

# Special Seminar Announcement

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## *Rewards and Challenges of Teaching Guided-Inquiry Labs with Graduate Student Teaching Assistants*

Date: **Monday, July 11, 2011**

Time: **4:30 p.m.**

Place: **231 Smith Hall**

**Abstract:** Teaching an organic chemistry laboratory course is challenging at a large state university mainly due to the volume of undergraduate students and graduate teaching assistants involved. Can a guided-inquiry approach be used effectively in this setting? This presentation will discuss how our organic teaching laboratory was transitioned from a traditional cookbook-style lab to a guided-inquiry model, ways we have found to help graduate teaching assistants with using guided-inquiry methods, and feedback from both the undergraduate students and graduate teaching assistants about their experiences in our laboratories.

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