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CHECK THIS TECH! *innovative teaching tools & services*

Technology is Your Friend!!

Learning Day at UCM this past week provided a great forum to share information with our peers. With the authors' permission, we'd like to feature a presentation to an even wider audience through this newsletter, as teaching conflicts prevented many from attending.

Drs. Brandy Lynch and Whitley Stone created [this presentation](#) sharing several ed-tech products they use in their classes here at UCM. They shared real applications of these tools, and spoke of how tech engagement can help content retention and interest. Check out their many suggestions to improve engagement, assessment, management, and communication in your courses. