



Professional Development

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Professional Development Weekly Digest

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Week 1!

Introducing...

Welcome and welcome back to all new and returning faculty and staff! The Professional Development Weekly Digest (still needs a good name...coffee on me to whomever comes up with a clever title that I love!) is designed to provide you with just-in-time information without overwhelming your inbox! Please look for this about midway through the week this semester; included you will find exciting opportunities from our partners at SUNY and beyond, information relevant to teaching and learning in a time of great change and upheaval, as well as other interesting items. I hope that you come to find this weekly missive as something that you look forward to, that is useful in your work, and that sparks an idea. If you have an idea or an identified professional development need in your area, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally at malmbergsm@sunybroome.edu or at the Professional Development address at professionaldevelopment@sunybroome.edu. I look forward to supporting you this academic year!

And now for the good stuff! The first thing I want to share with you is the SUNY/Lumen Circles Fellowship Opportunity; SUNY has extended access to this opportunity through AY 21-22 and it is FREE! Also, I share some practical advice and support for teaching face-to-face while masking, which presents some unique challenges related to gauging student engagement and understanding of course materials.

SUNY/Lumen Circles Fellowship Opportunity

Lumen Circles makes fellowship programs available at no cost to any SUNY faculty member or institution throughout the AY 2021-2022. Lumen Circles Fellowships provide opportunities to connect with other faculty members designed to build academic communities of inquiry in key areas such as Active Learning, Belonging and Inclusive Teaching Fundamentals, Evidence Based Teaching, Online Teaching Foundation, and Teaching with OER and OER-Enabled Pedagogy. Participants will explore effective instructional practices that support student success and apply them in your own teaching. Through the fellowship you can learn, share ideas, and develop professionally in the areas you want to grow. Any SUNY faculty member teaching in any capacity (part time / full time / adjunct / credit or noncredit programs / etc.) is welcome to apply for a fellowship. They can apply using this information/application form:

<https://info.lumenlearning.com/circles-suny>; for more information and to register, click [here](#).

Gauging Student Engagement and Understanding in Real Time: These Darn Masks

Based on some feedback I received at a few of the divisional meetings I attended last week, I wanted to find a few articles that can help us think through how we might verify students' understanding of our materials and lecture when we can't as readily see their faces. I really liked [this article](#); utilizing live polling and building in learning checks with free resources such as Kahoot might help us understand where students are struggling when we can't read their facial expressions due to masking. It also talks about how to design Covid safe and effective group work utilizing Google Docs. Another article that I thought was helpful is [this one](#) from Inside Higher Ed; the author provides practical advice for how to teach face-to-face with a mask and create what they refer to as "caring classrooms" that support students (and faculty) with a "humanistic concern for emotion and well-being". Are you finding creative ways to teach and gauging student engagement and understanding in real time? Let us know about it and share it at your department and divisional meetings; your colleagues will be happy to learn about what is working for you.

Still here?

Awesome, and thank you! I look forward to developing this space to meet the changing and evolving needs of our college as a whole and the needs of our faculty.

Upcoming Professional Development Events:

Putting Your Ensemble on a Diet

When: Friday, September 3, 2021 1-2 pm

Where: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Presented by: TRC Instructional Designers

[Complete the registration form to reserve your seat](#)

[Add to calendar](#)

Are you an Ensemble user? Did your video library gain the dreaded "Covid 20" during the pandemic? If your library of videos is looking bloated and you feel fatigued scrolling through pages of recordings, it's time to get rid of old, unused and unusable videos. Class recordings may not be useful after the semester in which they are recorded and the cost of storing videos has risen dramatically over the last year and continues to climb. We can help you get your Ensemble slim, trim and full of vim!

This workshop is for those faculty using Ensemble and will be an overview of where to find files in Ensemble and how to delete them as well as open lab time to get help for your personal courses from Instructional Designer

Starfish Training:

When: Tuesday, September 7 at 10 a.m.

Where: [ZOOM](#)

Presented by: Erin Marulli

[Complete the registration form to reserve your seat](#)

[Add to calendar](#)

Drop-in for a virtual training session on using Starfish to alert your students on their course progress. Available for questions or a full-training session.

Ally = Friend: Touring Online Course Accessibility Tools (Lunchshop)

When: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:00-12:30 pm

Where: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Presented by: TRC Instructional Designers

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Roadtrips with friends - remember how fun that used to be? Meet some new friends through this lunchshop tour of the SUNY Broome Accessibility Review and Blackboard Ally. These tools can be used to identify barriers for students needing accessible materials. This 30-minute lunchshop will help you map a path to making your course more accessible to more of your students. Bring a friend along for the ride!

CircleIn Presentation for Faculty

When: Friday, September 10th 1:00pm!

You do not need to register for this event.

Where: Zoom: You can join this meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159811761>

[Add to calendar](#)

Please join Professional Development at SUNY Broome for a webinar hosted by representatives from CircleIn. They will share how the app is helping students to study remotely, to collaborate with their classmates, to feel connected when studying together, and stay productive, even while at a distance.

Agenda:

- * Overview of their NSF-backed model
- * Background on the literature and research supporting development of the platform
- * How CircleIn is using the internet to change the culture of studying to help students be far more productive
- * The top study applications that students will have access to
- * How CircleIn is "hands-off" for faculty * Q&A

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