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Teaching at Southern

August 2019, The Center for Teaching Excellence



Director's Note

As the Interim Director of The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), I welcome you to the Fall 2019 Semester! The CTE is here to provide training and resources to assist faculty in creating exemplary student learning experiences. Student success begins with your success. We have something for faculty at all stages of their careers. From training workshops to professional development recognition, from beginning your first Scholarship of Teaching and Learning research project to presenting at our SoTL Commons Conference, you can find the support you need to develop and document your Effective Teaching Behaviors at the CTE. Explore our [website](#) and [calendar of events](#) to learn how we can help you succeed at Georgia Southern. I encourage you to reach out to our amazing staff of Instructional Designers and Faculty Developers or to drop into the Center to meet like-minded colleagues.

Debbie Walker

Interim Director, CTE



Registration Open: Fall 2019 Teaching Online Courses (TOC) Program

Registration Deadline: August 16

The TOC Program certifies faculty to deliver and design online courses at GSU. The program consists of three parts: a seven-week online workshop, a three-week course development practicum, and two face-to-face technical training workshops. The estimated time commitment is 36-40 hours.

- **Part 1. TOC Workshop:** August 26-October 13
- **Part 2. TOC Design Practicum:** October 28-November 17.
- **Part 3. Technical training workshops:** The two 90-minute technical workshops may be completed at any time during the semester.

For more information, visit our [TOC Program](#) page or contact us at cte@georgiasouthern.edu.

[Register for the Fall 2019 TOC Program](#)

Registration Open: Fall 2019 Improving Your Online Course

Registration Deadline: August 23, 2019

Experienced online instructors are invited to register for the Quality Matters® (QM) online workshop "Improving Your Online Course" (IYOC). Register by **August 23** with this [IYOC Application Form](#)*.



Register for this workshop if you are interested in:

- Updating your expertise in teaching online
- Ensuring that your course is in compliance with all federal accessibility requirements
- Identifying course improvements to support student engagement
- Completing this IYOC workshop will meet the CTE prerequisite for a Quality Matters® online course peer review

IYOC Dates: Tuesday, September 24 - Monday, October 14 (3 weeks)

If you have any questions, please contact Instructional Designer, Stephen Hufsmith at shufsmith@georgiasouthern.edu or (912) 344-2584.



Folio Boot Camp for Emergency Preparedness

Natural disasters can shut down campus, but they don't have to shut down learning. In this three-hour boot camp, you'll learn everything you need to know to ensure that your course can proceed in Folio even if students can't come to campus. Topics covered include:

- Adding content and materials to Folio
- Creating an assignment Dropbox
- Creating quizzes
- Creating graded discussions
- Setting up gradebook
- Identifying video creation resources

Please note that the Provost's Office *strongly* recommends that all faculty be prepared to shift courses into Folio in the event of a temporary campus closure. Don't let an emergency catch you off guard!

Statesboro

August 20, Tuesday | 9 am-12 pm | Cone Hall 2027

Armstrong

August 15, Thursday | 9 am-12 pm | Solms Hall 207

[Register Here](#)

SoTL Learning Community

Registration Deadline: August 23

[Apply now!](#)

Learn to speak SoTL! This two-semester SoTL Faculty Learning Community (FLC) give participants a hands-on introduction to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). During the first semester, participants collaborate in small groups to design a SoTL project for implementation in the spring semester. Each group creates and submits required IRB human research paperwork at the end of the first semester. In the second semester of the FLC, participants collect and analyze project data.



Participants must be willing to commit to 6 fall meetings and 3 spring meetings. All participants will receive a copy of *Engaging in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* (Bishop-Clark and Dietz-Uhler, 2012). Upon completion of the FLC, participants will have fully formed a SoTL project and initial data that can be presented at conferences and used to further the project beyond the FLC. Past participants have

presented their findings at the USG Teaching and Learning and SoTL Commons Conferences. Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the FLC one week prior to the first meeting.

Meets from 2:30-4:00 PM on Tuesdays:

August 27, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 29, and November 19.

SoTL COMMONS CONFERENCE

The Center for Teaching Excellence invites you to share your SoTL work at our SoTL Commons Conference **February 19-21, 2020** at the Hyatt Regency on the Riverfront in **Savannah, Georgia**.

The **Call for Proposals** is **NOW OPEN!** Submit your proposal by October 1, 2019.

For the most up to date information about the conference, to submit your proposal or to indicate interest in serving as a reviewer, please see [the conference website](#).

#GS LightBoard

Instructional Lightboard Videos

You can now create instructional videos that allow you to face your students while you draw, solve problems, write notes, and more! [Lightboard videos](#) can be used for online "lectures" or outside of class enrichment. The summer is a great time to plan your fall instruction.

Contact cte@georgiasouthern.edu to begin your Lightboard experience!

Register for CTE Events & Workshops

Events may be cancelled if fewer than 5 participants register.



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