

LPC Teaching Institute Dinner Gathering

5:30-8:30 / Wed. March 4, 2026

Swirl, Livermore

The Teachers' Bookshelf

Organized by Frances Hui, Lyndale Garner, Howard Blumenfeld, and Elizabeth Wing Brooks
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AGENDA

5:30 - 5:45 Arrivals / Sign-In

- Order Drinks (No-Host Bar)

5:45 - 6:35 Opening Activity and Dinner

- Introductions
- Icebreaker
- Dinner and Socializing

6:35 - 7:20 The Teachers' Bookshelf

The idea behind "The Teachers' Bookshelf" is to provide space and time for LPC teachers to share and discuss books that have impacted us as teachers. The focus topics for tonight's meeting are: how we learn, the neuroscience of learning and teaching, habits of mind, and identity and performance, in particular male students of color.

1. Jenny Siders: *Teach Students How to Learn* and *Teach Yourself How to Learn* both by Sandra McGuire
2. Lyndale Garner: *Atomic Habits* by James Clear
3. Meghan Swanson: *Teaching Men of Color* by Frank Harris III, J. Luke Wood, and Khalid Akil White + *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk

7:20 - 7:30 Break and Group Photo

7:30 - 8:05 Workshop - presenters and TI facilitators lead discussions at different tables

8:05 - 8:15 Tables share-out thoughts/reflections

8:15 - 8:30 Closing Remarks and Surveys

LPC Teaching Institute

Since Spring 2017, the LPC Teaching Institute (TI), has been led by a team of LPC faculty members who organize and invite full and part-time faculty members to gather once a semester at an off-campus site, share a meal, and discuss best practices. The TI encourages a spirit of innovation, support, and community amongst LPC teachers, giving participants an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary discussions on effective teaching methods and strategies that will support the needs of all students across the curriculum. To learn more and see topics / resources from past meetings:

<https://www.laspositascollege.edu/gv/pdc/ti.php>