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Teaching at Southern

August 2020, The Center for Teaching Excellence

Message from the CTE Director

Welcome back! Whew! If you're like me, you're tired before the semester is getting started! While there is so much uncertainty, the CTE has worked diligently over the summer to provide you with materials to guide you in your course planning. Our new training course, "Flex Ed: Adaptive Pedagogy for Unpredictable Paths," is a lifesaver providing assistance in making informed decisions about flexible course design and delivery. Also make sure to explore the [CTE Guide for Teaching Online](#) and our [website](#). And, we are always available for [one-on-one assistance](#).



Amidst the uncertainty, may we stay focused on our true purpose: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." — Martin Luther King

Debbie Walker, Interim Director

Flex Ed: Adaptive Pedagogy for Unpredictable Paths

We face a great deal of uncertainty in terms of fall course formats. As you try to plan for the coming semester, you may be wondering:



- What happens if students can only attend every other or every third class due to course size? What about students who need to self-quarantine but want to continue my course?
- What can I do to ensure that students continue learning if they can't come to class?
- Can I still use active learning strategies in a socially distanced classroom?
- Should I plan to teach a flipped, blended, hybrid, or hyflex course? What do any of those even mean?
- How can I best design my course to manage a sudden online transition?

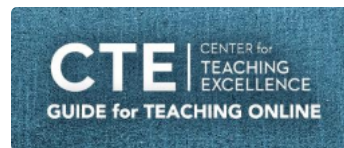
If you've considered these or similar questions, the CTE's new Flex Ed course is for you! In this asynchronous, self-paced Folio course, you'll find tips, tools, and strategies to help you design

courses flexible enough to adapt to shifting course modalities while also ensuring engaging learning experiences for students.

This course opened July 6 and will remain open for enrollment. Once you [register](#), you should be able to access this in your Folio course listing. If not, email cte@georgiasouthern.edu and request to be enrolled.

CTE Guide to Teaching Online

This Folio course is another “must have” as it contains tutorials for Folio as well as best practices in online course design and delivery and recommended tools. The [CTE Guide for Teaching Online](#) materials are designed for faculty at all levels of online teaching expertise, from novice to expert.



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CTE Teaching Online Webpage

The CTE [Teaching Online](#) web page is frequently updated with resources and training to support you in designing and delivering courses. The [Folio Jumpstart](#) will get you started with Folio. *(Remember, Folio supports face-to-face teaching, too!)*

Check out the MANY resources available!

Teaching Online Courses Program Open for Registration

The *Teaching Online Courses (TOC) Program* prepares and certifies faculty to deliver and design online courses at Georgia Southern University (GS). Upon completion of the TOC online course and Design Practicum, participants will be awarded a *Teaching Online Courses Program* certificate.



TOC Dates: August 31 - October 11 (6 weeks)

Design Practicum: October 26 - November 15 (3 weeks)

Deadline: August 24, Monday

For more information and to register, visit our [TOC Program](#) page.

Improving Your Online Course Program Open for Registration

Have you been teaching online for a while? Ready for a fresh look at your course? Experienced online instructors are invited to register for the Quality Matters® (QM) online workshop "Improving

Your Online Course" (IYOC).

IYOC Dates: September 15, Tuesday - October 5, Monday (3 weeks)

For more information and to register, visit our [IYOC Program](#) page.



Open Educational Resources (OER)

Open Educational Resources (OER) are known to help students with the cost of course materials, but did you know they also help with Diversity and Inclusion? Interested in exploring the advantages of OER? Interested in receiving grant money to incorporate OER into your courses and Diversity & Inclusion plans? Learn more and engage by taking one of the scheduled workshops for OER. [Affordable Learning Georgia](#) just released [Round 18 Request for Proposals](#) for grant funding.

