



WEST COAST CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

Sixth Annual Conference: Lost in Translation

Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, CA
Friday, November 3, 2017

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Academic support faculty and staff nationwide (as well as “ASP ally” faculty and staff) are welcome and encouraged to submit proposals for presentations addressing this year’s conference theme of “Lost in Translation.”

In an increasingly connected society, law students have access to an immense amount of information. They can find and gather information, but they lack the ability to synthesize and evaluate its quality. Further, literacy has become “nonlinear” as students are no longer limited to reading one single printed source at a time. Rather, hyperlinks, embedded content, and multiple sources operating at one time have students multi-tasking and jumping from one source to another. Not surprisingly, the skills required for the study of law – the ability to concentrate deeply and trace a single idea through a line of cases, and extract, synthesize and apply legal rules to varying factual contexts – have become increasingly foreign to our students and pose unique challenges to law school educators.

However, law school academic support and bar exam professionals have confronted these obstacles by helping students “translate” information into understanding. In this vein, WCCASP invites proposals on presentations that spur students to engage in that “lost” art of translation so vital to their academic and professional success.

Presentation topics may include:

- Strategies on helping students read for understanding, improve their concentration ability, and synthesize information;
 - Incorporating experiential exercises into classes and programs that target synthesis and understanding;
 - Creative ways of using online platforms and tools to target synthesis and understanding;
- and

- Other innovative ideas that help students prepare effectively in law school and for the bar exam!

Please send your proposal to **rboujaoude@ggu.edu** and include:

- Presenter Contact Information: name, title, school, email, phone
- Presentation Description (up to 400 words) and summary blurb (up to 150 words)
- Presentation Time: Most presentations will be scheduled in 45-minute blocks, but we will do our best to accommodate reasonable requests for different time spans.
- Requested Equipment: Internet connection, projection for PowerPoint, etc.

Please submit your proposal by no later than **Friday, September 29th**.

We look forward to your proposal and learning from you this November!