

From: [Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning](#)
Subject: Here's What's Happening at the FCTL
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:41:42 PM

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FCTL

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING WEBINAR - HELENA METZKER

Join us on Friday, April 9th, to learn how Chemistry instructor, Helena Metzker, incorporates clickers to engage students who attend her classes both in person and online.

Date: Friday, April 9th

Time: 2:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 944 1571 4623

Passcode: 569580

BLEND BY DESIGN: A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

This past year blended instruction played a significant role in traditional face-to-face instruction. This experience highlighted both strengths and challenges when incorporating blended instruction into our teaching.

The Provost Office and the FCTL have purchased 50 seats in an online course for faculty titled *Blend by Design*. This course is facilitated by Dr. Katie Linder author of *The Blended Course Design Workbook: A Practical Guide*. The course is self-paced providing step-by-step activities for designing blended instruction that is engaging and student-centered. You will receive life-time access to the course and all the course guides and materials. You will also receive a copy of the companion book, *The Blended Course Design Workbook: A Practical Guide*.

To reserve your seat in this course and to request a copy of the book, contact fctl@missouristat.edu

CURRICULUM INNOVATION MINI-GRANTS

There is now additional funding available for Curriculum innovation mini-grants. Awards are limited up to \$1,200 per grant application.

Curriculum innovation mini-grants support faculty with 'pivoting' their courses during the ongoing Coronavirus. Applicants must complete an application indicating:

1. **What one change do you want to make to your course?** i.e., better engage students with the content, create more engaging video lectures, determine better strategies for blended instruction.
2. **What do you think might help you with this change?** i.e., document camera or other video equipment, digital tools that will engage students, not sure.
3. **How will you know if you were successful in creating this change?** i.e., I will see better scores, I will have more engaging course materials online, my students will be more satisfied with their learning experience.

Submit [Curriculum Innovation Mini-Grant Application](#).

Mini-Grants are one-time funding and faculty should consider ongoing costs such as annual subscription services. **Applications will be considered until the funding is depleted.**

DISABILITY IDENTITY WEEK

Monday, April 5th

Adaptive Archery: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Foster Recreation Center

Peanut Butter Falcon: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – PSU Theater

Tuesday, April 6th

Adaptive Archery: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Foster Recreation Center

Wednesday, April 7th

Adaptive Rock Wall Climbing: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Foster Recreation Center

Bear Power Hosting Arc of the Ozarks: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Zoom

Meeting ID: 987 1360 4046

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/98713604046>

Thursday, April 8th

Adaptive Rock Wall Climbing: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Foster Recreation Center

Friday, April 9th

Round Table Discussion: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM on Zoom

Meeting ID: 972 1374 4686

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/97213744686>

For more information, please contact DRC@MissouriState.edu

SUMMER CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in attending a faculty conference to recharge this summer? Many conferences are still being offered virtually and some are FREE!

Conference	Date	Virtual/In-person	Free/Fee-based
Course Hero: One Day Virtual Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none">focused on pedagogy, assessment, and grading in remote contexts.	April 16	virtual	Free
The Teaching Professor Conference	June 4 – 6	Virtual & In-person	Fee-based
REMOTE: The Connected Faculty Summit	June 9 – 10	Virtual	Free
Big 12 Teaching and Learning Conference	June 10 – 11	Virtual	Fee-based
EdMedia +Innovate Learning	July 6 – 8	Virtual	Fee-based
BbWorld	July 13-15 + July 20-22	Virtual	Fee-based and some free sessions
Equity & Excellence Access in Higher Ed	July 28 – 30	Virtual	Fee-based
Lilly Conference	Aug 2 – 4	In-person	Fee-based
Distance Teaching & Learning Conference	Aug 2 – 5	In-person	Fee-based
Showcase on Teaching and Learning	Aug 18	Virtual	Free

COURSE VIDEO SHARING FOR FACULTY

The Office of the Provost, the FCTL, and Information Services would like to share some information with faculty about uploading video to Blackboard.

We are recommending video be shared via [Microsoft Stream](#) or YouTube. Please see [How to Share a Video to Blackboard](#).

