Weekly Happenings Newsletter

Quote of the week:
“In an effective classroom, students should not only know what they are doing, they should also know why and how.”
— Harry Wong

SUMMER 2021
July 26-August 6, 2021

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

Check https://www.cirtl.net/ for updates.

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 ILT’s 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.

Pitt-CIRTL Teaching as Research (TAR) Presentation
Topic “Use of a Collaborative Online Reading Platform for Pre-class Reading Journal Articles in an Ecosystem Ecology Class” by Anusha Balangoda
2:00-3:00 PM Wednesday, August 4, 2021
Email April Dukes (aprilapitt.edu) to receive the Zoom invitation.

**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:

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**University Center for Teaching and Learning**

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.

**Better Grading and Feedback with Gradescope**

11:00 AM-12:00 PM, Thursday, July 29, 2021

Gradescope can help you organize and grade hand-written assignments, or other "respond in the given space" type questions by either scanning paper submissions or accepting them directly from students. With Gradescope, you build a rubric while you grade for consistent grading and easy regrading.

**Introduction to Canvas Part 1: Getting Started**

10:00-11:00 AM, Monday, August 2, 2021

Welcome to Canvas, Pitt's new learning management system! This introductory training focuses primarily on the global functions of Canvas (the Course Dashboard, Calendar, and Inbox) as well as course settings and course user management. This webinar is for instructors and staff who are completely new to Canvas.

**Introduction to Canvas Part 2: Adding, Organizing and Sharing Content**

10:00-11:00 AM, Tuesday, August 3, 2021

How can Canvas, Pitt's new learning management system, help out to organize and present your course content? This training will introduce how the Pages, Modules, and Files features work together to give you a flexible, dynamic home for your course online.

**Introduction to Canvas Part 3: Assignments, Quizzes, and Grading**

10:00-11:00 AM, Wednesday, August 4, 2021

How can Canvas, Pitt's new learning management system, help you assess your students both online and off? This training will cover creating assignments, tests, and quizzes in Canvas, use the SpeedGrader tool to read, comment on and grade student work, and use the online gradebook.
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.

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)