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Have a question about a workshop you attended? Want to verify your attendance at a particular workshop? Email Laura Osborne at osbornel@sfasu.edu.

2024

7 Tips for Boosting Engagement

Join us as we share tips and tricks for boosting engagement in the classroom this semester. We'll be sharing seven quick and flexible methods that can be integrated into new course builds or into current courses. Attendees will also be able to share with colleagues what they do to engage students in their courses.

Brightspace (D2L) Express, Part 1

In Part 1, participants learn the fundamentals of using the Content, Classlist, News, and Grades tools.

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In Part 2, participants learn how to use the Discussions, Dropbox, and Quiz tools.

Design and Learning Flow: Building Approachable and Accessible Courses

How do students navigate our courses? Are there ways that we can reduce cognitive load as they progress through coursework? How do students get "in the zone" and stay "in the zone" while learning? Join us to reflect on what we can do as instructors to maximize the student experience and encourage active learning.

Experiential Learning and Student Engagement

Experiential learning is an instructional methodology in which students are encouraged to learn through experience, whether that experience is physical, social, intellectual, and/or emotional. These experiences are paired with meaningful reflection. In this session, participants will learn strategies and best practices for experiential learning in a variety of classroom settings. We will explore some of the pedagogy in this field and will participate in guided practice adventure groups.

Increasing Accessibility in Digital Learning Environments

This session navigates the landscape of digital accessibility, equipping faculty with strategies to design inclusive and accessible digital learning spaces. Through a focus on best practices, assistive technologies, and adaptive design principles, you'll learn how to ensure and enhance the accessibility of your digital content, fostering an environment where every student can fully engage and succeed.

Improving Engagement with Canva

This workshop will introduce Canva's design platform. Participants will learn to harness Canva's diverse

set of tools to craft visually compelling educational materials and courses. We'll also discuss how to integrate design principles into teaching and how to foster an interactive and visually stimulating learning experience for students.

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Preparing Students for AI Use in the Workforce

We're feeling the impact of AI in higher education, but the workforce has been adapting to this new technology for years. In this session, we'll share some examples of how AI has impacted the world of work and will discuss practical strategies to prepare students for these work environments. Join us to unlock the transformative potential of creating assignments that integrate AI and can empower students for success in their future careers.

Shaping Active Learning for Gen Z Students

We know that active learning is a valuable and effective teaching tool, but students' willingness to participate is often a big roadblock. In this session, we'll explore ways to craft engaging active learning experiences tailored to Gen Z's interests and digital fluency. Participants will gain practical strategies to create interactive lessons that leverage technology, capture attention, and foster a more participatory learning atmosphere, empowering them to effectively engage the next generation of learners.

Zooming into an AI Future: Tools and Use Cases for Zoom Meetings

Zoom leaned heavily into AI tools in 2023. In this session, Theunis will discuss and demonstrate many of Zoom's new classroom tools as well as their new artificial intelligence suite. If you like OpenAI, Anthropic, BYOM, or Smart Recordings, this session covers everything from the model to the implementation. Leave the session with ideas on reducing your Zoom workload and increasing your meeting efficiency.

2023

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10 Tips for a Better Syllabus

A syllabus is a critical course document. It not only contains important information, it sets the tone for the course. Join Megan to learn some easy ideas for creating a more learner-centered syllabus.

Academic Integrity & the New Student Code of Conduct

Our affiliation with UT System brought with it changes to policies and procedures, including the Student Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity. Join Dr. Andrew Dies, Dean of Students, to learn about SFA's new processes for adjudicating student violations of the Code.

Advanced Content Design in Brightspace

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AI Innovations in Student Writing

Three professors from the Department of English and Creative Writing share the innovative ways they are employing AI to engage and empower student readers and writers.

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Brightspace Express #1: Content, Communications, and Grades

The two parts of the Brightspace Express training allow faculty to learn the fundamental skills of D2L in a streamlined way. Part 1 covers the Content, Classlist, News, and Grades tools (and more). Note: This workshop is the equivalent of Brightspace #1 and 2.

Brightspace Express #2: Discussions, Dropboxes, and Quizzes

In Part Two, participants learn how to use the Discussions, Dropbox, and Groups tools (and more). Note: This workshop is the equivalent of Brightspace #3 and 4.

Brightspace Semester Start for Faculty

Learn about common workflows for getting your courses up and running, including how to copy, upload, and organize course content, communicate with your students, post and schedule news, set up your gradebook, and more. Bring your own device and follow along!

Crafting Accessible Learning Environments

Join us for quick tips and best practices that you can apply today to support accessible learning environments for every Lumberjack

Creating Screencast Videos for Online Courses: A Step-by-Step Process for Success

In this session, we'll explore tips and techniques for creating short instructional videos that capture and convey your personality and expertise, including a step-by-step workflow process for scripting, recording, and editing a short instructional video tutorial.

Creative Ways to Bring the World to Your Classroom

SFA faculty are finding new approaches to giving students a global experience. Join this panel discussion to learn about collaborative online learning, virtual international presenters, virtual international internships, and even virtual study abroad.

Exploring ChatGPT

Join the CTL staff in an exploration of ChatGPT, what it does, how it's being used, and how you might use this innovative technology as a teaching and learning tool. You'll also learn tips for identifying AI-produced writing.

Faculty Activity Report (FAR) Workshop

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Faculty Teaching Showcase

In this action-packed session, four faculty from across campus will share easy-to-implement activities sure to boost student engagement and build connections with peers and content.

From Memes to Mastery: Leveraging Gen Z's Digital Fluency for Learning

In this session, we'll explore how the digital fluency of Gen Z can be harnessed to create engaging and effective learning experiences. Join us to discover innovative strategies that bridge the gap between the digital landscape and cultural interests that Gen Z students are immersed in and the educational content we deliver. From deciphering memes to cultivating critical thinking, this workshop will empower educators to transform Gen Z's familiarity with digital platforms into a powerful tool for academic mastery and meaningful engagement.

Gen Z Toolkit: Connecting and Communicating with Today's Students

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Instructor Presence Online: Being Supportive, Active, And Consistent While Working Smarter, Not Harder

A supportive, engaging online learning experience includes active instructor presence, but what does that mean, and how do we achieve it? In this session, we'll discuss the importance of intentional planning and design, as well as look at how Brightspace tools (including intelligent agents, news, feedback, video notes, and more) can aid in facilitating online courses in which your unique expertise, experience and voice shine through.

Integrating Maker Activities with SFA Makerspace: A Faculty Panel

In an era where students are taking their online learning with them on-the-go now more than ever, how can we consider these mobile students in our course design? Join Javier as he shares data and design tips for mobile learning and how a few small updates to our courses can enhance the learning experience for mobile students.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, the Internship Room

Come with me and you'll see in a world of pure collaboration how you can onboard your internship reporting, approval, and vetting to Handshake, streamlining and automating much of these processes.

We'll also touch briefly on other ways the Center for Career and Professional Development can partner with you and your department both inside and outside of the classroom.

Let's Play: How Elements of Gaming Can Influence Teaching

Video games are a popular form of escapism for many, yet many of the elements that make all gaming platforms so popular can be translated to teaching and learning. Join Theunis and Javier as they discuss the importance of play, exploration, and guided learning in this gaming-themed session.

