Spring 2011 Luncheon Series on Active Learning

All UMBC Faculty, instructors and graduate students are invited to attend

"Teaching with Clickers for Deep Learning" Wednesday, February 9, 2011

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. - University Center 310



Dr. Derek Bruff, noted author of *Teaching* with Classroom Response Systems: Creating Active Learning Environments, will lead this session.

Classroom response systems ("clickers") are technologies that enable teachers to rapidly collect and analyze student responses to multiple-choice questions during class. Although clickers can be used to ask students the kinds of multiple-choice questions you might put on a test, other kinds of questions can often promote deeper learning.

In this talk, we'll explore ways to craft clicker questions that help students to engage more meaningfully with course content, including questions designed to address student misconceptions, surface student opinions and experiences, and foster critical thinking skills. We'll also discuss strategies for leading class discussions using clicker questions that frame and motivate those discussions.

> Lunch will be provided. RSVP by February 2^{nd} to <u>fdc@umbc.edu</u>.

UMBC's Faculty Development Center, College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, and Office of Instructional Technology are sponsoring this three-part series of luncheon workshops and panel discussions on Active Learning. For updates visit: http://www.umbc.edu/fdc/.

#2 – Wednesday, March 2, 2011 The Power of Using Small Group Activities to Promote Student Learning

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. A panel of UMBC faculty will share the variety of ways that they have used students working in small groups either in or out of class as a way to help students develop deeper understanding.

Lunch will be provided – Location TBA RSVP by February 23rd to <u>fdc@umbc.edu</u>

#3 – Wednesday, April 13, 2011 'Group Work That Really Works' -Team-Based Learning

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Come explore this classroom approach that exploits the elements of effective group work in a coherent strategy that promotes students' self-directed learning.

Lunch will be provided – Location TBA RSVP by April 6th to <u>fdc@umbc.edu</u>.