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CENTER FOR TEACHING & LEARNING @ UCM

Welcome back from the Center for Teaching & Learning! We are so excited to share some of our new services and procedures with you this year. We are now offering certification in both Online learning and Online course design (much of which is now offered in online format), consultations on course and course materials design, and of course, all KINDS of professional development opportunities. We have even created a new grant that we think you will find very helpful as you strive for excellence in both your own career and the school in which you "live." Remember, if you need support for your teaching in any way – face-to-face or online – contact us at CTL@ucmo.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!   - *Kat McCormick, Director of CTL*

CHECK THIS TECH! *innovative teaching tools & services*

The Power User Guide to Gmail
in MakeUseOf (MUO)

Unleash the power that resides inside our essential Gmail tool! Not only a great and informative article but also includes a savable and printable .pdf of the content for later reference that you are encouraged to share.
Explore all of the features inside your UCM Gmail account to make it into your power partner for productivity.

Visit the **Make Use Of** MUO website to discover a vast resource for all kinds of technology updates and tech issue solutions.

Did you know?
Tips for faculty

Why we need to move our technology use beyond substitution

In this recent article in The Learner's Way, Nigel Coutts discusses the debate about the use of technology in schools and some different ways we can apply technology for true learning potential.

What if the notes that the students took during the class were shared online afterwards and were used as a catalyst for online discussion and dissection? What if the students and the teacher used this forum to unpack and expand their understandings? What if the lecture had an official back-channel that focused not on recording notes, but on sharing questions and wonderings posed by the lecture? How might such a resource later be used by students as they make sense of what they have listened to but are yet to master? In our highly connected worlds it becomes quite possible that a note taking system backed by a social network dimension could involve experts in the field and that their contributions could significantly enhance the learning.

Click on the title link above for the full article!

Click here for the 2018-19 Planning Calendar!

Suggestions? Please click on our Ideas box!

Faculty Watercooler
Faculty discussions on subjects that matter to you

Dear Debbie,

So even though our "real" Debbie (Gerhart) has recently retired, her popular "Ask Debbie" sessions—open forums for all types of questions about Google, Blackboard, etc. won't disappear. We've decided to morph the concept into a collection of common questions answered . . . and the "***Dear Debbie***" online FAQ idea was born! This format will allow you to submit your question about Google apps or Blackboard directly to CTL, then we will use it to populate the new FAQ resource after we personally reply back to you. Start emailing your questions to us now at ctl@ucmo.edu! We will begin creating the resource and will post the new link in the newsletter soon! Watch for it!

Keeping Up
The latest in Teaching and Learning

ALEC in Its Second Year

UCM's first Active Learning Engagement Classroom (ALEC) is now in its second year of use for UCM faculty and students to experience a technology-based environment that facilitates active learning strategy and techniques.

Last year's Fall and Spring semesters saw a total of 14 different courses from across campus using ALEC. This semester there are currently 5 different classes using ALEC with several faculty being trained in order to use ALEC on a limited basis.

ALEC is designed for teaching using active learning techniques. ALEC enables faculty to engage with innovative teaching technologies paired with pedagogical advancement in a real classroom environment. Faculty can test ideas in ALEC in collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning staff to determine what new technologies best support their instruction.

ALEC is located in the JCK Library, Room 1268. For more information, to take a tour, or to determine whether ALEC has an opening for you to use it this semester, contact Mike Jeffries, jeffries@ucmo.edu or 660-543-8203.