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Announcing Teacher Leader Seminar *“The Context of Change”*

September 30, 2009 - Saint Xavier University and the international Renewal institute, Inc. are announcing an exciting opportunity available to alumni of the Master of Arts in Teacher and Leadership Degree Program. Those alumni who graduated prior to 2007 can qualify for the new Illinois State Teacher Leader Endorsement upon completion of a special designed course over two-days November 7 and 21, 2009.

Available in five different locations across Illinois, participants will learn the latest instructional and leadership strategies for the 21st century and qualify for the endorsement. By special arrangement SXU and iRi are please to bring live via web conferences renowned educators Ed Betof, author of *Teachers as Leaders* and Jay McTighe, author of *Understanding By Design*.

On November 7, Ed Betof will speak on how teachers can serve as leaders in their schools. Betof, who heads up the University of Pennsylvania-Wharton School of Business field-based doctoral cohort program, is a noted expert on the teacher-leader role. *“Teacher leaders are master teachers, many of them the teachers we claim were our ‘best’ when we were in school. In addition to impacting 20-30 students a year, they lend their help to the principal in raising the performance level of the other teachers in the school.”* comments Betof.

On November 27, Jay McTighe will speak on how teacher leaders can enrich their peers’ planning of lessons, projects, and other activities in the classroom by taking a ‘backwards’ approach that focuses on what the students will know and be able to do at the end of a unit. *“It is just makes sense to take advantage of special skills by using the best practices and sharing the wealth with all educators”* notes Mc Tighe.

Each web conference will begin with a three – way interview between the renowned educator/author, site location, and iRi’s CEO and prominent educational author, James Bellanca. Presentations will revolve around specific planning, applications, implementation and questions and answers for participants. Bellanca, states *“We are extremely excited to have two of the ‘best’ in the Teaching and Leading field. These are two days that SXU alumni do not want to miss.”*

To view the entire program and for registration information **[click here.](http://www.sxu.edu/Academic/Education/tl_seminar.asp#registration)** http://www.sxu.edu/Academic/Education/tl_seminar.asp#registration Please complete one form per participant. Return the form(s) with the registration fee(s), payable by check only to Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60655. The registration fee covers the two-day course, including breakfast and lunch both days, and one hour of graduate credit. Space is limited and participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have questions regarding the registration, please contact Shirley Smiley at (708) 802-6215 or smiley@sxu.edu. If you have questions about the Teacher Leader Endorsement, contact Larry Sondler at (773) 298-3970 or sondler@sxu.edu.

These events are being held in collaboration with Saint Xavier University School of Education, the international Renewal institute, the Illinois Consortium for 21st Century Skills, the Quad-Cities Graduate Study Center, the Two Rivers Professional Development Center, the University Center of Lake County and the West 40 Collaborative Learning Center.

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