Make It Stick: Incorporating Effective Learning Strategies into Your Courses

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Motivation and Learning Design: Exploring Models of Motivation

Have you found that students are disengaged lately? Are there ways we can help motivate students in our courses? Join us as we discuss models of motivation and how we can implement them in our courses.

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Piano Lessons: What I've Learned from Being a Brand-New Learner

Megan gets metacognitive as she reflects on nearly three years' worth of piano lessons and shares observations about teaching, learning, and the challenges of being a student. No concert will be provided. You can thank her later.

Qualtrics 2023

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Quick Tips for Spring Engagement

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Student Mental Health Concerns: A Listening Session with Counseling Services

Join staff counselors from SFA's Counseling Services team for an informal conversation about student mental health needs. They are eager to learn more from faculty about the ways student mental health is impacting student learning. They'll share what they're learning from students and discuss how you can best address refer students who are struggling.

Super Courses: The Future of Teaching and Learning

Join us as we dive into Ken Bain's "Super Courses: The Future of Teaching and Learning," and discuss how to foster intrinsic motivation, critical thinking, and creativity in students. Join us to gain tools to craft your own "super courses," empowering students to engage and excel.

Teaching in the AI Era: Enhancing Learning Through Intelligent Integration

As we learn to navigate this new era of artificial intelligence and teaching students best practices for it academic settings, it is important that we also teach them to harness it as a new tool and equip them to enter careers that are adopting emerging technologies. Hear from colleagues that are successfully leveraging AI to enhance their teaching, and engage in collaborative discussions designed to spark creative thinking and generate ideas for incorporating AI into your curriculum. By the end of the session, you'll leave with a toolbox of AI integration techniques and strategies for implementing them in your classes.

Teaching in Times of Change: A Faculty Panel

The last few years have found higher education under more of a political microscope than ever. Teaching has become more daunting in the face of challenges to tenure, influence of outside actors, and sizeable political currents. Join Provost Lorenzo Smith for a discussion on these important topics.

The Digital Third Place: Social Media's Role in Empowering Students, Shaping Communities and Enhancing Learning Experiences

In a rapidly evolving digital landscape, the once lost concept of the "third place" has found an online renaissance. Serving as a key place for today's students to create community, digital landscapes have become a meeting place where information and identities intersect. Students are utilizing social media platforms to engage with the world around them and stay informed about topics that they are passionate about. In this session, we'll discuss the importance of these spaces to your students, explore the impact that you can have by understanding and acknowledging their value, and dissect how to leverage the platforms to create better learning experiences.

TILTing the Balance of Power: Tweaking Assignments to Reduce Inequities

Small teaching changes can lead to improved learning gains. In this session, Associate Provost Marc Guidry will share details about the Transparency in Teaching & Learning (TILT) project, which aims to advance equitable teaching and learning practices by promoting students' conscious understanding of how they learn. He'll also share example assignments from his and other courses that have utilized the TILT framework.

Using ChatGPT: An Overview

You've heard the chatter about ChatGPT. Haven't had a chance to jump in and use it? Join us for this

one-hour session in which we'll explore its features and functionality, discuss its strengths and weaknesses, and learn how to structure prompts to yield the best results. We'll conclude with an optional one-hour workshop in which you can explore the tool in our lab and ask questions as you do.

What's New in Brightspace

Come learn about a couple of recent updates in Brightspace: 1) the new quiz creation interface, which makes it easier than ever to create and edit quizzes, and 2) the Media Library, a feature that enables you to record, upload, caption, search, and reuse videos across your courses.

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Beyond the Page: Audio, Video, and Photo Assignments That Meet Students Where They Are

Digital media is everywhere! Join us as we discuss elements of powerful, engaging digital assignments and showcase the work of your fellow faculty members.

Beyond Study Abroad: Intercultural Experiences for Students

Join Office of International Programs Director Heather Catton for this panel discussion with faculty who have led and facilitated initiatives to guide students to new cultural experiences. Whether you want to hit the road driving a big van or prefer to have a seasoned travel professional guide your group, there are so many ways to provide amazing cultural adventures for your students. Domestic, international, virtual, and internship options and more will be discussed.

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Classroom Management Strategies

Tired of cell phones dominating your classroom landscape? Not sure what to do with the students who won't stop talking? In this session, we'll cover easy tips for managing your physical and virtual classroom spaces.

Critique and Feedback in the Classroom: A Faculty Panel

Join Javier as he leads a cross-disciplinary chat about how to deliver critique and feedback that supports student learning. Panelists will examine various approaches to fostering meaningful discussions and conversations in class and will take questions from the audience.

D2L Support . . . Into the Future!

CTL's D2L Support Team has moved into the future! Come see the latest changes made to our website and learn when, where, why and how you can get assistance.

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Engagement: Tips for Boosting Student Interaction

We've all dealt with it: students who nod off in class, students who aren't paying attention, students who may be physically present but are not mentally present. Join Megan to gain fresh ideas for structuring your class and keeping your students engaged.

Instructional Videos That Pop!

Does making educational videos feel like a chore? What can we learn from the “kids these days” with their TikTok, YouTube Shorts, and Insta reels? In this session, we will guide you through setting up your lights, camera, and audio to make your videos pop.

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Introduction to Qualtrics 2022

Everything from creating an to publishing a survey, this workshop covers the basic aspects of getting a working survey out to campus and beyond.

May I Have Your Attention, Please? Quick Tips for Better Classroom Management

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Meet the Lumberjack Wellness Network

Come learn about the newly-launched Lumberjack Wellness Network (LWN), a collection of faculty and staff who feel passionate about removing the stigma around mental health. We'll discuss the goals of the LWN, the work currently underway by LWN partners, and how you can become involved!

Mental Health and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

In this session, you'll learn about the mental health (signs, symptoms, and trends) of our students across diverse populations (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, intersectional), specifically in relation to COVID-19 and current social justice issues. We'll reflect on our assumptions and learn about specific resources to assist students.

Most Wanted: Top Tech Tips for Teams, Qualtrics, and Stream

If you use (or are thinking about using) Teams, Qualtrics, or Stream in your classes, join us to learn efficiency hacks, neat tricks and tips, and ideas to improve your use.

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Online Course Development Jumpstart and Open Lab

Planning to build an online course in the coming months? In this series of open lab sessions, we will review the initial course design stages (getting started and two instructional modules), share supportive resources and tools, and provide one-on-one guidance for faculty with questions about the development and review process.

Opening a Conversation, Not Shutting a Door. Tips, Techniques, & Tools for Effective Online Feedback

Timely, constructive, accessible feedback is vital to support student learning and engagement. In this session, we'll delve into tips, techniques, tools and recommended practices for providing students with effective feedback online, with a focus on courses that are writing intensive.

Pedagogical Theft: The Value of Emulation in Innovative Teaching

Good teaching, like all creative work, is iterative. In this session, we'll discuss the value of imitation and emulation in our teaching and give several ideas from which to borrow and modify for your own courses.

Preventing Academic Dishonesty

Paid papers. Chegged exams. Entire online threads on how to beat an AI proctoring product. What's a faculty to do? In this session, we'll examine ways to deter academic dishonesty and promote academic integrity.

