

The logo features the letters 'MK' in a large, bold, black serif font. The 'M' and 'K' are connected at the base by a stylized 'C' shape. This central text is set against a circular background of light gray, swirling patterns. The entire logo is contained within a white square with a black border.

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Teaching Circles

# What Are Teaching Circles?

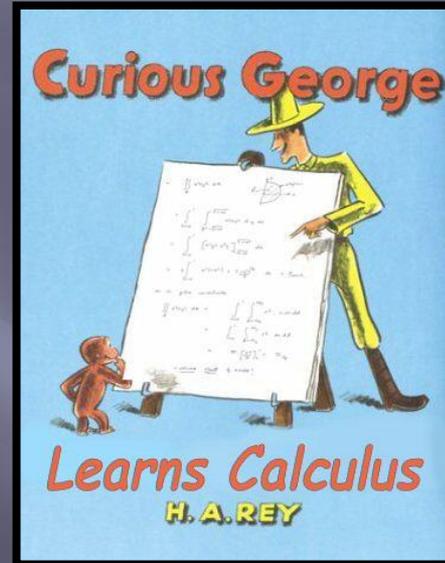
McKendree University's Teaching Circles provide a non-threatening forum for faculty to enhance their teaching skills and build camaraderie. Faculty participants observe each other in the classroom and then meet to discuss what constitutes effective teaching. The program focuses on different teaching styles and other aspects of teaching, while eliminating evaluations and judgments.



Teaching Circles participants include faculty from Education, Speech, Sociology, Computer Science, Business, and many other disciplines!

# How Does the Program Work?

- You send me your schedule.
- I put you with three other people (so we'll have groups of four people each).
- Your small group will meet at the beginning of the semester and figure out which one of each other's classes you can visit.
- So, for example, if Alan and I are in the same group, he could come to my MWF 10:00 American Politics class one time this semester. And I would visit his MWF 1:00 Calculus II class one time.
- At the end of the semester, your small group (of four) meets again (my group met at Thip's last year), and you discuss what you all observed that worked really well.
- So I, for example, would say Alan did a great job of drawing students out and engaging them by doing  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  – or whatever good things I observed.
- **The program only takes about 6 hours of your time the whole semester!**



# Reasons to Join Teaching Circles

You will have a great time.

You will experience the joy of being a student.

You will experience the confusion of being a student.

Your students will be impressed.

You will make new faculty friends!

You will gain a greater understanding of the work of your colleagues.

You will gain a greater appreciation of your own teaching.

You will get great ideas to use in your classroom.

You can be among the first people to **WORK WITH OUR NEW FACULTY!**

# Questions?



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