

Wright State University's Interactive Workshop

Featuring Dr. Eric Mazur

Event Details

When: November 30th, 2012
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Dessert Reception 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Wright State University
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy
112 Oelman Hall
Dayton, OH 45435

Sponsors: Wright State University
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Cost: Complimentary Registration
Availability is limited. RSVP early to reserve seating.



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Keynote Speaker - Dr. Eric Mazur

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Memorization or Understanding: Are We Teaching the Right Thing?

Education is more than just transfer of information, yet that is what is mostly done in large introductory courses. Instructors present material (even though this material might be readily available in printed form) and for students the main purpose of lectures is to take down as many notes as they can. Few students have the ability, motivation and discipline to synthesize all the information delivered to them. Yet synthesis is perhaps the most important - and most elusive - aspect of education. Dr. Mazur will show how shifting the focus in lectures from delivering information to synthesizing information greatly improves the learning that takes place in the classroom.



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