As storage space is at a premium, you are encouraged to remove video files. Here is an article on how to do so [How to Remove Video Files from Blackboard](#).

Blackboard is not a video streaming service and storage is at a premium. Videos need to be stored on a video streaming platform such as [Microsoft Stream](#) or YouTube. The links to the [videos can be shared](#) within your Blackboard courses. Here is a list of Blackboard best practices [Blackboard Best Practices for Faculty](#).

THE FCTL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY IS ON YAMMER!

You may be asking yourself “what the heck is Yammer”? [Yammer](#) is essentially a social networking tool for organizations that helps facilitate conversation and sharing of ideas and resources. It is part of the Office 365 package here at Missouri State.

The FCTL instructional designers have created a Yammer Community site as an extension to the resources available through the Academic Community in Blackboard. We want to use it as another way to collaborate with faculty through shared ideas and resources around the topics of Teaching and Learning. It is an open group so all you need to do is locate Yammer in your Office 365 apps, select Discover Communities, locate the FCTL’s Academic Community and select Join. We look forward to connecting with you on Yammer!

LINKEDIN LEARNING – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

All employees now have access to LinkedIn Learning content through their [My Missouri State](#) portal. Instructions for access: <https://www.missouristate.edu/Human/linkedin-learning.htm>

Participate in the April Learning Challenge focusing on communication:
https://www.missouristate.edu/Assets/human/LiAprilChallenge_Final.pdf

PUBLIC AFFAIRS TALKS! THE POWER OF VOICE THROUGH WRITING

[Public Affairs Talks! The Power of Voice through Writing](#)

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Format: Live Zoom Webinar. This event is free and open to the public.

Description: Program description and presenter information will be available soon.

Questions? Contact Stacey Trewatha-Bach at StaceyTrewatha@MissouriState.edu.

VIRTUAL FACULTY WRITING RETREATS

Regularly scheduled writing blocks can increase your productivity and publishing rates. The FCTL will be hosting monthly **Virtual Faculty Writing Retreats** this semester to provide faculty time to focus on scholarly writing in the company of colleagues.

For Spring 2021, we have simplified the Virtual Writing Retreat Sign Up process. Each month, we will have a two-day session with day-long Zoom rooms open. People may drop in and out as they please and work together virtually for as long as they like. Each Zoom link (provided below) will be good for both days of each month’s retreat. We will schedule any workshops or special activities during the same Zoom meetings. All sessions are 9 am – 4 pm.

Retreat Dates:

- Thursday-Friday April 22-23
<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/95018181528>
- Wednesday-Friday May 19-21
<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/92290130095>

Please register through MyLearning Connection by searching for “Faculty Write Program” and choose the blocks and workshops you wish to attend.

Please email facultywriting@missouristate.edu with any questions or feedback.

This event is proudly sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

ASSESSMENT GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty Assessment of Student Learning Grants are available. The purpose of these grants is to support you, the faculty, in your innovative practices in the assessment of student learning. [Apply today](#) for a \$500 Program Assessment Grants to share how your program assesses student learning.

MAGNA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN AN ONLINE SEMINAR DIRECTLY FROM YOUR OFFICE?

MSU has an institutional license to the following on-demand resources.

- **The Teaching Professor** – access great articles and practical, evidence-based insights on strategies for creating a better learning environment. This online newsletter has been a trusted guide for educators for more than 30 years. Editor Dr. Maryellen Weimer has over 25 years of experience in college teaching. She has authored a number of books and is a highly-regarded proponent of effective teaching practices.
- **Magna Commons** – a content library of on-demand versions of many of Magna’s most popular **Magna Online Seminars**, covering a broad range of topics of interest to faculty and administrators.
- **20-Minute Mentor** – a content library of on-demand versions of Magna’s popular 20-Minute Mentor programs, covering a broad range of faculty development topics. (See below).

Access these resources by activating your Magna subscription through the **Academic Community** located in Blackboard. Select the Academic Community from the **Community** tab in Blackboard, and from the Academic Community’s main menu, select **Magna Subscriptions** located under *Professional Learning*. Follow the instructions provided to activate your subscription.

