Last Call to Register for May 11th Celebration of Teaching

In order to provide an accurate count for catering, we ask that you please register for the May 11th Celebration of Teaching. Come celebrate all that our faculty have achieved this academic year and hear from your colleagues what they’re doing in the classroom. We will have an elaborate, catered lunch, gifts, prizes, a poster judging, and more! Posters will be judged by a panel of external reviewers and the top two winners will receive $1,000 toward their professional development. We will end the event with information from Dr. Lowery and others about research and scholarship. Please register here.

CTL Summer Programming Now Available

The CTL has offerings all summer long! We have put together a variety of topics, including some new, flexible 30-minute offerings for busy schedules. Here are a few highlights, but check out the ENTIRE SCHEDULE here.

- **Video Recording for More Than Just Lectures** – Want to grade using video feedback? Want to show your students how to do something via video recording? You can do that with ScreenCast-O-Matic. Choose which session works best for you depending on your level of experience.
- **Strategies to Maximize Learning** – Take one workshop or take all four! If you want the Teaching for Learning certificate, which is recognized by The Office of the Provost, attend all four workshops in this series and submit deliverables.
- **Introduction to Mindfulness** – If you want to learn what mindfulness is about and how to start your own practice, learn more in this session.
- **Tools to Help with Cheating** – Turnitin and LockDown Browser are both tools available to support faculty with academic integrity and cheating issues. Choose which session works for you!
- **30-Minute Sound Bites** – If you want to learn little nuggets about our tools, check out these 30-minute sessions going over some cool features for different Instructional Technology.
- **Book Club: Creating Engaging Discussions** – Join us for food, socializing, laughter, and dialogue as we discuss this summer’s book.

More Campus Contacts Needed for Next Year - Help New Faculty Feel Welcomed and Connected

We are looking for a few more faculty volunteers to be Campus Contacts to the new faculty cohort starting in the fall. As a Campus Contact, you will be connected with one or two new faculty members outside of your department. During the academic year, you are encouraged to connect with the new faculty once or twice a month to share insights, address questions, invite them to sit at campus events, or take them to lunch (the CTL will provide lunch tickets). We are incredibly grateful for the unique connections you foster to make new faculty feel integrated into the Marian community. Please email Mona if you are interested – mkheiry@marian.edu

Register for all workshops through the Marian Events Page or by clicking the title above.
Accessibility Summer Camp (ASC)
The Accessibility Summer Camp is a free, virtual, annual conference with the goal of connecting professionals and educators with best practices in accessibility. The goal of the Accessibility Summer Camp (ASC) is to provide accessibility training that empowers attendees to create quality, accessible learning environments and remove barriers for all individuals who have a desire to learn. This year’s camp will be Friday, June 17th from 9am to 5pm. Learn more and register here.

Dr. Natalie Tucker Integrates High Impact Practices at the Ancilla Campus
Dr. Natalie Tucker, professor of Agriculture and Department Head at Marian University Ancilla College, has been integrating High Impact Practices (HIPs) into her AGR221 Animal Nutrition course and her AGR105 Intro to Soil Sciences/Agronomy course. More from Dr. Tucker: "For the fall of 2021, the AGR 221 (animal nutrition) students had the opportunity to collaboratively work together to develop a goat pasture project and present their projects to Ancilla Farm leadership and the Sister’s development representative…” Read More Here.

Thank You for Your Engagement With the CTL Survey!
While the survey remains open, we wanted to thank all of those who participated in the evaluation of the CTL. If you’d like to see an overview of the results, you may visit this document here. The entire results will soon be available on the CTL website on the about page.

Jim Polito Remains Current With His Own YouTube Channel and Econobits
Associate Professor of Finance and Economic Analysis in the Byrum School of Business, Jim Polito, combines instructional technology, students' interests, and creativity into his course curriculum. More from Jim:

“I asked students in my fall semester introductory economics class whether they recently had read any news articles discussing any shortfalls with current measures of gross domestic product (“GDP”) – a limited measure of economic well-being. Many students responded indicating they frankly rarely read any news articles on any topic. Accordingly, I knew I had to make a greater effort to bring current events into the classroom. I long have maintained a website that I easily could use for this purpose (https://econobits.com). However, I also understand some students, perhaps many students, prefer to obtain news and information from social media sites, such as YouTube…” Read More Here.

Faculty Highlight: Katherine Zimmer, Byrum School of Business
The CTL will highlight a faculty or staff member every month in an effort to honor the hard work of our Marian community. This month, we honor Katherine Zimmer, assistant professor of statistics and chairperson for the Instructional Technology Committee. She is finishing her second year at Marian University.

CTL: What inspires your teaching and keeps your job meaningful?
Professor Zimmer: I love teaching statistics because it is such an exciting field about the thrill of discovery and challenging your assumptions. Statistics not only allows you to understand a subject much more deeply, but also facilitates the creation of new knowledge. Most introductory students think that statistics is just a set of methods to collect data, conduct analyses, and effectively present the results. However, throughout their courses in the Byrum School, they see that statistics is a crucial process behind how we make decisions and predictions in the business world.

CTL: What else would you like to share?
Professor Zimmer: If you are looking to expand your ‘teaching with technology’ skill set, I highly suggest meeting with the CTL team. Each one of them has been an integral part of my teaching experience at Marian! [NOTE: The CTL would like to mention that we did not coerce Katherine into saying this. Although, we think it’s pretty cool she mentioned it.]

CTL Inspiration Corner
This month’s inspiration corner is submitted by Diane Friedman, Lecturer in the Leighton School of Nursing. Diane found a value statement on the USCF Ophthalmology Residency website that spoke to her. The values statement is the following:
"I promise...
To selflessly treat my patients and colleagues with respect, regardless of their background.
To share my knowledge for the improvement of our field and accept teaching from others who have lessons to share.
To never be tethered to the current state of our field and constantly strive for improvement and innovation for the betterment of patients, colleagues, and the field of ophthalmology.
To care for myself and for others in my life and ask for help when I need it.
To reflect upon my experiences.
To act with integrity at all times."

What inspires you? If you have a quote or phrase that is meaningful to you, send it to Mona and she’ll put it in the next newsletter.
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