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Penn State Faculty Digest
Faculty Professional Development Special Edition

Welcome to the new academic year! This special edition of the Faculty Digest is quite comprehensive. We urge you to scan the available offerings, which summarize the faculty development efforts across the University. Offerings are organized by office, which are listed in alphabetical order. Please consider saving this email for future reference.

Activity Insight
Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Activity Insight is Penn State's web-based faculty activity reporting solution that facilitates the collection, maintenance and reporting of accurate information about faculty members' professional activities and achievements associated with their teaching, research, and service. The University Libraries' Faculty Activity Management Services team is offering Activity Insight training for all faculty this Fall. Sessions will be available on Zoom and in the Paterno Library's Foster Auditorium. This training will provide faculty with tips and tricks for using Activity Insight to build their annual faculty activity reports, tenure and promotion dossiers, institutional and disciplinary-specific accreditation reports, faculty web profiles, CVs, biographical sketches for NIH and NSF grant applications, etc. Registration is not required, just come on a day that works for you. Please visit the Activity Insight Training tab for more information: https://activityinsight.psu.edu/training/.

AI and Academic Integrity Working Group
The AI and Academic Integrity Working Group has released an AI Literacy unit for use by all instructors to help inform students on the appropriate use of generative AI in their courses this Fall. The series of modules are designed to be imported directly into Canvas and can be used as orientation material for students. The units, which instructors can use individually and modify as they see fit, cover topics including: an introduction to generative AI technology, ethical use of AI in education, evaluating AI-generated content, and using AI in course assignments. Links to the modules and instructions on importing them into Canvas can be found at:
https://aiai.psu.edu/ailiteracy/

Center for Pedagogy in Arts and Design (C-PAD)
The Center for Pedagogy in Arts and Design (C-PAD) is a cross-disciplinary center whose goal is to advance arts and design pedagogies, research, and professional development applicable to learning and teaching in all disciplines. A nexus for scholars, artists, designers, practitioners, and community members who share a common interest in learning and teaching through the arts. C-PAD is a partnership between the College

of Arts and Architecture and Teaching and Learning with Technology at Penn State (TLT).

Friday, September 29th, 2-4pm EST
C-PAD Welcome Back Event
(C-PAD Lab, 113 Borland)

Join us for the Welcome Back VR and Maker Community Experience in Collaboration with TLT. Attendants will create customized pins and participate in a collaborative group installation.

Friday, October 20th, 1-2pm EST
C-PAD Circle: First Discussion
(C-PAD Lab: 113 Borland)

C-PAD Academy, rebranded CPAD Circle, will feature solution-oriented discussion programming where attendees focus on a problem, its subsets and establish the needs of implementation. Our goal will be to democratically determine best practices, objective rethinks of conventions, technology adoptions, and establish educational mores.

For upcoming events and details, please check our website:
https://cpad.psu.edu/events/

Clinical and Translational Science Institute
As one of a handful of programs with a rural focus, Penn State Clinical and Translational Science Institute's mission is to foster collaborative research and provide the necessary tools and resources to help new or proven discoveries reach the people who need it most. The CTSI offers research support, tools, consultative services, funding, training and education that helps to promote collaborations across disciplines to translate new discoveries into practice; connect basic and clinical scientists in the discovery of new treatments, procedures and ways to predict, prevent and treat disease; train new and existing health professionals and investigators; and to support research across the continuum, at all Penn State campuses, and for researchers at every stage of their learning and career.
Upcoming Seminars: Seminars - Penn State Clinical and Translational Science Institute (psu.edu)
Pilot Funding: https://ctsi.psu.edu/research-support/funding/
Research Consultation Request Form: https://ctsi.psu.edu/consultations/
KL2 Program: Early-Stage Investigator Training Program (KL2) - Penn State Clinical and Translational Science Institute (psu.edu)
CTSI Newsletter Sign-up: https://ctsi.psu.edu/contact/#email
Website: https://ctsi.psu.edu/

Faculty Affairs
The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (OVPFA) is dedicated to facilitating and promoting the success of all faculty members at Penn State over their careers. We

focus on academic policies, promotion and tenure, leadership development, and career advancement.

Faculty can find information about many important topics using the [Faculty FUEL](#) (Frequently Utilized and Essential Links) guide.

New faculty can find information on navigating the university by using the [New Faculty Canvas](#) site.

The *Promotions and Tenure Workshop Series* contains engaging sessions to help faculty navigate the promotion process at Penn State. Information about all the workshops can be found on our website. Two sessions of interest to faculty are listed below.

