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Exploring Diversity in Implicit Leadership Theories and Their Role in Inclusive Teaching and Learning
Note: This is a two-day event!
11:00 – 2:30 PM, Monday, July 26 and Friday, July 29, 2021
For grad students and postdocs in any stage of your academic career, understanding your own perceptions of leadership can impact how you teach, how you work within departments, how you mentor, and more. In this workshop, we will explore implicit leadership theories (ILT), the cognitive structures that people use to evaluate leadership characteristics and behaviors in others. Understanding your own ILTs can help you unpack your own experiences around leadership, bring clarity to the formal and informal ways others may look to you as a leader, and shape how your interact with others: your students, your peers, your PIs, and more.
Designing a Course Based on Your Research Expertise
3:00 – 4:00 PM, Thursday, July 29, 2021

Are you interested in learning more about course design? Have you ever wanted to turn your research topic into a course? Join us to hear a panel of grad students and postdocs share their own experiences building a course based on their fields of research! In this online panel, past participants in CIRTL's course "Transforming Your Research Into Teaching" (TYRIT) will share the courses they developed as TYRIT participants, reflect on what their course design process was like and how TYRIT influenced their work, and discuss how they've been able to - or will be able to - put their designs into practice. Two current TYRIT instructors, Katie Kearns (Indiana University Bloomington) and Bailey Szustak (University of Illinois Chicago) will moderate.

Last Chance to Join the Pitt-CIRTL Summer Learning Community
TOPIC: Inclusive and Equitable Teaching
3:00 - 4:00 PM Wednesdays and 4:00 – 5:00 PM Fridays from June 30-August

Want to learn more about inclusive and equitable teaching? Sign up for the 2021 Pitt-CIRTL Summer Learning Community! The 2021 Pitt-CIRTL Summer LC will meet over the summer on Zoom. Feel free to share the sign-up link with colleagues outside of the University of Pittsburgh or outside of the Pittsburgh area.
Advancing Assessment in Physics Education with an Eye to Equity and Inclusion
12:00 – 1:00 PM Monday, July 12, 2021
Dr. Rachel Henderson from Michigan State University will give a talk titled "Advancing Assessment in Physics Education with an Eye to Equity and Inclusion". The abstract is below:

The field of Physics Education Research (PER) has made major contributions to various educational practices and materials to reform instruction in order to recruit and retain more students. However, while many research-based instructional strategies in physics have continued to advance, reform in undergraduate physics assessment has had limited space in these conversations and needs more attention. As educators, we would like to prepare our students for 21st century careers. In addition to providing the robust set of skills that students are expected to have after receiving a degree in physics, the physics community seeks to increase diversity within our classrooms. Overall, to ensure all students will become successful scientists, physics departments need to be able to provide evidence to make sure that we are reaching these goals. The importance of fairness and equity in assessment for undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education is greater than ever. In this talk, I will motivate, through my prior research experiences, the need for the next generation of physics assessments and discuss a few efforts that have been happening at Michigan State University. Advancing the practices and tools of assessment in physics, so that they are valid, fair, and effective, can better provide equal educational access and better ensure success for our students.

Check [https://teaching.pitt.edu/workshops-events/](https://teaching.pitt.edu/workshops-events/) for updates.

Canvas Refresher: Building Your Course
1:30-2:00 PM, Monday, July 26, 2021
Used Canvas before but want to brush up? This one-hour workshop will refresh your memory of the steps of setting up your course, adding course content, and creating assignments for your students.
**Diversity Forum 2021**
*Multi-Day event!*
*Monday, July 26 – Friday, July 29, 2021*

The aim of the 2021 Diversity Forum, “Dismantling Oppressive Systems: Building Just Communities,” is to engage and equip participants with the knowledge, skills and resources to identify sources of systemic oppression, consider strategies for dismantling that oppression, and actions critical in fostering more equitable and just communities in which we live, work and learn.

Workshops will be held to examine the systemic, institutionalized nature of oppression, the manifestations of systemic power dynamics within higher education and broader social contexts, as well as the impacts of different forms of oppression on individuals, groups, and society. Participants will also discuss theories of racial/social identity development that can help in understanding oneself, others, and intergroup dynamics in the context of implementing social justice efforts. Topical institutional and societal challenges, and associated strategies for change will be explored.

Registrants will receive access to the Forum workshop schedule and selection information when finalized.

There is no cost to participate, and all are welcome.

If you require an accommodation to participate in this event, please contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at diversity@pitt.edu by July 21.

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**Additional Resources:**

- Pitt-CIRTL website: [www.cirtl.pitt.edu](http://www.cirtl.pitt.edu)
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- dB-SERC website: [http://www.dbserc.pitt.edu/](http://www.dbserc.pitt.edu/)
- UCTL website: [www.teaching.pitt.edu](http://www.teaching.pitt.edu)
- OACD website: [www.oacd.health.pitt.edu](http://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu)
- OACD Video Library: [https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/video-library](https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/video-library)
- Postdoc Career Club: [www.uppda.pitt.edu/postdoc-career-club-0](http://www.uppda.pitt.edu/postdoc-career-club-0)
- AME website: [www.ame.pitt.edu](http://www.ame.pitt.edu)