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CETL IS HIRING!

CETL is excited to announce job opportunities for three (3) new positions. All three are full-time staff positions, and they will be integral to the mission of CETL and all faculty development initiatives. Please help spread the word and consider applying for the following positions:

Lead for
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Scholarship
and
Evaluation

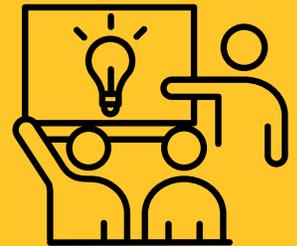


Senior
Teaching and
Learning
Consultant



Please go to this [webpage](#)
for more details and for
the links to apply!

Teaching and
Learning
Consultant



Our Spring Workshop Schedule is in progress. To be the first to know about our offerings, please sign up for the CETL ListServ to receive a special edition of the CETL Scoop in January.

Send a message the following address from your KSU email account to sign up:
CETL-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@list.kennesaw.edu

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Welcome to our CETL Faculty Fellows

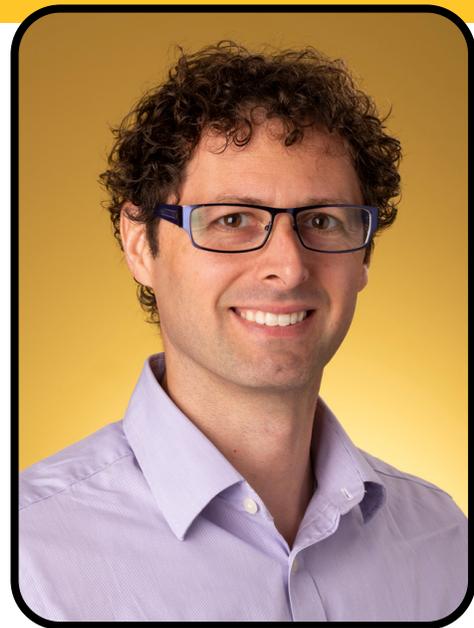
CETL is excited to announce the addition of two more CETL Faculty Fellows to the team for the Spring 2024 semester. Thank you to all who joined us for the job talks and provided feedback during the search process. Please help us in welcoming our new CETL Faculty Fellows.

Dr. Misty Grayer
CETL Faculty Fellow for
Learning-Centered Teaching



Dr. Grayer is an assistant professor in the School of Government and International Affairs and empowers students to be work-ready to meet the needs of the communities that they will serve. Through Dr. Grayer's teaching philosophy, she strives to create well-designed and assessable courses that (1) foster collaborative and student-led learning environments; (2) encourage critical thinking and the free exchange of intellectual thought; and (3) create opportunities for students to apply practical skills needed in their careers given their unique identities, beliefs, values, and backgrounds. We are excited to welcome Dr. Grayer to the CETL Team to provide opportunities for faculty to enhance their learning-centered approaches.

Dr. Christopher Pallas
CETL Faculty Fellow for
Graduate Student Support



Dr. Christopher Pallas will be joining as the CETL Faculty Fellow for Graduate Student Support in January 2024. Dr. Pallas is a professor in the School of Government and International Affairs and has been creating and leading professional development programs for graduate students for more than 10 years. Through his experiences and input from student mentees, Dr. Pallas authored [Doctoral Student Skills: Using Your Comparative Advantage to Succeed in Grad School and Prepare for the Job Market](#) (2023). We are excited to welcome Dr. Pallas to the CETL Team.

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](#).

DEADLINE

JAN 8



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. The January 8th deadline is for faculty whose dates of travel will be between February 1 and March 31, 2024. 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.

DEADLINE

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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.

Since this issue is for both December and January, we are spotlighting:

#1: Build rapport through icebreakers, small group activities, collaborative thinking, tone, etc.
#16: Use Midterm Grades. Ensure your grading scheme reflects substantive student work by midterm.

As you are planning your spring courses, it is important to plan how you will build rapport with students and organize graded assignments/tests to align with uploading midterm grades by the deadline of February 27, 2024.

CETL faculty Laura Howard, CETL Faculty Fellow for Learning-Centered Teaching, and Linda Stewart, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Support, published this article in *Faculty Focus* with tips on how to write a welcome message to your class and more tips on culturally responsive moves to help build community throughout the semester. This article was written for building rapport in digital spaces, but these practices are also applicable to in-person or hybrid spaces.

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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 [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

Onboarding Series | Faculty Success at KSU: A Community Conversation

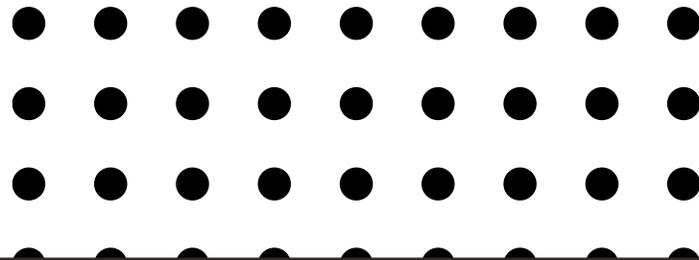
Monday, Dec. 4
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Hybrid

Onboarding Series | Thinking Strategically about Annual Reviews

Thursday, Jan. 18
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid

Preparing & Submitting Your Annual Review Documents

Wednesday, Jan. 10
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Webinar



Ongoing Events Mutual Mentoring Groups (MMG) + More

Assistant and Associate Chairs MMG

Friday, Dec. 1
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
CETL House

Write Here, Write Now

Thursday, Dec. 7
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid

Assistant and Associate Deans MMG

Friday, Dec. 8
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
CETL House

Early Career Tenure Track Faculty MMG

Monday, Dec. 11
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
CETL House

Global Faculty MMG

Tuesday, Dec. 12
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Webinar

Upcoming Deadlines

Teaching Academy for Part- Time Faculty

Deadline: Jan. 8 @ 5:00pm

SoTL Conference Presentation Funds

Deadline: Jan. 8 @ 11:59pm

REMINDER ABOUT REGISTRATION

All CETL events are now posted for registration on OwlTrain. You can check out our [CETL Channel](#) and register for workshops.

If you are interested in joining a Mutual Mentoring Group (MMG) or Write Here, Write Now, please email cetl@kennesaw.edu. We will add you to the registration in OwlTrain.

Please contact us if you have any registration issues.

