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Dear Colleagues:

Every year The Johnson Center for Creative Teaching organizes a number of pedagogical workshops and “In the Classroom” discussions. In the past the Advisory Board has chosen the topics, but this year we would like to try something new. We wish to ask you directly what your needs are and respond to them as best we can. Perhaps your department or program has undergone an outside review recently and the resulting recommendations call for significant changes in your curriculum or the manner in which it is taught. Perhaps you are integrating new scholarship into your curriculum as the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program has recently done with the addition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies as well as Queer Theory. Or perhaps you are in the process of rethinking your introductory and intermediate courses as the language departments currently are.

In short, we want to underscore this campus resource, out of mind as it frequently is without a physical space. On the one hand, it hopes to serve the community with useful workshops and discussions. With this in mind, it would help the Advisory Board immensely if you were to send any **programming suggestions you may have by September 30 to [eviti@gettysburg.edu](mailto:eviti@gettysburg.edu)**.

On the other hand, the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching is not simply a source for individual funding. **Groups may apply for funding, whether to bring in a speaker or to conduct a workshop, for example. At a time when most budgets are contracting, the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching has money available to support your curricular needs.** Discuss this with your colleagues, and if there is a way in which we can support and enhance your teaching, please fill out the request form on our website and submit it by February 12.

Cordially,  
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and Professor of French