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Abstract

Updates on training and support and useful pedagogical resources compiled and sent by the JCCTL on January 7, 2022.

- Resource guide: skills in online teaching
- Kelly Murphy: Effective and Efficient Moodle Course Design Strategies
- First Day of Class Resource Guide
- Resource Guide: Finding Balance while Supporting Mental Health Needs
- Grant Opportunities: Mellon Travel Grants
- Spring 2022 Grants

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Dear colleagues-

I hope this mail finds you and yours well, healthy, and enjoying the snow.

We are back with some programming to help you get your semester off to a smooth start. As Richelle and I look back on two years together in the JCCTL, we want to thank you for your continued support, interest and participation. **As always, we are sincerely grateful to those who reach out with suggestions on how we can serve you better.** Please contact us at jcctl@gettsyburg.edu.

First off, we have prepared a brief resource guide in case you want to refresh your skills in online teaching: [Faculty Resources for Starting the Semester Remotely](#)

If you are (re)considering the format of your Moodle course, the following session may be for you:

30 minutes with Kelli Murphy – Effective and Efficient Moodle Course Design Strategies

Monday, 1/10, 11 AM – 12 PM
Zoom

Despite our best attempts, students are often unclear about learning expectations in our courses. This frequently leads to unnecessary stress and friction between students and instructors. A Moodle course that is easy to navigate, states your expectations clearly, and establishes consistent communication methods in a structured yet flexible format may make your life easier this semester. Join us for some quick tips on Moodle course design which may alleviate stress and allow you to focus on teaching and learning.

(This session will be followed up by another session on Wednesday, 1/12, 10 AM where we'll discuss how to set up how to set up an effective gradebook.)

As you are getting ready for your first day of class, I want to (re)direct you towards Brent Talbot's excellent session on starting your semester productively from last year. Of particular interest in the [First Day of Class Resource Guide](#) may be James Lang's [article on how to teach a good first day of class](#).

New resource guide on mental health:

Becky Colgan and Michele Montenegro from the Counseling Center provided us practical advice on we can support students, colleagues, and ourselves in the face of ongoing mental-health crises. A resource guide, which includes a link to the recording of their fall semester session, is available for your review.

[Resource Guide: Finding Balance while Supporting Mental Health Needs](#)

Lastly, allow me to direct your attention to upcoming grant opportunities:

Mellon Travel Grants - 2021-2022 Applications

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Gettysburg College has received funding from the Mellon Foundation to support professional development for Arts & Humanities faculty. This opportunity recognizes that division 1 faculty have expressed their desire to adapt their teaching, advising, and mentoring in ways that recognize and support difference. Funding is available specifically for humanities faculty to attend teaching conferences focused on inclusive pedagogy. We expect that conference attendance will lead to new pedagogical techniques, intercultural competency, and courses that will attract and retain diverse students.

Funding has previously been used to attend conferences such as the Intercultural Communication Institute, The Teaching Professors Workshops, and the Association of American Colleges & Universities' Diversity, Learning, and Student Success conference.

Grants applications will be reviewed by the Director of the JCCTL and the Vice Provost.

This application can be saved as a Word document for editing. Please type your answers under each heading. Submit your application as a PDF attachment to jcctl@gettysburg.edu. Applications are reviewed as received, and funding will be available on a first come first serve basis until May 31, 2023. Each applicant is limited to \$2,000 in funding, but please request only what you need.

Looking ahead to spring grants:

- [Campus Working Groups - Jan. 20, 2022](#)
- [Johnson Teaching Grant - Feb. 17, 2022](#)
- [Johnson Creative Teaching Summer Grant - Feb. 17, 2022](#)
- [Johnson Teaching with Special Collections - Mar. 10, 2022](#)
- [Digital Literacy Assignment Grant - Mar. 10, 2022](#)
- [Open Educational Resources \(OER\) Grant - Mar. 17, 2022](#)
- [Change Making Grant - Rolling Application](#)
- [Teaching Squares - Rolling Application](#)

I look forward to seeing you in a session, or receiving your grant application!

Best wishes on a successful semester,

Josef