

## THE CETL SCOOP

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# TENURED FACULTY ENHANCEMENT LEAVE

This competitive program, funded by the President and Provost, is intended to assist tenured faculty in devoting an entire semester to research and/or creative activity.

Proposals must focus on projects that result in scholarly and/or creative activity products that help move the university toward national prominence at an R2 standard that warrant 100% research workload and are beyond the expectations of a typical 30% research workload.





## You're Invited: CETL Open House

We invite you to join CETL at our house located at: 3211 Campus Loop Road
Kennesaw, GA 30144

We welcome you in to explore our space (including Hopscotch 4-SoTL in our Research Lab), meet our team of teaching and learning experts, and enjoy a book signing of <u>The Faculty Guide to a Balanced and Harmonious Career: Yogic Strategies for Self-Growth and Fulfillment</u> by Dr. Michele DiPietro (copies will be available).



September 5 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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## FREE FOR KSU FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

We invite you to attend the <u>2025 SoTL Summit virtual conference</u>! Join us for more than 150 peer-reviewed and invited sessions showcasing SoTL research and scholarly teaching innovations.

Registration is free for all KSU faculty, staff, and students. You must register with your KSU email address for the free registration. Attending the SoTL Summit is one activity that counts towards becoming a SoTL Learner in the KSU SoTL Scaffold initiative.

Bonus: as a registrant, you will have the opportunity to return to the program after the conference to view sessions you missed.





#### SUPPORT FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING

Did you know CETL offers a comprehensive suite of services to support faculty through the external funding process for SoTL projects? Our team provides guidance in developing proposal ideas and planning research projects, offers feedback during the proposal development stage, and conducts final draft reviews to strengthen alignment with funding priorities.

Dr. Sheena Brown, Lead for Educational Development Scholarship and Evaluation, provides consultations and workshops to help faculty through this process. Check out her upcoming workshop or request a consultation below:

**Request a SoTL Consultation** 

Mission Possible: A Guide to Securing SoTL Research Funding

Thursday, Sept. 4 | 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Virtual

# Spotlight on Expanding the NEST

Every month, we will be spotlighting one of the practices for cultivating student success. This is meant to provide tips for implementing the practice.

This month we are spotlighting:

#7: Take a training on cultivating community from a KSU center or division (such as, KSU's Division of Organizational Effectiveness, Leadership and Institutional Development; CETL)

Cultivating a sense of community and mattering in our classes reinforces students' positive attitude toward school, helps students create connections to their classmates and to their studies, and boosts their learning through harnessing attention and assisting long-term memory. Cultivating community in your classes helps students learn more deeply and efficiently. Vincent Tinto (1987) presented the Theory of Institutional Departure from Higher Education highlighting that students experience academic and social systems at the institution both formally and informally. Positive experiences and stronger connections led to students strengthening their goals and commitment to graduate. This research continues where Gopalan & Brady (2019) found that these connections and sense of community were associated with better persistence, engagement, and mental health.

#### <u>Training Opportunities</u>

#### **Cultivating Community in Your Classes**

Tuesday, Sep. 2 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Virtual

#### **Teaching with Inclusivity**

Tuesday, Nov. 11 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### **Teaching with Respect**

Thursday, Nov. 13 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Gopalan, M., & Brady, S. T. (2019). College Students' Sense of Belonging: A National Perspective. *Educational Researcher*, 49(2), 134-137. <a href="https://doi.org/10.3102/0013189X19897622">https://doi.org/10.3102/0013189X19897622</a>

Tinto, V. (1987). Leaving college: Rethinking the causes and cures of student attrition. The University of Chicago Press.

## SoTL Spotlight

This month we spotlight all the KSU faculty, staff, and students who are sharing their work at the virtual SoTL Summit conference. We are excited to have 8 colleges, 2 divisions, and 3 students represented in our list. Register now to engage with them and their fellow scholars from around the world. Registration is FREE for KSU!

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## **Upcoming Events**

Come join CETL for opportunities to grow and connect with others here at Kennesaw State University. All of our events can be found on this <u>website</u>. Below is a list of upcoming events and deadlines. Please remember our registration process is now handled through OwlTrain. If you have any questions, please email us at cetl@kennesaw.edu

#### **<u>Cultivating Community in Your Classes</u>**

Tuesday, Sep. 2 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Virtual

#### **VITAL Teaching Moments**

Wednesday, Sep. 3 Wednesday, Sep. 3 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Virtual

## Mission Possible | A Guide to Securing SoTL Research Funding

Thursday, Sep. 4 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Virtual

### <u>Early Career Onboarding Series | Building and Facilitating a Sustainable Module for Your Course</u>

Friday, Sep. 5 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hybrid

#### **Learning-Centered Teaching**

Monday, Sep. 8 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CETL House

#### <u>Portfolio Submission Workshop for Pre-</u> Tenure Review

Wednesday, Sep. 10 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Virtual

#### **Book Chat | The Slow Professor**

Friday, Sep. 12 Monday, Sep. 15 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Marietta. Norton Hall CETL House

#### **Book Chat | Small Teaching**

Tuesday, Sep. 23 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. CETL House

#### Early Career Onboarding Series: Accessing & Navigating uHoo Analytics

Thursday, Sep. 25 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Hybrid

#### <u>Using Campus as Classroom: Creating a</u> <u>Living Learning Lab</u>

Friday, Sep. 26 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Willingham Hall Rm 130

#### **Upcoming Deadlines**

#### **SoTL Summit Registration**

Deadline: Sep. 15 @ 12:00pm

#### **Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave**

Deadline: Oct. 1 @ 11:59pm

#### **Mutual Mentoring Groups**

Please see all MMGs being offered and email cetl@kennesaw.edu if you are interested in joining one.

