Welcoming Fall 2022

The end of August has always signaled a time of transition. As a kid, it meant the end of my summer freedom and a return to the more structured routine associated with the beginning of school. For my entire professional life, it has marked the same transition to the beginning of the fall semester and the energy, anticipation, and genuine excitement that comes with having students back on campus and the start of classes.

As we collectively discover what changes the pandemic continues to bring to the ways we teach, learn, and work together, the Teaching Center is even more committed to our core mission to inspire and support excellence and innovation in teaching at the university. Our work with schools to strengthen assessment of teaching strategies continues, with a new focus on professional development opportunities that target the knowledge, skills and competencies that evidence suggests best support effective teaching. Our programming to support
equitable and inclusive teaching will provide new opportunities for thoughtful reflection and the development of meaningful practice. Our educational technology team is excited to help you discover ways to use technology to expand your effectiveness and efficiency as an instructor, whether you teach in the face-to-face, online, or hybrid learning environments.

As always, we are here as an advocate, ally, and resource for your success in the classroom, laboratory, studio, clinic, or wherever you teach. Whether you would like to redesign your course, create digital assets for your course, develop new assessment strategies, experiment with immersive video technology, attend a workshop, or simply borrow a laptop, we are here to help you. This newsletter describes just some of the services and resources available to you at the Teaching Center. I encourage you to connect with us and visit our website or email us at teaching@pitt.edu.

**Michael Bridges, PhD**
Interim Executive Director
University Center for Teaching and Learning

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**How to Create A Stellar Syllabus**
In this video, you’ll learn how to set the right opening tone for your course and give your students reasonable expectations about what to expect from the learning experience. Even further, you’ll make sure that your syllabus covers all of the required elements, and learn what other options for material are available for you to consider.

Your Classroom Kit: 5 Quick Tips
During the rush of a new semester, it can be easy to forget essential items and details for your first day of class. This video will help make sure that you capture all of the key items that you'll need to make your class sessions a rousing success.

**Prep For Fall: Zoom Videoconferencing**

In preparation for the start of classes this fall, Zoom Videoconferencing users should download and install the most recent version of the Zoom desktop client or mobile app, available from the Zoom download center. Doing so ensures access to the latest features and security updates.
**Year of Emotional Well-Being Workshops**

The Teaching Center will offer events and resources in support of the Year of Emotional Well-Being throughout the year.

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**Canvas Tips Video Series**

We’re sharing daily tips for instructors on how to maximize your experience, and the experiences of your students, in your Canvas course this fall.

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**Learn About Augmented Reality**

![Image of a person wearing a HoloLens headset, interacting with an anatomical model]

We’d like to you to visit the Open Lab and try our new HoloLens Augmented Reality (AR) Headset! AR provides an enhanced version of the world that places digital objects in real-world settings.
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