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Online Teaching WINTER INSTITUTE

Hello SMC Faculty, Classified Staff and Managers,

Happy New Year! We are excited to announce registration is now open for the 2021 Online Teaching Winter Institute. All sessions are scheduled on Thursday and Friday January 21st and 22nd, and will be conducted over Zoom. Below you will find the session schedule and an FAQ section. We suggest registering now for each session you are interested in attending but you can also register until the session begins.

Thursday, January 21st

10:00 - 11:00 *Ensuring a Seamless Canvas Experience for Students* Gerry Clark

Come and explore different methods to make your Canvas course shell easier to connect with students. Topics include: Course navigation, course homepage, module structure, HTML and button hacks.

[Register for Ensuring a Seamless Canvas Experience for Students](#)

11:15-12:30 *Brown Bag Discussion - Journey to Becoming an Online Teacher* Brian Rodas and Steven Sedky

Join us for lunch and share with colleagues your triumphs and challenges in becoming an online instructor.

[Register for Brown Bag Discussion - Journey to Becoming an Online Teacher](#)

1:00-2:00 *It's Not Automatic: Editing Auto Captions and More* Aaron French, Elena Throckmorton, Denise Henninger

Learn about various approaches for editing auto captions for compliance prior to posting online. Participants will also get an overview of SMC's newest tool for transcription, Otter.ai. Leave with increased knowledge of your responsibility to ensure course materials are compliant and how to be more self-reliant in creating accessible course content to promote student success.

[Register for It's Not Automatic: Editing Auto Captions and More](#)

2:15-3:15 *Tools to Incorporate Equity in Online Teaching & Student Support* Dr. Chante DeLoach and Dr. Tyffany Dowd

Join us to learn how to use the SMC Equity Self-Assessment Tool and Direct Connect to support students with our own SMC Equity Practitioners.

[Register for Tools to Incorporate Equity in Online Teaching & Student Support](#)

3:30-5:00 Faculty Showcase- Effective Equity-Minded Practices from Faculty Kevin Chicas and other faculty

Description Faculty will give a tour of their Canvas shells to share course design, assignments, and tools using an equity lens.

[Register for Faculty Showcase- Effective Equity-Minded Practices from Faculty](#)

Friday, January 22nd

10:00 – 11:00 Canvas Tips and Tricks to Make Life Easier Gerry Clark

Come and explore different features in Canvas to make your life easier. Topics include: The new Rich Content Editor, sharing a page with other instructors, and much more.

[Register for Canvas Tips and Tricks to Make Life Easier](#)

11:15 - 12:15 What's POQR?! Supporting Online Course Excellence Through

Peer Review Joelle Adams, Cassie Rockwell, Laura Manson

Come and learn about an exciting one-on-one professional development opportunity for SMC faculty to improve their online courses. POQR= Peer Online Course Review

[Register for What's POQR?! Supporting Online Course Excellence Through Peer](#)

12:30-1:30 Enhancing Your On Ground Class with Online Teaching Practices and Vice

Versa Steven Sedky and Jessica Krug

Far more faculty now have some experience in both online and on ground instruction--what can we learn from this natural experiment? There are some accepted tools and expectations for online instruction that can enhance on-ground teaching, and there are standard classroom practices that can be implemented online. We will explore how these two teaching modalities can complement one another.

[Register for Enhancing Your On Ground Class with Online Teaching Practices and Vice Versa](#)

1:50-3:20 Faculty Showcase- Effective Online Teaching Practices Catherine Fox, Steph

Anderson, Dr. Bernadette O'Leary

Faculty will give a tour of their Canvas shells to share course design, assignments, and tools to support student success.

[Register for Faculty Showcase- Effective Online Teaching Practice](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

I am not available these dates, will these sessions be recorded and made available for viewing later?

YES! They will be posted in [Canvas Central](#).

Is there compensation for attendance?

You can use this time for flex. It is always a good time to upgrade our skills to better serve our students!

Should I attend all sessions or only a few?

We'd recommend to sign up for the sessions you are most interested and that will allow you to better teach and support students in the Winter and Spring. All sessions are open to all SMC employees, and sessions are designed to help better teach our students in an online environment. Last year the Faculty Showcase session was the most popular!

What other professional development opportunities are there for online teaching?

If you are new to Canvas and would like to learn the basics and how to navigate Canvas, please consider enrolling in [Introduction to Teaching with Canvas](#) course.

If you are already familiar with Canvas tools and want to explore online course design and effective teaching strategies in an online environment. Please register for our SMC 8-week [Online Teaching & Design \(OTD\)](#) certification course. Participation is optional and voluntary.

Other questions?

Great, please email us at distance_ed_inquiry@smc.edu