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PSU 308

Presenters: An Easy Way to Voice-over Your Presentation
Presenters: Ching-Wen Chang & Annice McLean
Presentiers easily creates effective presentations from PowerPoint, Keynote, and other formats. It’s the easiest and most effective way to capture and share presentations. Presentious creates automated speech transcripts for your presentations and it’s a new and exciting no-cost educational technology tool.

PSU 312

Scholar 2 Scholar
Scholar 2 Scholar is a campus-wide research initiative which supports work-study students who are interested in working as research assistants with faculty from all disciplines. In this session, attendees will learn firsthand from pilot program participants (faculty & students) the program expectations and its challenges and rewards.

PSU 316

Tough Talks: Your Role and Cultural Consciousness
Presenter: Lyle Foster
A component of Missouri State University’s commitment to promote inclusion and value diversity, Tough Talks are a diversity lens for students to maximize their campus experience and learn about areas that they may not have experienced. Learn more about facilitator training to prepare you for Tough Talk sessions and other difficult conversations in your classroom.

PSU 314

Faculty Panel: Critical Thinking
Presenter: John Downing & Randy Meredith
Critical thinking involves a range of intellectual activities concerned with evaluating information as well as our own thought and its disciplined way. Our goal is to encourage students to assess information more comprehensively and develop their own thoughts, ideologies, and good decision-making. This panel will present examples and instructional methods they use to foster critical thinking within their discipline.

PSU 315

Classroom Strategies for Transforming Students into Passionate Professionals
Presenters: Tracy Dalton, Summer Harvey, Tom Kane, & Kelly Wood
Participants will learn the value of best practices for better equipping students to become professionals and citizens of impact. The Provost’s Student Success Committee will conduct this workshop to help faculty share ideas and practices that produce engaged students, and that are intentionally connected to their learning, their majors, and their future professional career aspirations. Presenters will introduce confidence- and commitment-building activities and divide participants into brainstorming groups to apply these principles.

PSU 317

Accessibility 101
Presenter: Amanda Lohnam
We know the importance of making our course materials accessible to students, including individuals with disabilities. In this session, you can be sure students using a screen reader can read your WORD or PDF document, or if they can interpret a graph in your PowerPoint? This session will provide valuable insight on how visually impaired students use screen readers to navigate documents. Practical tips on how you can make your course materials more accessible will also be shared.

PSU 318

Innovative Service Learning
Presenter: Kathy Nordbye
Missouri Faculty/Community will demonstrate how their service-learning courses worked to connect student-learning with important community issues including: Springfield’s Red Flag issues, the Fairbanks initiative, the Missouri Vision Screening Program, the Safe and Sanitary Home Initiative, and the Aging in Place. In addition, faculty will engage in an interactive discussion about the methodology used and innovative ways to integrate the teaching pedagogy of service-learning into courses. Participants will share best practices, develop strategies for building a multidisciplinary approach to service-learning in course design and research practices in service-learning, and opportunities for the CASL Faculty Research award.

PSU 319

Blackboard Belk Panel
Techniques and持ち合わせ
In this session, a panel of Blackboard Belk instructors will share their “tips and tricks” of instructional technology and demonstrate how they use courses in courses that attendees can immediately use in their own classes. This panel will also be featured on the CASL Faculty Research Award.

PSU 320

Library Without Walls: Resources for Your Courses
Presenter: Jessica Bennett
Meyer Library’s Research and Instructional Services Unit will discuss resources from the Library’s website including LibGuides, virtual instruction tutorials, digital collection highlights, library instruction using Blackboard CourseCompass, and other library presence in the Blackboard Services tab. The session will also touch on the Library’s various social media efforts (YouTuber tutorials) and how faculty and students can utilize that information for teaching and learning. Other library services and resources such as Interlibrary Loan, Course Reserves, new online study room reservations, subject guides, ebooks and databases will also be discussed.

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"The Devil is in the Details": A Closer Look into some Common Instructional Practice
Presenter: Gautam Bhattacharyya
As an ongoing effort to generate greater student interest, engagement, and ultimately learning, instructors at all levels and disciplines continue to make significant changes to the way they teach. Often, considerable financial resources are spent to reconfigure classrooms or purchase devices to facilitate collaborative learning and encourage communication within a classroom. But after expending their earnest efforts, instructors are often left perplexed by the results of student assessments - both cognitive and affective. Asking, “Why isn’t my group work successful sometimes?” or “Why did only some of my real-world examples engage the students?” In addressing these and other questions, I will present key characteristics of the learning process: identifying activities and practices conducive to supporting these important aspects of learning. - Using evidence from science education research literature, I describe implementation and execution of these instructional methods in ways that maximize the possibility of student learning.

In the Zone: Equipping General Education Instructors to Welcome and Engage a Diverse Student Body
Presenter: Lindsey Jackson
This session aims to effectively equip 100- and 200-level general education instructors to build classrooms that are conducive for domestic and international students alike. Educators equipped with confidence in these strategies should be able to foster a strong, diverse classroom community, altering a homogenous approach to education to one that reflects the belief that linguistic and cultural differences are not a deficit in the learning community, but a powerful asset.

Simple Things You Can Do To Make Your Course More Accessible
Presenter: Stacy Rice
Developing an accessible course seems like a daunting task but it doesn’t have to be. Taking a proactive approach and implementing simple strategies in the beginning will benefit all of your students – not just those needing academic accommodations. In this session, participants will be introduced to proactive and simple strategies to making your courses more accessible utilizing universal design principles. Topics to be covered: How the use of styles in your word processing software and LMS improve accessibility; Using appropriate descriptions of graphics in course designs; How the inclusion of captioning or transcripts for video/audio presentations benefit students with learning disabilities as well as hearing impaired students; and why it is important to know your Disability Support person.

Curriculum Innovation Interactive Poster Sessions
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - PSU Third Floor
Join faculty who received the 2015-2016 Curriculum Innovation awards and learn how it has impacted their teaching.

- Using Effective Instructional Delivery Models and Self-Management Techniques to Improve Instruction for Pre-service Teachers - Reesha Adamsion
- Printing the Impossible: 3D Printed Visual Aids for Teaching Spatial Thinking in the Geosciences - Damon Bassett
- Three-Dimensional Tools for Teaching Neuroanatomy - Traci Garrison
- Interdisciplinary Instruction of Alternative Print Processes - Bryan Colly Jennings
- Student Success and Intermediate Algebra, MTH 101 - Kimberly Van Omum and Jennifer Pursley

Plenary Speaker
Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - PSU 313

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Inclusion of Diversity at Missouri State University
Wes Pratt
Chief Diversity Officer
Division for Diversity and Inclusion

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Universal Design for Learning That You Can Do Today

Keynote Speaker
Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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Dr. Thomas J. Tobin is the Coordinator of Learning Technologies in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. In the field of online-course and -program quality, he is best known for his work on administrative-evaluation techniques; his article on “Best Practices for Administrative Evaluation of Online Faculty” (2004) is considered a seminal work in the field, and has been cited in more than 150 publications. His latest work is Evaluating Online Teaching: Implementing Best Practices (Wiley, 2015) with B. Jean Mandernach and Ann H. Taylor.

Dr. Tobin serves on the editorial boards of InSight: A Journal of Scholarly Teaching, the Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration and the Journal of Interactive Online Learning, and he is an internationally-recognized speaker and author on topics related to quality in distance education, especially copyright, evaluation of teaching practice, academic integrity, and accessibility/universal design for learning.