MAGNA COMMONS

MSU has a license to the Magna Commons library which provides on-demand professional development on a variety of topics. These programs are available at no cost to you and include a variety of topics like online teaching, active learning, grading and feedback, classroom inclusion, and

others.

You can activate your account by going to the Magna Subscription link in the Blackboard Academic Community. If you have questions about how to activate your account, contact the FCTL@MissouriState.edu

Below are descriptions to programs that you can easily watch in an hour. Schedule lunch with Magna and discover some new practical ideas that you can easily incorporate into your classroom.

MONDAY MORNING MENTOR

Beginning January 25th, a new 20-Minute Mentor will be available on Monday mornings. Through your Magna subscription, the program will be available for on-demand viewing for one full week.

Here are the next few sessions that will be available:

- Apr. 5, 2021 How Can I Gauge Online Learning Through Engaging Activities and Assignments?
- Apr. 12, 2021 What Are 5 Easy-to-use Technologies That Have a Big Impact on Learning in the Online Classroom?
- Apr. 19, 2021 How Can I Extend My Research to the Public with a Podcast?
- Apr. 26, 2021 How Can Faculty Advocates Promote Online Education on Campus?
- May 3, 2021 What Is the Best Citizenship Advice I Ever Received?
- May 10, 2021 What Is the Best Leadership Advice I Ever Received?

Go to the **Academic Community** to activate your subscription and view the complete schedule. Passwords will be provided weekly.

FCTL COURSE DEVELOPMENT BOOT CAMPS – VIRTUAL

The Online Course Development Boot Camp is now offered virtually!

The next session will be May 17 to 28, 2021.

All sessions will run from 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and no cap on the enrollment.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the Boot Camp through an online experience much like students do when taking an online class. The Boot Camp will include:

- Best practices related to online courses and teaching
- Technology tools that are used in online teaching (lecture capture, test proctoring tools, and others)
- How to translate learning activities to the online classroom and create opportunities for student collaboration and engagement
- Legal and ethical issues associated with online teaching such as copyright, accessibility, and academic integrity

The Boot Camp is an immersive-style experience providing you hands-on training and a structured process for developing an online course.

Throughout the two-week time frame, you will participate both synchronous and asynchronously to create an online course. [All synchronous sessions will be recorded for later review. After you register you will receive an outline of Boot Camp sessions and activities.] You will receive feedback and support from an instructional designer throughout the entire process.

Objectives:

- You will have the opportunity to participate in the Boot Camp through an online experience much like students do when taking an online class.

The Boot Camp will include:

- Best practices related to online courses and teaching
- Technology tools that are used in online teaching (lecture capture, test proctoring tools, and others)
- How to translate learning activities to the online classroom and create opportunities for student collaboration and engagement
- Legal and ethical issues associated with online teaching such as copyright, accessibility, and academic integrity

For more information contact the FCTL@MissouriState.edu or visit the FCTL website. Please register through My Learning Connection by searching for “Two Week Virtual Online Boot Camp”.

FCTL COURSE DEVELOPMENT BOOT CAMPS – SELF-PACED

Since June 1, 2020, the resources from the FCTL’s virtual online boot camps have been available as a *self-paced course development boot camp*. This self-paced version will cover many of the same things as the virtual and on-campus boot camps, but you will be participating at your own schedule and can contact the FCTL Instructional Designers at any time during this process. Their contact information is listed in the *meet your instructional designers* area of the modules.

What’s included in the self-paced course development boot camp

- Best practices related to online courses and teaching
- Different assessment options available in Blackboard
- How to remove potential barriers for students with disabilities.
- Strategies to foster community and engagement in the online classroom
- Strategies to prevent student cheating
- Copyright and fair use in distance education

How to find the self-paced boot camp (access begins June 1, 2020)

- Log into Blackboard and select the Community Tab at the top of the page.
- select Academic Community from the My Organizations module.
- Once in the site, on the main menu, locate “self-paced course development boot camp” to access the boot camp materials.

Upon completion of each of the activities within the module you will be able to print a certificate of completion.

Contact the FCTL@MissouriState.edu for additional information or if any questions.

Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning

Meyer Library Room 202

Voice: 417-836-3059

Email: fctl@missouristate.edu