on learning and cognition in interdisciplinary research laboratories and designs powerful natural critical learning environments in problem-based learning (PBL) classrooms at Georgia Tech. Will conduct workshop on using PBL to support the development of integrative knowledge building and reasoning strategies.

**Ann Woodworth** associate professor of theatre and Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University. One of the subjects of the Best Teachers study. Award-winning teacher, widely acclaimed as one of the leading acting teachers and directors and for her insights into the art and craft of teaching. She will conduct a master class on improving classroom communication.

Other study subjects via video, including **Jeanette Norden**, professor of cell biology at Vanderbilt, winner of the Robert Glazer Award.

Co-sponsored by The Teaching and Learning Resource Center at Montclair State University and Best Teachers, LLC.

## Location of Institute

Montclair State University's 200-acre campus commands a beautiful tree-lined hilltop of sprawling green lawns, both modern and traditional academic buildings, flower gardens, and a natural stone amphitheater in suburban Montclair. It has magnificent views of the

Manhattan skyline, 12 miles to the east. A lively local restaurant and theater scene complements the New York theaters, concerts, shopping, restaurants, and museums, which are easily accessible from the train station located on campus.



Train Station at the Village at Little Falls on the Montclair State University campus. Frequent trains to Midtown Manhattan

Application form on reverse side or downloadable at [www.nyu.edu/cte/summer06.pdf](http://www.nyu.edu/cte/summer06.pdf) Enrollment is limited..

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**Application: International Summer Institute. June 21-23, 2006. What the Best College Teachers Do.**

**Fees**

The 2006 registration fee includes tuition, course materials, breaks, some meals, and a copy of Ken Bain's *What the Best College Teachers Do*.

\$649 (applications received by April 15, 2006) **Early Bird Special**

\$695 (applications received by May 7, 2006)

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Hotel: *The Wilshire Grand Hotel* (\$119 single/double per night plus tax). [www.thewilshiregrandhotel.com](http://www.thewilshiregrandhotel.com) 1-973-731-7007. Must mention "Best Teachers Program" and make your reservations by May 15, 2006 to receive rate.

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Full tuition payment must accompany application. Notification of acceptance will be mailed no later than early May 2006. Cancellations made prior to May 7 are subject to a ten percent fee; cancellations made thereafter are subject to the total charge. Make check payable to "Best Teachers LLC" **Mail to: Best Teachers, 71 South Orange Avenue #297, South Orange, NJ 07079** Tele: (973) 847-9049 [www.nyu.edu/cte/summer06.pdf](http://www.nyu.edu/cte/summer06.pdf) [marshabain@optonline.net](mailto:marshabain@optonline.net)

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