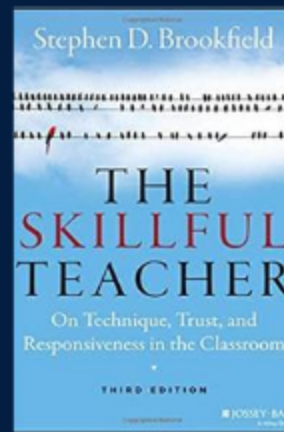
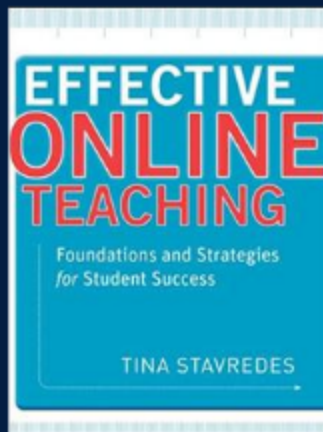
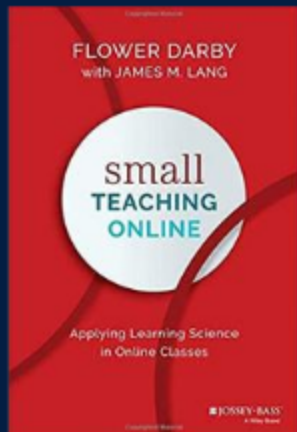
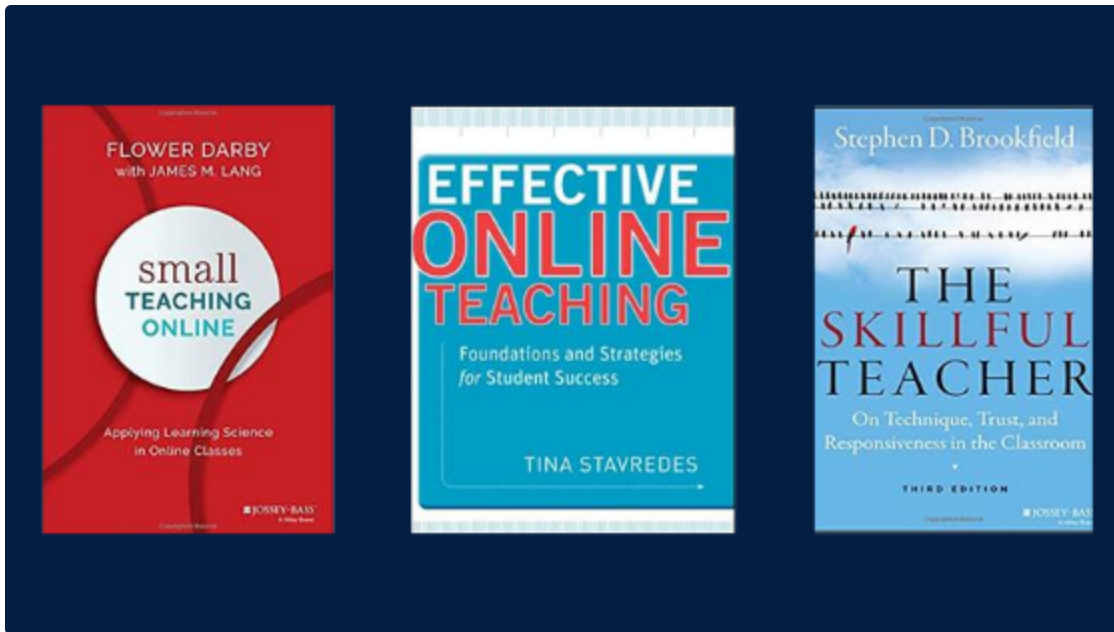
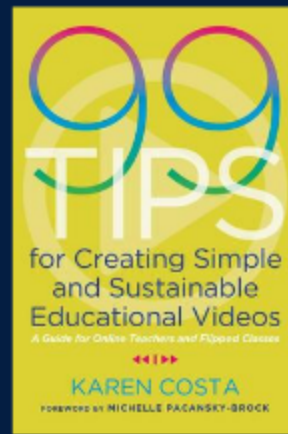
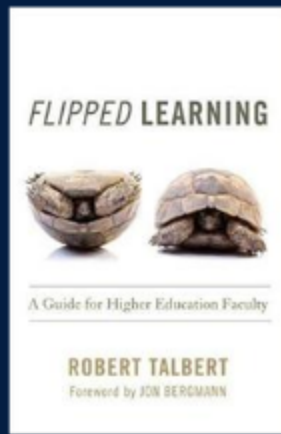
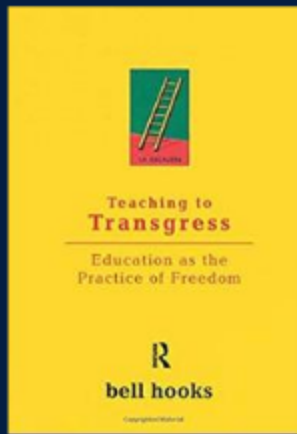
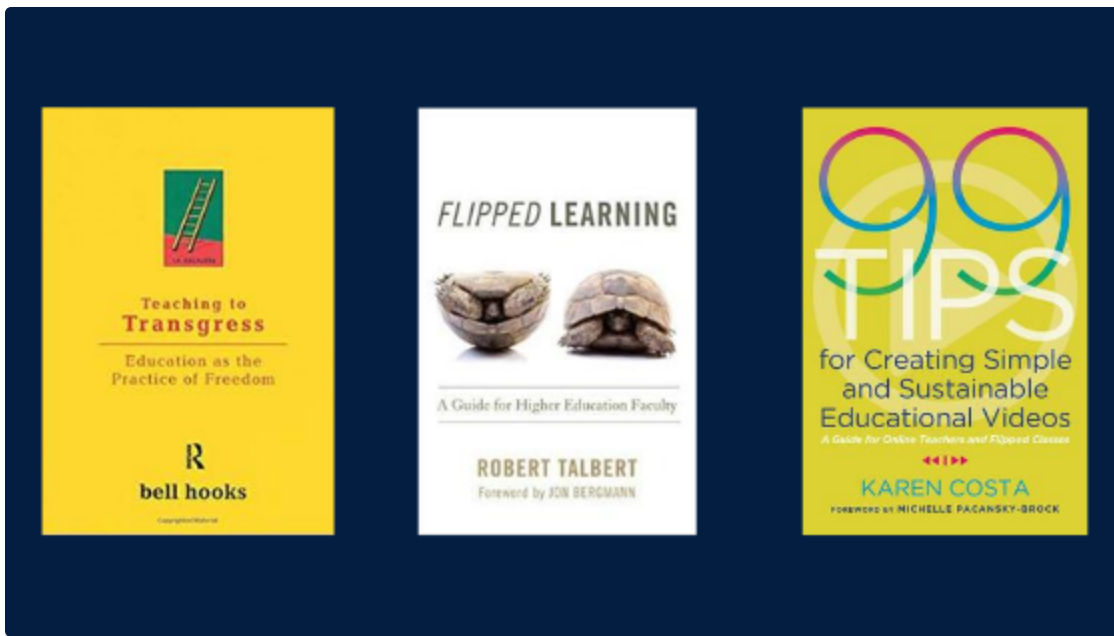
For questions, contact Nikki