Provost's Panel: Teaching Excellence at SFA

What are the tenets of teaching excellence, and how do they manifest in courses across different disciplines? How are excellent teachers developed, and how can we all contribute to a culture of teaching excellence? Provost Smith digs into these and other questions with SFA's 2022 Teaching Excellence recipients!

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Reshaping SFAS 1101: Meet the New Lumberjack Experience

Teaching SFAS 1101 this fall? Join Lydia and Alison to learn about new and improved instructor resources as well as helpful teaching hacks from some on-campus superstars!

Teaching in the Era of TikTok: How Human Connection Drives Student Success

In an era of distraction and instant gratification, how do we truly reach our students? Join Alison as she shares the ins and outs of relationship-rich education.

Teaching Generation Z

A new generation of students has entered our campus: Generation Z. In this session, we'll learn more about this group of diverse, digital, driven students and how best to engage them.

Teaching Showcase

Join us for this fast-paced hour of ten presentations from faculty colleagues about best practices and innovative teaching methods! No registration required.

The Art of Asking Questions: Techniques and Strategies

In this session, we'll explore how to move beyond "Any questions?" and "Everybody got it?" We'll focus on how to ask questions that identify where students are in their learning, that help expand and deepen students' understanding, and that assist in planning for future classes.

What's New in Brightspace

Come discover the new and improved Brightspace tools and features that have rolled out over the past year!

Working with Students of Concern

This session will delineate the differences between concerning behaviors and classroom management issues, discuss ways to handle such behaviors in the classroom and in non-formal environments, examine the role of the SFA Behavioral Intervention Team, and demonstrate how to alert appropriate support services about these behaviors.

2021

20 Tips for Maximizing Your Zoom Know-How

This workshop is for faculty who have already attended an Introduction to Zoom workshop and want to get a little more out of their Zoom meetings. Extra customization, gathering data from participants, and technology tips are some of the topics covered.

Accelerated Courses: Delivery, Assessment, and Efficiencies

Teaching an accelerated course will likely necessitate reconfiguring your content delivery methods and redesigning some assignments. In this session, we'll discuss delivery best practices, strategies for revising assignments, and ideas for being as efficient as possible with your time.

Accelerated Courses: Planning for Success

Shifting from delivering a full-term course to a part-of-term course requires thoughtful consideration of pacing, structure, content, and assessments. In this session, we'll discuss ways to identify and prioritize essential content, reconfigure assignments and assessments, consider the rhythm of the term, and design for maximum learning.

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Asynchronous Minutes: Design Tips and Good Examples

Effective Summer 2021, all courses with face-to-face or synchronous elements will incorporate asynchronous minutes. But what are asynchronous minutes? How should they integrate into our flow of instruction? What are the elements of well-designed asynchronous learning experiences? Join us for this session to answer all of those questions!

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Brightspace Grades Beyond the Basics: 20 Tips & Techniques

Already familiar with the Brightspace gradebook? Ready to learn more? In this fast-paced workshop, you'll learn tips, techniques, and best practices for more efficient, effective use of the grades tool, including bulk editing to save time, creating grade schemes and select box items, entering grades for multiple students at once, using multi-media feedback, and more.

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Creating Better Group Assignments

Crafting functional group assignments that maximize student learning and foster positive group dynamics can be a challenge. Join us to learn the do's and don'ts of group projects. We will also examine rubrics, presentation tools, and more!

Cultural Motivational learning

Remember your why! How critical practices for anti-bias education can reinvigorate your classroom.

Discussions Beyond the Basics: 20 Tips for More Efficient, Effective Use of the Brightspace Discussions Tool

Already familiar with the Discussions tool in Brightspace? In this fast-paced session, you'll discover 20 tips, techniques, and recommended practices for more efficient, effective, and engaging use of the Discussions tool, including strategies and ideas for creating, viewing, searching, filtering, replying to, and assessing discussions.

Distracted: How and Why to Improve Student Attention

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Fallin' for Flipgrid

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Green Zone: Creating a Military-Inclusive Campus

Join Laura Branch (SFA's Veteran Resource Coordinator) and Megan for an in-depth look at the student veteran population, and how we as staff/faculty/community members can help them transition to college.

Increasing Zoom Engagement

No more black boxes! Join us as we discuss simple, practical tips for increasing engagement in the age of Zoom overload.

Interactive Lecturing: A Pedagogy of Engagement

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Leading New Lumberjacks to Success: SFAS 1101 Instructor Planning & Training

Join us as we reflect on the past to prepare for the future successes of our new Lumberjacks. Join SFAS 1101 instructors past, present, and future as we share ideas and plan for the Fall 2021 Student Success Course.

Let There Be Light – Lighting for Zoom/Hybrid Teaching

Big-budget, high-production cameras are not required for your setup to look great on Zoom! Join us to chat about how you can maximize the performance of your webcam, pick up some lighting tricks, learn some fundamental camera framing principles, and even get some equipment recommendations for various teaching situations.

Microsoft Lens and OCR: Digitizing Printed Text

Turning print materials into electronic documents has never been easier. In this session, you'll see a demonstration of the Microsoft Lens application as well as some alternative apps for converting text and pictures into digital documents.

Mindfulness and Movement in the Classroom

Mindfulness is simply the state of being mindful, attentive, and non-judgmentally aware in the present moment. Mindful movement...intentional and attentive...encourages and heightens our experience of the here and now. Mindfulness and mindful movement activities in the classroom focus attention, generate enthusiasm, build class community, motivate learning, and provide students with simple, but powerful tools for lifelong stress management.

New Faces, New Partners: A Panel

With lots of new faces on the Student Affairs team come new opportunities for partnerships! In this session, you'll learn more about our new colleagues, discover exciting changes in student life, and brainstorm ways that Academic Affairs and Student Affairs can partner in the future.

Online Course Development 101

Join our Learning Experience Design Team to discuss the development of your online courses. We will share support resources and tools to strengthen existing online courses, define and explain development stages, and discuss deadlines for building new online courses.

Opening a Conversation, Not Shutting a Door: Tips, Techniques, and Tools for Providing Effective Online Feedback

Timely, constructive, accessible feedback is vital to support student learning and engagement. In this session, we'll delve into tips, techniques, tools and recommended practices for providing students with effective feedback online, with a focus on courses that are writing intensive.

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ProctorU Review + Demo

ProctorU Review + is an effective, easy to use solution for exam proctoring in distance education courses. In this session, participants will learn more about how Review+ works, including how to schedule exams.

Social Annotations

Social annotation makes reading active, visible, and collaborative. This session will cover how to select and set up social annotation tools for your class, including Hypothesis, Microsoft Word, and more.

Social Annotations: Tailor-made Collaborative Note Taking for the Digital Age

Creating a collaborative document with your students? This session will cover how to select and set-up social annotation tools for your class using Hypothesis and Microsoft Word.

Ready to Return to the Classroom? Maybe, Maybe Not

We thought we made it through COVID and were excited about returning to the classroom. So why am I nervous? In this session, we'll discuss the emotional labor of teaching this past year, examine the impact of stacked trauma, and identify strategies to address concerns about the "new normal."

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What's New in Brightspace

Come discover the new and improved Brightspace features that have rolled out over the past year! Highlights include the new Brightspace editor, the new dropbox experience, and updates to the quiz tool.

