The CIRTL Network
CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TEACHING, & LEARNING

Summer events coming soon!

TAR Learning Community Meeting
1:00-2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 21, 2021
The next Pitt-CIRTL TAR LC meeting will discuss “in-progress” projects to get ready for summer and fall semester IRB submissions, project implementation, data analysis, and TAR presentations. If you’d like to be invited to the TAR LC Google group, email April Dukes at aprila@pitt.edu.

Planning for the Pitt-CIRTL Summer Learning Community
Want to learn more about teaching, advising, or mentoring? Sign up to receive information about and vote on the 2021 Pitt-CIRTL Summer Learning Community’s topic! Pitt-CIRTL Summer LC’s meet weekly for 8-10 weeks over the summer and include instruction on a variety of topics. These meetings will be held on Zoom, so feel free to share with colleagues outside of the University of Pittsburgh or outside of the Pittsburgh area.
**dB-SERC Lunch (virtual)**
12:00-1:00 PM, Monday, April 19, 2021
The next dB-SERC lunch discussion will take place Monday, April 19 from 12 – 1 pm. The discussion will be virtual, so please sign up using the link below to receive the Zoom link. Dr. Kyle Whittinghill from the Department of Geology and Environmental Science will give her second presentation about her new course transformation, "Developing a Laboratory Component for GEOL 1515: Environmental Chemistry," in which she developed a brand-new lab component to enhance this essential course for environmental science majors. The purpose of this talk is to share ideas and feedback on the development of this new lab component which will be implemented in Fall 2021.

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**Grading with Canvas Part 2: Using the Gradebook**
1:00-2:00 PM, Monday, April 19, 2021
Learn the features of the Canvas Gradebook. You will learn the tools and settings available for the Canvas Gradebook, and how Canvas can help you calculate your grades.

**In Their Own Words: Mental Health and Student Academic Success**
12:00 - 1:30 PM, Wednesday, April 21, 2021
Join Pitt undergrad and grad students for a new installment of the Teaching Center’s Understanding Our Students series. In this virtual panel we will hear students’ own voices in a conversation about how their instructors and mentors can support their well-being in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In an earlier installment, instructors and mental health professionals shared with us their research-based strategies for creating caring educational environments. Now, we will hear students’ own experiences and insights about what worked for them as they aimed to enhance (and sometimes restore) connection, belonging, transparency, flexibility, and empowerment in their interactions with their teachers and classmates while learning remotely.

**Flex@Pitt: Using Classroom Technology**
10:00-11:00 AM AND 1:00-2:00PM, Friday, April 23, 2021
10:00-11:00 AM AND 1:00-2:00PM, Friday, April 30, 2021
B26 Alumni Hall
The Teaching Center's Classroom Services team will offer training sessions to faculty, staff and TAs who want to gain experience with the Zoom Room hardware used in the Flex@Pitt model. Attendees will have the opportunity to use equipment that is identical to the equipment in classrooms. By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to operate Zoom Room hardware and schedule Zoom meetings for Zoom rooms (starting from Canvas.)
ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
Please bring the mobile device (laptop, iPad, etc.) that you will be using for teaching to this session.
**The Intersection of COVID-19 and Sexual Violence**  
12:00-1:00 PM, Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
This webinar will focus on the effects of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) on sexual assault survivors. Dr. López will begin with a brief overview of the novel coronavirus (SARS-COV-2), including the overall effects of stay-at-home orders and need to quarantine for the general population. The webinar will mainly focus on the ways in which COVID-19 has affected the overall rates of sexual violence, the referrals for sexual assault and domestic violence services, the available services from rape crisis centers, the need for services at Title IX Offices at universities and colleges, and mental health/counseling services. Special attention will focus on sexual assault survivors of color. Available services and resources for sexual assault survivors will be discussed. Dr. Jacobson López is a T32 Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his PhD from Pitt Social Work and is a Licensed Social Worker, and Certified Sexual Assault Counselor.

**Creating Inclusive Spaces for Survivors**  
12:00 - 1:00 PM, Thursday, April 29, 2021  
This workshop will provide faculty and staff members with tips for creating trauma informed spaces that can help survivors feel safe and comfortable on campus. This particular workshop will focus on academic spaces. This training is interactive.

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