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CELEBRATION OF TEACHING DAY

This year, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is hosting the inaugural Celebration of Teaching Day. This event is designed to elevate and amplify teaching practices and recognize faculty as they cultivate student success at KSU. We hope you will join us in the University Rooms of the Carmichael Student Center on the Kennesaw Campus for the following:

Nov. 20 - Schedule of Events

10:00 - 11:00am	Welcome and Recognition* with Provost Ivan Pulinkala
11:00am - 12:30pm	Keynote Speaker: James Lang
12:30- 1:30pm	Book Signing & Reception for Honorees
2:00- 3:00pm	Panel on Teaching with AI
3:00- 4:00pm	Refreshing Your Course(s) for Spring: An Overview of the Backward Course Design Process



James Lang, author of
*Distracted and Small
Teaching*

*Recognition

- Expanding the NEST Champions, Innovators, & Advocates
- CETL intensive program contributors
- Special accomplishments in teaching

RSVP by 12pm (noon), November 6



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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CETL has two funded opportunities with deadlines approaching. With the upcoming holidays, we wanted to make sure this was on your calendar.

Teaching Academy for Part-Time Faculty is a virtual two-day learning event designed to introduce faculty who teach part-time to research on how people learn and to teaching strategies found to foster deep learning in our students. Upon completion each Academy participant will receive \$750 additional pay. For more information and to apply, please visit this [webpage](#).



Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Conference Presentation Funds Program is to sponsor a limited amount of travel funding for faculty whose SoTL has been accepted for presentation at disciplinary or interdisciplinary conferences. For more information and to apply, please visit this [webpage](#).

KSU Faculty Awards

The nomination process for the KSU Faculty Awards is open on the [CETL webpage](#). Each award has specific criteria, so please ensure you are looking at the requirements for the award you are submitting a nomination for.

IMPORTANT: The nominations are submitted on the CETL webpage from the college dean or designee. Now would be a great time to connect with your college about how they are handling the nomination process.





31st Annual SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING SUMMIT

September 19-20, 2024

A SUCCESSFUL SoTL SUMMIT

CETL hosted the 31st Annual Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Summit on September 19 - 20 had over 560 registrants from 110 institutions. We had attendees join us from across the United States and across the globe including Columbia, United Kingdom, Canada, and Ireland.

This could not have been possible without the leadership of our conference chair Hillary Steiner who recruited our keynote and plenary speakers, managed many behind the scenes details, and recruited peer reviewers and moderators for the sessions. Also, thank you to Christina Ujj, our conference Operations Chair, and Haleigh Campbell, our Operations Coordinator, who assisted behind the scenes (particularly with the technical aspects of the conference).

Thank you to all of our moderators from Kennesaw State University: Michele DiPietro, Tris Utschig, Rebecca Weaver, Misty Grayer, Laura Howard, Sheena Brown, Christopher Pallas, and Charles Parrott. Without your assistance, the conference would not have run as smoothly as it did.

To stay in the know about the next conference, please sign up for our [Summit Mailing List](#).

"Super knowledgeable speakers and interactive sessions. I will be back next year!"

"The conference was exceptionally well organized and the content was engaging, thought-provoking, and timely."

*Save
the
Date*

SoTL SUMMIT 2025 FREE FOR KSU FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

Please save the date for the [2025 SoTL Summit](#) virtual conference on September 18-19, 2025.

Registration is free for all KSU faculty, staff, and students. Call for proposals opens on February 1, 2025, so please consider presenting a session or poster this coming year.

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:

#21: Create intentional and frequent opportunities for students to offer feedback on their learning experience and to suggest ideas for improvement.

November is a great opportunity for faculty to work on both increasing feedback for their Fall 2024 courses and planning how to increase formative assessment opportunities in their Spring 2025 courses. Students can start filling out their course evaluations for the 15-week sessions on November 4 with the last day being December 2. In order to have meaningful data to draw conclusions, the student response rate needs to be as high as possible. Tips for instructors to increase response rates are:

- Provide assurance that you will use feedback
- Provide frequent reminders
- Make the evaluation easy for students to find
- In a synchronous or in-person class, provide time during the class session to complete the evaluation (remembering to step out of the room during this time)
- Provide assurance of confidentiality

As you build your Spring 2025 course plans, consider implementing low stakes activities to help you monitor learning and adjust your teaching accordingly.

You are always welcome to attend one of our events to learn more or contact CETL for one-on-one consultations in any of this work.



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 [website](#). 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

Designing Your Syllabus to Focus on Learning

Wednesday, Nov. 6
1:25 - 2:15 p.m.
Webinar

Flexible Policies: Rethinking Course Policies for Student Success

Thursday, Nov. 7
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CETL House

Mission Possible: A Guide to Securing SoTL Research Funding

Friday, Nov. 8
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Webinar

Telling Your Award Story

Wednesday, Nov. 13
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
CETL House

Ongoing Events | Mutual Mentoring Groups (MMG) + More

Pre-Tenure MMG

Monday, Nov. 4
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Webinar

BIPOC MMG

Tuesday, Nov. 5
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Webinar

Write Here, Write Now

Wednesday, Nov. 6
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Webinar

Chairs and Directors MMG

Friday, Nov. 8
2:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Webinar

Global Faculty MMG

Friday, Nov. 11
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Webinar

Early Career Tenure Track Faculty MMG

Tuesday, Nov. 12
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Webinar

Assistant & Associate Deans MMG

Thursday, Nov. 14
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Webinar

Assistant & Associate Chairs MMG

Friday, Nov. 22
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Webinar

BIPOC MMG

Friday, Nov. 22
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Webinar

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM of GEORGIA
TEACHING & LEARNING
CONFERENCE

April 3-4, 2025, Columbus, GA

Conference Theme: Teaching with Impact

Learn more about the conference [here](#).

Upcoming Deadlines

Data Interpretation & Use of uHoo for Your Annual Review Workshop
Register By: Nov. 21 @ 11:59 pm

Teaching Academy for Part-Time Faculty

Deadline: Jan. 13 @ 11:59pm

SoTL Conference Presentation Funds

Deadline: Jan. 13 @ 11:59pm



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