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5 Quick Tips for Accessible PowerPoint

Ensuring that your PowerPoint materials are accessible to all your students is important—and easy, once you know what to check for. In this fast-paced session, you'll learn 5 tips and techniques for creating accessible PowerPoint presentations, including how to locate accessible templates, add alternative text to visuals, and more!

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Brightspace Attendance Tool Quickstart

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Brightspace Special Topics: Inline Annotations vs. Turnitin GradeMark

In this session, we will examine and compare two different tools for interactively grading and commenting on students' papers online in Brightspace: Inline Annotations and GradeMark. Both serve similar purposes, but each tool has its own unique strengths. Join us to find out which tool might work best for you!

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Brightspace Grades Beyond the Basics: Advanced Tips, Techniques, and Best Practices

Already familiar with the Brightspace gradebook? Ready to learn more? Join us to learn a variety of advanced tips, techniques, and best practices.

Brightspace Video Note: 5 Quick Tips

In this fast-paced session, you'll learn how to use the Video Note tool to record, caption, and re-use video clips in your Brightspace courses, including 5 ideas for how you and your students can use video notes in a variety of ways (and in a variety of course tools) to foster instructor presence and student engagement.

Building Better Quizzes in Brightspace: 25+ Tips & Techniques

Already familiar with the Quizzes tool in Brightspace? Ready to learn more? In this fast-paced workshop, you'll learn 25 practical tips and techniques for building better quizzes.

Career Learning Masterplan: Integrating Marketable Skills Inside and Outside of the Classroom

What do Lucy and Ethel, Evel Knievel and a Singing Frog have to do with creating integrative learning for students inside and outside of the classroom? You'll have to attend this session to find out! We will discuss how we can prompt higher order learning in students (particularly through their co-curricular experiences). We will also cover how to define and measure transformative learning as it occurs. This session will be as entertaining as it is educational and is suitable for teaching faculty and experiential educators.

Contains Graphic Content: Improved PowerPoint Design

Are your PowerPoints boring and uninspired? PowerPoints don't have to be dull. In this session, you'll learn how the tenets of good design can be leveraged to increase attention, information retention, and engagement. You'll also take away practice steps for designing amazing course visuals in no time at all---no Photoshop required!

Did Someone Say Flipgrid?

Want discussions to thrive? Come learn about Flipgrid, a free tool that will help build community in your classes and engage students quickly and efficiently.

Faculty Activity Report (FAR) Workshop

Learn more about the Faculty Activity Report (FAR), including suggestions for where and how to list your credentials, achievements, research and scholarship, teaching, service, and professional development.

Flexible Ways to Teach and Learn: An Overview

Fall 2020 presents new opportunities for flexible courses. Learn more about each of the delivery options, their pros and cons, and how you might scaffold course development to transition to increasingly flexible modalities.

How to Flourish at a Distance

“If I build it, will they come?” Providing quality online instruction is only half the job. Digital classroom management, community building, and best practices for avoiding tech burnout are just a few of the techniques that will help you build a transformative online learning experience. Join us to learn more!

Hybrid-ing Modalities: Creating Instructional Blends that Work

What is a hybrid course, and what are the best practices for building one? Whether you’re leaning toward a face-to-face/online, face-to-face/livestream, or online/livestream blend, learn more about how to create a hybrid course with effective engagement, thoughtful synchronous interactions, and student accountability.

Hyflex-ing Your Way to Multimodal Course Design

Join us to learn more about the dos, the don’ts, and the history of hyflex instruction. We’ll examine how to build a course that achieves learning outcomes and foster memorable learning experiences for students participating face-to-face, via livestream, online, or through any combination of these modalities.

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Learning for Alt: How to Build Accessible Learning Environments

SFA prides itself on building diverse learning environments that support and enable access to content and educational activities for all learners. Join us to learn how to build accessible instruction by properly attending to alt tags, closed captions, and more.

Lessons from *When*: Applying the Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing to Your Courses

Timing: less an art, more a science. In this session, we'll discuss how to leverage research from psychology, biology, and economics to improve timing of and in our classes to create richer, more engaging learning experiences.

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Paper Clickers (Plickers): Easy Formative Assessment

Join us for a look at Plickers in this fast-paced, interactive workshop. These "paper clickers" are a great way to formatively assess students.

Quizizz: Self-Paced Quizzes to Review, Assess, & Engage

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How do you simultaneously engage your students in the classroom and those joining via livestream? How do we make our students accountable for their own learning? Active learning strategies, Zoom breakout rooms, and avoiding technology fatigue are just a few topics covered.

SSASECT/Section Coding Rules

Coding courses appropriately is essential. In this session, we'll review the recent, major changes in SSASECT course section entry and answer questions about course modality assignments. This session is most appropriate for administrative assistants, academic unit heads, and other individuals responsible for scheduling and entering course schedules in Banner.

Shifting our Language to Create Inclusive Classrooms

This session will focus on the power of language to communicate explicit and implicit messages to students. Participants will identify problematic words many of us often use or have used—hopefully unintentionally—and will identify specific language shifts we can make to create a more inclusive classroom environment that will support student success.

Strategies for More Engaging Discussions

Tired of discussions that fall flat or that lack interaction? Join us to learn about using Zoom Circles and Brightspace Discussions to foster meaningful, dynamic student engagement online.

Taco Tuesday: Layered Video Discussions with Flipgrid AR

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Tech + Teaching in the STEM Building

How can you use wireless presentation and other in-room technologies to improve the learning experiences in the classes you teach in the STEM Building? We'll share three easy ways in this quick workshop!

Templates that Transform: Brighten Up Your Course Content with Brightspace Templates

Brighten up any course with Brightspace content templates! This workshop will provide you with a look at all that the templates have to offer and give you a chance to try them out!

Tips and Tricks for Increased Time Efficiency in Class

There's never enough time in class; there's more content to cover, activities to facilitate, opportunities to engage. In this session, we'll cover some easy ways to reduce the time you spend on tasks that can be time consuming, such as taking attendance, delivering short assessments (e.g. exit tickets), debriefing after an activity, and conducting peer assessments.

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Zoom Breakout Rooms

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A syllabus is a critical course document. It not only contains important information, it sets the tone for the course. Join Megan to learn some easy ideas for creating a more learner-centered syllabus.

10 Tips for Teaching Generation Z

Welcome to the world of instant connectivity with media consumption overload! Whether you teach freshmen or seniors, chances are you have encountered Gen. Z, the largest cohort since the Baby Boomers, in your classroom. This generation of learners are overtaking college campuses and redefining classroom expectations. Come learn how to utilize SFA 101 teaching strategies in your classroom when working with this 'on demand' population! (Presenting Partner: Student Success Center)

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Clue-ing in to Better Design for All Learners

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For the Love of Tech Tools

Join DeAnna as she runs through some awesome tech tools that will benefit you in and out of the classroom!

Get to Know the New CTL Website!

We've just launched the new CTL website! Join DeAnna to learn about the site's new features!

Group Video Assignments---Easier than You Think!

In this hands-on session, you will find out how easy it is to add an asynchronous video assignment to your course using YouSeeU (Bongo)! Who said group presentations can't be done seamlessly online! You will see examples of the tool and discover best case uses as you see it from the instructor and the student view. Plus, we will walk you through each step as you create a video assignment in your class.