[Preparing for Promotion and Tenure at Penn State for Pre-Tenured Faculty](#)
Date and Time: Thursday, September 28, 2023, 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Target Audience: Pre-tenure tenure-line faculty

[Advancement and Promotion for Non-Tenure-Line Faculty](#)
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023, 2:00-3:00 P.M.
Target Audience: Non-tenure-line faculty at all stages of promotion

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IT Learning and Development
IT Learning and Development (ITLD) is committed to helping the Penn State community get the most out of technology tools and services offered through the University. We create and curate live and asynchronous training solutions focused on Canvas, Qualtrics, Kaltura, Zoom, Microsoft 365, VoiceThread, and more. You will leave our trainings with an understanding of the tools covered and their functions, practical use cases for inside the classroom and out, and resources to reinforce and expand on your new skills!

Visit the full list of services we support and select any service card to learn more about the tool and what types of training we have available.

The ITLD events calendar contains our full schedule for live training sessions during the Fall 2023 semester. Select any session on the calendar to access more information and register in the LRN. All sessions are offered on Zoom, enabling faculty to participate from anywhere.

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
The [Office of Postdoctoral Affairs](#) (OPA) seeks to enhance the postdoctoral experience through career and professional development. OPA is committed to preparing emergent leaders in academia, diversifying the professoriate, enriching faculty mentorship, and supporting alternate career pathways.

Faculty engage by encouraging postdocs to attend monthly programming. Also, the entire research community is invited to attend the annual postdoctoral research symposium. Events will be updated soon on the OPA site.

September 18: Fall 2023 Career Workshop and Welcome Dinner
4-6 pm, Heritage Hall in HUB-Robeson Center with Jennifer Nicholas

October 20: Tenure-Track Research, Teaching, and Diversity Statements
3-5 pm, Innovation Hub (Room 603) with Carolee Bull, Larkin Hood, and Chas Brua

November 17: Research Support: Strengthening a Transferrable Skill Set in Data Science
3-4 pm, Innovation Hub (Room 603) with Nathan Piekelek

December 8: Postdoctoral Research Symposium
All day, Heritage Hall in HUB-Robeson Center, organized by a committee of postdoc leaders

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Office for Research Protections
The Office for Research Protections (ORP) is Penn State's home for research ethics and compliance, where we partner with researchers to maintain the integrity of Penn State research. The ORP offers a series of workshops on research integrity and compliance, including how to submit research protocols. The ORP offers additional workshops on navigating our compliance systems and on a variety of research ethics topics. See all our offerings: https://www.research.psu.edu/education/all-education-events

New Faculty
Get a 5-minute overview of our office and programs with our Getting Started Videos:

- Office for Research Protections
- Animal Research
- Biohazardous Materials
- Conflicts of Interest & Commitment

All new faculty must submit a conflict of interest disclosure. Learn more:

- Watch our short video: Overview of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment
- Attend a 15-Minute Overview: Navigating Penn State's Disclosure Policies for Conflicts of Interest and Commitment

Need to submit a protocol?

- Human Subjects Research (IRB): Learn more under "Getting Started" or attend a submission training

- Animal Research (IACUC): Review our New PI Checklist or take a training on how to submit
- Biohazardous Materials (IBC): Attend a submission training

Penn State Global

The Asia Partnerships of Penn State Global is hosting a delegation from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). Representatives of JSPS in Washington D.C. will share information on fellowship programs to support faculty members in all career stages conduct research in Japan. The event takes place on Monday, September 11, 11am to 12pm, in Boucke 410.

Limited seats available. First come, first served. Registration before September 4: https://forms.office.com/r/Q0KcvcdVQx. There is no virtual option for the event, but a recorded video can be shared with faculty who will miss the session.

Homepage of JSPS: https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv_researchers/

Any questions, please contact Anna Marshall, Associate Director for Asia Partnerships, at awm15@psu.edu.

Red Folder

The Red Folder course can now be found on the Learning Resource Network (LRN). The Red Folder initiative is a guide to help faculty, staff, student leaders, and others who interact with students to recognize, respond effectively to, and refer Penn State students who are experiencing various levels and types of distress. Students may experience different levels of distress across various areas of their lives. The type and amount of distress they are experiencing will require different actions and resources. This engaging, self-paced course can be completed in 30 minutes and allows users to refer back to course content as needed.

To access the course:

1. Follow the link to The Red Folder LRN course (note: you may need to first log in to the LRN by selecting "Log in to LRN")
   or
1. Log in to the Learning Resource Network (LRN) with your Penn State account: https://lrn.psu.edu/
2. In the search bar enter the search term: "The Red Folder"
3. Select "The Red Folder" online class

Please visit The Red Folder website for more information and resources.

Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence

As Penn State's university-wide teaching center, the mission of the [Schreyer Institute](#) is to advance and inspire excellence in Penn State's teaching community.

