CTL Spring Calendar

2024

January

24 **Improving Engagement with Canva**
2-3 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Kelsey Wigand

26 **Brightspace (D2L) Express, Part 1: Content, Communication, and Grades**
1-3:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

30 **7 Tips for Boosting Engagement**
1-2 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Javier Vega

February

02 **Brightspace (D2L) Express, Part 2: Discussions, Dropboxes, and Quizzes**
1-3:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

13 **Zooming Into an AI Future: Tools and Use Cases for Zoom Meetings**
1-2 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Theunis Oliphant

27 **Preparing Students for AI Use in the Workforce**
1-2 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitators: Theunis Oliphant & Emily Dodson

March

05 **Shaping Active Learning for Gen Z Students**
2-3 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Emily Dodson

20 **Introduction to Brightspace Rubrics**
2-3 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

26 **Increasing Accessibility in Digital Learning Environments**
1-2 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Emily Dodson

April

03 **Experiential Learning & Student Engagement**
2-3 p.m. (Hybrid)
Facilitator: Kay Winfield

09 **Design and Learning Flow: Building Approachable and Accessible Courses**
2-3 p.m. (Zoom)
Facilitator: Javier Vega

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Session Descriptions

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.

Brightspace (D2L) Express, Part 2
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.

Introduction to Brightspace Rubrics
Streamline your grading process, save time, and provide rich feedback with rubrics in Brightspace. In this session, you'll learn about the terminology, types, and structures of rubrics in Brightspace, learn to build different types of rubrics, and discover tips and tricks for creating rubrics quickly and easily.

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, Anthrop\c, 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.

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