How Learning Science Can Make All of Us Better Teachers

Few folks on campus have their finger on the pulse of student learning practices like M.E.! Join her as she discusses how you can improve student learning by incorporating principles backed by learning science into your teaching. (Presenting Partner: Academic Assistance and Resource Center)

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"Just Keep Swimming": Finding Visual Objects that are Free and Accessible to Students

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"Learning Styles" are a MYTH: What You Should Use Instead!

For decades, teachers in PK-16 class settings have been guided to match their instruction to their students' "learning styles." The only problem? Learning styles are a myth! This session will include activities and discussion about the way we actually take in knowledge as learners and what instructors should actually be using in order to build engaging, effective lessons that actually match the content they are teaching. This session is great for anyone who teaches/leads learning activities.

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McCopyright: I'm Lovin' It!

We're flippin' the culture of copyright by sharing tips on how to avoid copyright infringement as well as highlighting copyright exceptions. This session will include activities and discussion about fair use, and the true application of "for educational purposes." Join us to find out more!

Reading Circle: Small Teaching

This circle includes focused discussion of individual chapters of James Lang's *Small Teaching*.

Refreshed Classroom Workshop

Open to those faculty who are scheduled to teach in one of the twelve refreshed classrooms (Ferguson 179, Ferguson 183, Ferguson 292, Math 205, Math 213, Business 127, HMS North 102, McKibben 258, McKibben 263, McKibben 351, HSTC 321, and HPE 203) or those who are interested in teaching in one of those classrooms, this one-hour workshop will show participants how to operate the equipment in the room.

Setting up an Inclusive Syllabus to Welcome ALL Students to your Course

Our Lumberjack community is made up of many diverse types of students who each bring unique identities, needs, and assets into our classrooms. A well-worded, intentionally inclusive syllabus is a great way to welcome ALL your different types of students before class even starts. This session will guide participants to critically review their current syllabi and invite discussion about wording and policies that students might find insensitive, problematic, or off-putting---all of which can shut down learning experiences for our students. Participants will engage in group work to revise, add, and/or reconsider the presentation of their syllabi to make sure ALL Lumberjacks feel welcomed to learn in all of our courses.

Solving the Mystery of Student Engagement: Harnessing the Potential of Experiential Learning

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "Tell me, and I will listen; Teach me, and I'll remember; Involve me, and I will learn." This quote captures the power and potential of providing students opportunities to apply the skills they gain inside and outside of the classroom. This session will discuss models for integrative learning and share research that demonstrates the impact of these kinds of learning experiences. (Presenting Partner: Student Affairs)

Teaching Circle: Feedback Methods, Tools, and Best Practices

This circle focuses on methods, tools, and best practices for providing students with feedback. Discussion topics include peer-to-peer feedback, instructor feedback facilitated through technology, and informal feedback in the classroom.

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Templates, for the WIN!

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Turnitin Feedback Studio Webinar - Deliver Quality Feedback and Ensure Academic Integrity (For Beginners)

Turnitin Feedback Studio is integrated with the dropbox tool in Brightspace and can be used to deliver effective feedback to your students while ensuring academic integrity. Perhaps you are new to using Turnitin, or simply want to learn about recent updates to its features and functionality. No matter what you teach, from English to Mathematics to Art, this session will be a practical experience for any new Turnitin user who wants to better understand how to use the software. You will learn how to create a Turnitin Assignment and use Turnitin's Feedback Studio to both check for plagiarism, where appropriate, and return quality feedback to students, while at the same time decrease the amount of time it takes to grade student papers. Join Paige Singleton from Turnitin to get an overview and UPDATE on how to use Turnitin Feedback Studio in Brightspace (D2L) to go beyond originality checking and build students' writing skills.

Turnitin Feedback Studio Webinar - Time Saving Tips for Intermediate/Advanced Users

Turnitin's Feedback Studio is designed to allow instructors to deliver quality feedback to students while ensuring academic integrity. Perhaps you are already using this powerful tool, but would like some tips and tricks for using it more efficiently and effectively. This session will allow experienced Turnitin users the opportunity to learn the finer points of managing their QuickMarks and Rubrics within Feedback Studio. Join Paige Singleton from Turnitin to get an overview and UPDATE on how to use Turnitin Feedback Studio in Brightspace (D2L) to go beyond originality checking and build students' writing skills.

Using Low-Cost Devices to Bridge Disciplines

Ever wonder if SkyNET is the only thing that happens when you combine artificial intelligence and drones? In this session, you'll learn about unique ways modern and future technology can be incorporated into your classes. Discover interesting ways to combine development boards, 3D printing and model, and low-end computers with your field of expertise.

Was it the Anxious Student in the Library with the Overdue Paper? Clues for Solving Student Anxiety

You have probably noticed the precipitous rise of anxiety in our students. This session offers ideas and tools for responding to student distress, information on how to refer, and ways to manage our own anxiety about it all. (Presenting Partner: Counseling Services)

"What Can I Do with That Major Anyway?": Student Career Exploration with Focus 2

Faculty are often one of the first stops for students who are seeking assistance with major/minor exploration, as well as answering the question of "Well, what can I really DO with that major anyway?" The Center for Career and Professional Development now offers Focus2, a self-guided career and major exploration system designed to help students take the first steps in the career planning process. This session will provide an overview and demonstration of Focus2 for attendees and some guidance for faculty in assisting students in this process. (Presenting Partner: Center for Career and Professional Development)

What the Heck is Handshake? How Faculty and the Center for Career and Professional Development Can Collaboratively Support Students' Career Development

SFA's Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD) exists to empower students and alumni to achieve life-long career success, and fulfills this mission through individualized assistance, diverse career development programs, and collaboration with both internal and external partners concentrated on career goal achievements. This interactive session will introduce attendees to CCPD services and events, discuss opportunities for partnership between CCPD and faculty, and demonstrate how students and faculty can utilize Handshake to maximize career discovery and development opportunities. (Presenting Partner: Center for Career and Professional Development)

What's New in Brightspace

Find out what's new in Brightspace since last year's Camp -- discover cool new features and tools including Quick Eval, Inline Annotations, and more.

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7 Principles of Pedagogically Sound PowerPoint Design

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10 Techniques to Make Your Class More Active

Ready to dip your toe into the waters of active learning? Join us for an hour filled with simple strategies and activities to make your class more active, engaging, and learner-centered.

Active Learning FLC

Research shows that active learning improves student outcomes and promotes student learning, and many faculty have begun making their courses more active. This series is designed to help faculty in any discipline implement active learning strategies. Topics covered will include defining, planning for, implementing, and assessing active learning.

Assignment Design

Assignments. Students think they're what we make them do. We think of them as demonstrations of what students know and can do. Assignments are easy to recycle until they reach the point of being old and tired. In this session, we'll consider assignments as learning experiences, generate new ideas for enhancing the learning potential of assignments, and evaluate how design details influence the learning that occurs when students complete an assignment.

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Beyond "Everybody Got It?": Strategies for Evaluating What Your Students Have Learned

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Brightspace #3: Managing Discussions, Dropboxes, & Groups

In this workshop, participants will learn how to create, manage, and grade discussions; create, manage, and grade dropbox assignments; and create and manage groups.