The Schreyer Institute supports instructors as they develop their teaching through 1-on-1 meetings with our faculty teaching consultants and in group settings such as [workshops](#), [short-courses,](#) [custom workshops](#), and [grants](#). We serve all instructors at every Penn State campus. Feel free to reach out to any [consultant](#).

We invite new faculty to drop in for *[Talk with a Teaching Consultant: Open Office Hours at the Schreyer Institute](#)* on August 18 between 10am-3pm. Additional resources are also available on our [website](#).

Upcoming workshops and courses on DEIB in teaching: An introductory course on [Universal Design for Learning](#) or workshops on [Accessibility and Belonging,](#) [Supporting Students' Sense of Belonging](#), and [Equity and Inclusion in Grading and Assessment](#) will be offered this Fall.

Additional workshops include, [Designing Assignments for Learning in the Age of AI](#) (and [resources on teaching and AI)](#), [Navigating Student Disruptions,](#) and [Grading Differently](#). We also sponsor numerous [Teaching Communities for 2023-24,](#) which are open to any instructor interested in joining. Please reach out to the community leader.

Please scroll our [SITE's Events page](#) for monthly lists of other upcoming workshops.

Teaching with Technology Series
IMPACTful Learning: Bridging Technology, Empathy, and Education through Interactive Gameplay
Wednesday, 8/30, 1 pm – 2 pm or Thursday, 8/31, 1 pm – 2 pm; [Registration Form](#)

Learning Tools Exploration: Content Visualization Tools
Tuesday, 9/12, 1pm – 2 pm or Wednesday 9/13, 1pm – 2 pm; [Registration Form](#)

Enhancing Instructional Materials Using Generative AI Tools
Monday, 9/25, 1pm – 2 pm or Tuesday, 9/26, 1pm – 2 pm; [Registration Form](#)

Full descriptions of all TwT sessions, and sessions beyond September, can be found at the [TwT website.](#)

Teaching with Technology: New Faculty Academic Technology Lunch Series
Faculty Tech Academy
Wednesday, 9/27, 12:20 – 1:10 pm; [Registration Form](#)

Pathways to Pedagogy
Wednesday, October 25, 12:20 – 1:10 pm ; [Registration Form](#)

Impact Deck
Wednesday, November 29, 12:20 – 1:1:10 pm; [Registration Form](#)

Teaching with Technology Learning Groups
AI in the Classroom Teams Space: This space aims to connect faculty and staff at Penn State, fostering discussions on the integration of AI in the teaching and learning community.
New Faculty Community Teams Space: This space serves as a place for faculty to interact and network with peers to gain insights and share best practices surrounding teaching and learning topics and general Penn State resources.
Data-Informed Pedagogy (DIP) Community: This is a space where instructors can share ideas, ask questions, and discuss teaching and learning applications of data and learning analytics.
Digital Fluency Community of Practice (DFCoP): This space brings together educators to elevate digital fluency at Penn State by imagining and generating innovative strategies.

Teaching with Technology Resources
Creative Learning Initiatives
Instructors interested in including multimedia assignments as part of course work are invited to partner with TLT's Media Commons service which provides technical and pedagogical expertise in designing and supporting multimedia-rich projects for students. No previous experience with the technology required!
- Media Commons Getting Started information for Faculty
- Maker Commons Getting Started information for Faculty
- Immersive Experiences Getting Started information for Faculty

Course Insights Canvas Pilot
Course Insights is a Canvas LTI application that provides instructors with insight into the population of students enrolled in their canvas section including demographic breakdown of majors and minors, semester standing, prior enrollment summaries, and more! If you are a faculty member at Penn State who is interested in exploring your student's course activity in Canvas, please contact us at delteam@psu.edu to inquire about the ongoing pilot.

Faculty Tech Academy
TLT is offering the Faculty Tech Academy 2023-2024 in the Learning Resource Network (LRN) for faculty and staff to explore the current landscape of essential learning technologies. Access the Faculty Tech Academy.

University Libraries
Penn State University Libraries endeavors to support teaching, research, and student success across the Commonwealth by offering workshops, resources, and programs for faculty related to teaching, course materials, copyright, open access, research data management, and other related topics. Faculty can always contact a subject expert who works with their department or campus in order to learn more about research resources, curricular support, or other way that Libraries can support the Penn State community. During Fall 2023, we invite faculty to engage in the following opportunities:

Faculty can learn about copyright and the University's open access policy in our Fall 2023 copyright workshops.

Faculty can access resources and guidance about data management and sharing on the Data Management and Sharing guide.

Faculty can take advantage of services and workshops on affordable course transformation.

Faculty can learn about their personal data, how it is collected, and its potential uses and reflect on how to make informed, intentional choices to safeguard privacy through the Privacy Workshop Series.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
To obtain comprehensive, updated information at any time, please review:

- The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs website
- The University's comprehensive COVID-19 resources
- Previous issues of this Digest