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ROCK HILL, S.C. – Winthrop University’s first Conference on Teaching and Learning on Feb. 21 will give faculty members an opportunity to stay updated on the latest higher education trends and to share their knowledge on classroom best practices.

The four-hour workshop in the DiGiorgio Campus Center and West Center will involve 30 presenters in 15 sessions. Session topics range from working with international students in the classroom to building critical thinking skills across the curriculum to new uses of technology to improve student learning.

The conference will close with remarks by Gloria Jones, the dean of University College and an associate professor of English. In her more than 30 years at Winthrop – during which she has received the Faculty Student Life Award, the Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Margaret Bryant Endowed Professorship in English – Jones has served as the director of the Writing Center, the director of writing, and the chair of the Department of English before becoming dean of University College in 2008.

Jones said while this first conference is limited to Winthrop presenters, future conferences may include faculty from other local colleges and universities.

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