Brightspace #4: Managing Quizzes

In this workshop, participants learn how to create a variety of quiz questions, manage their Question Library, create quizzes, and manage quiz options and settings.

Brightspace ePortfolio Demonstration

ePortfolio is a new tool in Brightspace that allows students to collect, curate, and showcase their course work. ePortfolio also provides new avenues for student and instructor reflection and collaboration.

Brightspace Express, Part 1: Content, Communication, & Grades

The two-part Brightspace Express workshops allow faculty to learn the fundamental skills of Brightspace in a streamlined way. Part 1 covers Brightspace email, as well as using the Classlist, Content, and Grades tools.

Brightspace Express, Part 2: Discussions, Dropboxes, & Quizzes

In Part 2, participants learn how to use the Discussions, Dropbox, Groups, and Quiz tools.

Brightspace Special Topics: Virtual Reality & 3D Interactive Content

This session introduces you to tools and resources for VR/3D models, demonstrates how to embed these interactive models in D2L course content, then demonstrates how learners can interact with the models. Participants will have the opportunity to try their hand at embedding interactive content, as well.

Contains Graphic Content: Improved PowerPoint Design

Are your PowerPoints boring and uninspired? PowerPoints don't have to be dull. In this session, you'll learn how the tenets of good design can be leveraged to increase attention, information retention, and engagement. You'll also take away practice steps for designing amazing course visuals in no time at all---no Photoshop required!

CREDO Information Literacy Modules

The CREDO Information Literacy modules are a suite of tutorials, videos, and quizzes on a broad range of information literacy topics, including the research process, finding sources, evaluating the credibility of sources, how and when to cite sources, and academic integrity. Learn more about their content and how easily they can be embedded in your Brightspace courses. (Presenting Partner: Ralph W. Steen Library)

D2L #1 – Content and Communication Tools

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D2L #2 – Managing Grades

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to set up their D2L gradebook, understand grading systems and schemes, enter grades and feedback, and determine and release final course grades.

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D2L Express: Part 2 (Discussions, Dropboxes, Quizzes, and Groups)

The two parts of the D2L Express training allow faculty to learn the fundamental skills of D2L in a streamlined way. Part Two covers the following topics: creating course discussions using the Discussions tool; replying to discussions and grading discussions; creating assignments using the Dropbox tool; fundamentals of using TurnItIn inside D2L assignments and returning feedback online via various methods; forming student groups using the Groups tool; and creating group-restricted discussions, dropboxes, and file lockers. The two parts of the Express training fulfill the pre-requisite requirements for entry into the Online Instructor Certification course.

D2L Special Topics: Calculating and Releasing Final Grades

The end of the semester is the perfect time to review important D2L gradebook settings, how to ensure that grades are calculating as expected, and how to release final grades.

D2L Special Topics: Turnitin and Grademark

Learn how to provide online, in-line comments and feedback on student assignments by using the GradeMark functionality in Turnitin Feedback Studio. Turnitin is integrated into the D2L dropbox tool.

FAR (Faculty Activity Report) Workshop

Learn more about FAR, including suggestions for where and how to list your credentials, achievements, research and scholarship, teaching, service, and professional development.

Introduction to Brightspace ePortfolio

ePortfolio is a new tool in Brightspace that allows students to collect, curate, and showcase their course work. ePortfolio also provides new avenues for student and instructor reflection and collaboration. Join us to learn more about this robust new tool!

Introduction to Collaborative Learning

Research has shown that collaborative learning correlates positively with cognitive learning outcomes and with student engagement and persistence. Join us for this interactive and fun two-hour workshop to learn how you can foster a class and/or assignments that focus on learning via collaboration.

Introduction to Screencast-o-Matic

Screencast-o-Matic is an easy to use, online tool that makes providing video and audio feedback a snap! Dr. Amber Wagnon has been using this tool for years and will share best practices and research that supports the effectiveness of video feedback.

Introduction to Service Learning

Service learning continues to be a buzzphrase in higher education, but what exactly is it? Dr. Lauren Burrow has been using and advocating for service learning for years and will share with us thoughts on how to best integrate it into courses.

Introduction to the Virtual Reality Lab

Join us for a tour of the lab and a chance to use the equipment. Offered in collaboration with the Steen Library Virtual Reality Team.

Introduction to Zoom

Zoom is the web conferencing and lecture capture tool licensed by SFA. It is integrated into Brightspace for easy use inside any class, but can also be used externally (independently from Brightspace). Zoom is available to everyone on campus, including faculty, staff, and students. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn about the potential uses for Zoom (including synchronous class discussions and much more), as well as how to use it inside and outside Brightspace.

New Faculty Mentoring Roundtable

Join us for a roundtable in which several tenured faculty will share their perspectives on issues such as work-life balance, taking hold of your research agenda, and how to choose your service tasks and projects wisely. Mentor faculty will share their challenges, solutions, and lessons learned.

Online Course Estate Planning 101

Create a lasting legacy! Learn concepts and techniques for building strong online courses that will stand the test of time.

Online Course Roadmap & Online Instructor Certification

Interested in teaching online? Ever considered building a new online course? Join us to learn more about the online course development roadmap and the online instructor certification course, as well as the support services that the CTL provides.

Reaching and Teaching First-Generation Students

At each commencement, a member of the administration almost inevitably notes that about half of that day's graduates are first-generation college students. But what are the characteristics of this unique group? How can you best engage them? Former GenJack and recent alumna Maci Crossland will help you answer these questions. (Presenting Partner: GenJacks Staff)

Refreshed Classroom Workshop

Open to those faculty who are scheduled to teach in one of the twelve refreshed classrooms (Ferguson 179, Ferguson 183, Ferguson 292, Math 205, Math 213, Business 127, HMS North 102, McKibben 258, McKibben 263, McKibben 351, HSTC 321, and HPE 203) or those who are interested in teaching in one of those classrooms, this one-hour workshop will show participants how to operate the equipment in the room.

Safe Space Ally Training

A safe space is a welcoming, supportive, and safe environment for all, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, sexual preference, ethnic background, age, and ability. One of the most effective ways to create a safe space is to be a supportive ally; join us to learn how! Offered in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs.

Search Like a Star!: Using the Library Catalog

Learn the best ways to navigate the Steen Library catalog, so that you become a STAR researcher!
(Presenting Partner: Ralph W. Steen Library)

So You've Inherited an Online Course -- Now What?

It's a familiar situation. You've inherited an online course, the semester is about to start, and there's a lot of editing to do. In this session, you'll learn start-up strategies and receive useful takeaways for quickly updating a course in Brightspace and getting it student-ready.

Teaching Generation Z

A new generation of students is entering our campus: Generation Z. In this session, we'll learn more about this group of diverse, digital, driven students and how to best engage them.

Teaching Showcase

A fast-paced hour of ten presentations from faculty colleagues about best practices and innovative teaching methods.

The Christopher Nolan/Inception Discussion

In this discussion about discussions, we'll examine ways to achieve improved learning via effective discussion facilitation. Join Raul and Megan to learn strategies for encouraging quiet students, managing "stars," and asking engaging questions.

Universal Design for Learning

In this session, find out the powerful way Universal Design for Learning (UDL) can draw students into their learning experiences. You may already be implementing principles of UDL without realizing it! You'll also hear some easy tips for how to offer students opportunities to "own" their learning paths. In the online environment at SFA, universal design for learning incorporates the Principles of Good Practice (PoGP) for online education, which draws from the best practices provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, SACS, Quality Matters, and the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET).