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CTE Book Study Poll

The CTE is exploring the option of offering book discussion groups on the following books. If enough faculty are interested in a book, we will conduct a doodle poll to find a day and time that will be convenient for each person. A book study typically meets for 4-5 one hour sessions. The frequency and start date can be determined once the group members are identified. The meetings will be held virtually through Zoom.

[Express your interest in a CTE Book Study here!](#)



CTE Training & Events

All CTE workshops and events are now being conducted remotely. [Register here](#) to receive the link to the workshop. Links will be emailed the morning of the workshop.



Evidence-Based Teaching Badge

Active Learning in Socially Distanced Classrooms

August 27, Thursday 3 - 4 PM

August 31, Monday 3 - 4 PM

Student-Instructor Rapport in Face-to-Face Classes

September 4, Friday 11 AM - 12 PM



Teaching with Technology Badge

Folio: Build a Learning Module

August 5, Wednesday 2 - 3 PM

Quick Tech Bites: Transition to Remote Instruction

August 5, Wednesday 4 - 5 PM

Folio Boot Camp

August 6, Thursday 10 AM - 12 PM

August 10, Monday 6 - 8 PM

Folio: Gradebook

August 7, Tuesday 10 - 11 AM

August 19, Wednesday 10 - 11 AM

Perusall Training: Get Students to Read

August 7, Friday 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Customize a Learning Path with Release Conditions & Replacement Strings

August 11, Tuesday 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Folio: Groups

August 13, Thursday 10 - 11 AM

Educating with Zoom

August 20, Thursday 10 - 11 AM

Web Accessibility: Ensuring Inclusive Excellence

August 21, Friday 3 - 4 PM

Folio: Kaltura

August 25, Tuesday 10 - 11 AM

Q&A Facilitating Your Online Course

August 26, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 PM



Helpful Resources

- [Essential Guide to Online Instruction](#)
- [Creating In-Person Classroom Assignments with Folio](#)
- [Academic Program Models for Fall 2020](#)
- [Active Learning in Hybrid & Physically Distanced Classrooms](#)
- [Pedagogies of Care](#) Open Resources for Student-Centered & Adaptive Strategies in the New Higher-Ed Landscape
- [The K. Patricia Cross Academy](#) Free instructional videos and downloadable resources for faculty
- [Kanopy](#) free access to thousands of movies through your GS library
- [Folio is not just for online courses! Get started in Folio here.](#)
- [Library Guides - No Cost Low Cost Options for Courses](#)
- [GS CTE Web Accessibility Manual](#)

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