Using Play to Enhance Student Learning

Student engagement with course material, each other, and faculty is key to learner-centered instruction, and one effective way to promote this sort of engagement is through play. This session will showcase multiple strategies and activities that work with any discipline and will promote retention (of the materials and students).

Virtual Reality in Brightspace: Embedding Interactive 3D Models in Course Content

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Web Conferencing Tools and Techniques

In this workshop, participants will learn about web conferencing products and solutions at SFA, including how to integrate web conferencing into a D2L course. Participants will also learn how to incorporate multimedia and slide presentations into a web conference, key considerations involved in creating an moderating a session, how to save a copy of a session, and more.

What's New in Brightspace by D2L?

This exciting session is an overview of the new look and feel of the features in Brightspace by D2L. Also, highlighted is the responsive design which makes using mobile devices so easy! Come, get a first look of all the nifty new features that will make Brightspace a "must use" tool for the fall semester and beyond!

What the Heck is Handshake? How Faculty and the Center for Career and Professional Development Can Collaboratively Support Students' Career Development

SFA's Center for Career and Professional Development exists to empower students and alumni to achieve life-long career success, and fulfills this mission through individualized assistance, diverse career development programs, and collaboration with both internal and external partners concentrated on career goal achievements. This interactive session will introduce attendees to CCPD services and events, discuss opportunities for partnership between CCPD and faculty, and demonstrate how students and faculty can utilize Handshake to maximize career discovery and development opportunities. (Presenting Partner: Center for Career and Professional Development)

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2017

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10 Techniques to Make Your Class More Active

Ready to discover more about active learning? Join us for an hour filled with simple strategies and activities to make your class more active, engaging, and learner-centered.

Accessibility FAQs for Digital Materials

Do you have questions about accessibility and your digital instructional materials? Get answers at this discussion-based workshop. Sign-up available during the session for additional help with specific types of accessibility needs.

Advanced Panopto Workshop

This advanced workshop is designed for faculty who already know and use Panopto but want to learn more about integrating additional elements into recordings, editing recordings, and more.

Assignment Charrette

Borrowed from architecture, the work *charrette* refers to a collaborative event in which several individuals design a solution to an issue. For this workshop, each participant will bring a specific assignment they want to improve. Then, over the course of two hours, they'll work in a small group with other faculty from around campus to get ideas about how they might modify the assignment and springboard ideas for others' assignments.

Closed Captioning in YouTube

Many faculty use YouTube for instructional purposes, but are you sure that your video content meets accessibility requirements? YouTube has an on-board closed captioning function, but it isn't always perfect. In this workshop, you'll learn tools, techniques, and best practices for accurately and efficiently adding closed captions to your videos on YouTube.

Collaborate Ultra Orientation

In this orientation session, faculty will learn about Collaborate Ultra for web conferencing, how the tool is integrated into D2L, and how you might use it for synchronous discussion and presentation of material in your courses.

College Student Literacy: Tools and Strategies that Promote Deeper Engagement with Readings

We've all been there: we've assigned a reading and after engaging students in a discussion, we come to realize that they have only a surface-level understanding of the text. In this session, we'll learn close reading strategies to help students better critically analyze readings and recognize details and patterns to inform their understanding.

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D2L Special Topics: Using Rubrics to Provide More Efficient, Effective Feedback

In this hands-on session, you'll gain an understanding of the terminology, types, and structures of rubrics in D2L, get hands-on practice in constructing a rubric, and learn some practical advice about using rubrics to assess discussions, assignments, and more.

Discussion Techniques that Promote Equity and Engagement: Online and In the Classroom

Discussion in college classrooms can boost student achievement (Rocca, 2010) and engage students in higher levels of learning (Wade, 1994), but discussion can mimic effects of lecture if it is not interactive, engaging, and accessible for all students (Stone, 1997). Join Dr. M.C. Breen and learn several low to medium prep techniques to integrate peer-to-peer and whole-class discussion techniques in your face-to-face and online classes.

FAR Seminar

Faculty of any rank are invited to attend a seminar on how to complete and submit the Faculty Activity Report (FAR). CTL Faculty Consultant (and Associate Professor of Secondary Education) Dr. Heather Olson Beal will lead this seminar.

During the seminar, participants will review how to access Digital Measures (the software used to complete the FAR), discuss the myriad categories in the FAR, and hear suggestions from other faculty about how they keep and update vita-related information that goes on the FAR.

Three seminars will be offered: Thursday, September 29 at 3 p.m., Monday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m., and Monday, October 31 at 3 p.m. All seminars will be held in the CTL Faculty Lab (Library 219).

Foundations of Teaching & Learning

Geared toward incoming faculty but open to all faculty, this seven-part (14-hour) series addresses the topics of students as learners, learning theory, instructional planning, assessment, active learning, planning and facilitating class discussions, and classroom management. The series is designed to provide faculty with activities that can be implemented quickly and also to facilitate camaraderie among new faculty.

Getting Started with Microsoft OneDrive and Office 365

Learn how to get started using Microsoft 365, available to all faculty and staff through mySFA. Also learn how to use OneDrive to save and share files on the go.

Group Work Round Table Discussion

Join us for a round table discussion about how to make group projects function more effectively and efficiently in your classes. Helping lead the discussion will be several faculty from around campus who have facilitated group work that has yielded specific instances of student success.

Introduction to Collaborate Ultra for Web Conferencing

In this session, participants will learn about Collaborate Ultra, a powerful, multimedia web conferencing tool that integrates with D2L, and can easily be used in online courses. Participants will be given time during the workshop to try using Collaborate Ultra hands-on.

Introduction to Creating and Distributing Surveys with Qualtrics

This session introduces participants to Qualtrics, including the creation and distribution of surveys. All faculty, staff, and students at SFA may use Qualtrics for free, and creating an account is quick and easy.

Introduction to Panopto for Lecture Capture

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to Panopto, a lecture capture system that you can use to record lectures in your classroom as well as at your desk. Panopto is integrated with D2L, so it's easy to make your Panopto recordings available to students.

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Introduction to the Virtual Reality Lab

Join us for a tour of the lab, a chance to use the equipment, and a round table discussion with faculty currently integrating virtual reality experiences into their courses. Offered in collaboration with the Steen Library Virtual Reality Team.

Make and Take: Instructional Video

Interested in weaving instructional video into your online courses or using instructional videos to free up class time for application and practice? Join CTL staff and Dr. Nina Ellis-Hervey for this session to learn the pedagogical and logistical basics of quality instructional video and then to make your own video!

Mentoring Series Conversation Circle #1 – Work-Life Balance: Healthy Boundaries

How can we better incorporate time and resource management to effectively satisfy all aspects of our lives? Setting goals, time management skills and boundaries both at work and at home can improve all aspects of your effectiveness. Where are your weak spots? Where might you need to align your resources to more effectively achieve your goals? Mentors will share their challenges and solutions for a group discussion.

Mentoring Series Conversation Circle #2 – Research/Creative: Taking Hold of Your Research Agenda

The most effective way of achieving your research goals is to create a research agenda. Every agenda is different. It is affected by your area of study, your department's expectations and your own personal enrichment needs. This discussion is intended to give different views of how you might begin to direct your research agenda in conversation with your department to create the most effective journey for all. Mentors will share their own research/creative journeys including setbacks and shifts.

Mentoring Series Conversation Circle #3 – Making Service Serve You Too

Many of us get buried in the mountain of service duties. Frankly, it is an important part of what we do and what keeps the University afloat. But it can pile up quickly and begin to overwhelm your overall needs. Or you may be avoiding it to a high degree and causing a deficit in your service. We all seem to gravitate toward one of these extremes at times. This discussion group will include ideas on how to choose your service tasks and projects wisely. We cannot avoid some "tedious" jobs but we can take a close look at what we really excel at and what serves us. Mentors will share their best and worst stories of service successes and occasional overloads and how they maneuver the potential pitfalls.

Panel and Roundtable: Group Projects

Join us for a roundtable discussion about how to make group projects function more effectively and efficiently in your classes. Leading the discussion will be faculty who have facilitated group work that has yielded specific instances of student success.

Panopto Orientation

This session offers faculty an overview of what Panopto lecture capture software is, how it is integrated with D2L, and how you can use it to capture lecture content and make it available to your students.

Perspectives Panel on Universal Design for Learning

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework of principles and guidelines that support multiple means of representation of the material to be learned, student action and expression, and student and faculty engagement. This panel discussion will feature faculty who have insight to share about their own experiences incorporating UDL principles into their own courses.

Refreshed Classroom Workshop

Open to those faculty who are scheduled to teach in one of the five refreshed classrooms (Math 213, McKibben 258, Ferguson 179, Human Sciences North 102, and Business 127) or those who are interested in teaching in one of those classrooms, this one-hour workshop will show participants how to operate the equipment in the room. Additionally, several faculty who have taught in the rooms in past semesters will share how they used the technology and furniture to create richer learning experiences for students.

Safe Space Ally Training

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Service Learning 101

Service learning continues to be a buzzphrase in higher education, but what exactly is it? Dr. Lauren Burrow has been using and advocating for service learning for years and will share with us thoughts on how to best integrate it into courses.

Service Learning Panel Discussion

What does service learning look like across disciplines? Join us as faculty from across campus share their experiences and lessons learned from incorporating service learning in their courses.

Teaching Circle - Building Better Writers: Implementing Writing Across the Disciplines

Perry Moon, instructor in the Department of Languages, Cultures, and Communication, and Courtney Wooten, assistant professor and first-year writing program administrator in the Department of English and Creative Writing, are leading a teaching circle aimed primarily at instructors outside the Department of English to support development of student writing. This teaching circle will help participants think about their expectations for student writing, develop assignments and students' writing skills, respond to students' writing, and develop essay exams. The goal is for participants will be able to enhance their abilities to help students obtain written communication skills in the classes they are teaching, regardless of the subject matter. The main book used for this circle will be *The Elements of Teaching Writing* by Katherine Gottschalk and Keith Hjortshoj.

Teaching Showcase

Join us for this fast-paced hour of ten presentations from faculty colleagues about best practices and innovative teaching methods!

The New Library Website: What's In It For Me?

In this session, librarian Tina Oswald provides a hands-on, fast-paced dive into the services and search functionality of the Steen Library's new website. You'll learn tips and techniques for finding the best research databases for your subject area and constructing keyword searches that return relevant, reliable results.

Using D2L to Improve Student Success: 15 Tips and Techniques

Whether you use D2L a little or a lot, there are numerous ways you might use D2L to build greater student engagement and improve student success. This fast-paced workshop will feature 15 tips and techniques you can put to use in your own courses.

Using D2L to Improve Student Success: 20 Tips and Techniques

Whether you use D2L a little or a lot, there are numerous ways you might use D2L to build greater student engagement and improve student success. This fast-paced workshop will feature 20 tips and techniques you can put to use in your own courses.

Video Friday

Need to craft instructional videos to supplement face-to-face instruction or for your online course? In this afternoon, we'll cover pedagogy, creation, and distribution of instructional videos.

YouSeeU Demo

YouSeeU is a video assignment tool available in Brightspace that allows you to create both individual and group-based video assignments, as well as Q&A style assignments in which students watch and respond to video questions from their instructor.

2016

Scholarly Writing Speaker Series: Publication Tips from Journal/Book Editors

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 | 1-2 p.m.

BPSC Regents Suite B

Panelists: Dr. Kwame Antwi-Boasiako (Chair, Government), Dr. John Allen Hendricks (Chair, Mass Communication), Dr. Patrick Jenlink (Professor, Secondary Education & Educational Leadership), Dr. Amanda Rudolph (Professor, Secondary Education & Educational Leadership)

In this panel, faculty members who currently serve or previously have served as editors of peer-reviewed academic journals and/or books in their respective fields will share publication tips from the editorial point of view. Come hear tips from editors for do's and don'ts of academic publishing!

Scholarly Writing Speaker Series: Navigating the Revise and Resubmit Process

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 | 1-2 p.m.

BPSC Regents Suite B

Panelists: Dr. Charlotte Allen (Professor, Management, Marketing, & International Business), Dr. Heather Olson Beal (Associate Professor, Secondary Education & Educational Leadership), Dr. Megan Condis (Assistant Professor, English), Dr. Robbie Steward (Chair, Human Services)

In this panel, faculty members will share tips, advice, and guidance for successfully navigating the revise and resubmit process. Come hear ways to manage your time and maximize your productivity as part of revising and resubmitting a piece for publication.

2015

Implementing Collaborative Learning: A High-Impact Practice

Thursday, November 12, 2015 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Panelists: Matt McBroom, Forestry & Agriculture: Forestry
Kevin Langford, Sciences & Math: Biology

Learning together through effective group work is a key component of collaborative learning. In this session, panelists will explore concepts related to collaborative learning and share best practices from their experience.

Implementing Field-Based Learning: A High-Impact Practice

Thursday, November 19, 2015 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Panelists: Elizabeth Spradley, Liberal Arts: Languages, Cultures, & Communication
CC Conn, Fine Arts: Theater

Field experiences give students an opportunity to hone the skills they learned in class and build their resume. Panelists will share best practices for implementing successful field-based experiences.

Implementing Mentored Undergraduate Scholarship: A High-Impact Practice

Thursday, December 3, 2015 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Panelists: Daniel Scognamillo, Forestry & Agriculture: Spatial Science
Jennifer Gumm, Sciences & Math: Biology

Discipline-specific research projects allow undergraduates to engage deeply with their academic fields. Panelists will share insights on guiding undergraduates through a successful research experience. All sessions will be held in the BPSC Multimedia Room. Attendees will receive a Starbucks voucher while supplies last.

Summer Writing Retreat

June 24, 2015, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Faculty of any rank are invited to attend CTL's Summer Writing Retreat on June 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All attendees are encouraged to bring a piece of academic work that's in progress to work on during the retreat. The event will be hosted in CTL facilities on the second floor of Steen Library.

At the retreat, we will offer open lab access, designated "quiet zones" for writing (on our lab computers or on your device), lunch, and optional break-out sessions. Come and write all day, or attend the sessions that spark your interest in between time designated for writing.

The purpose of this retreat is to help faculty set aside time to spend on academic writing.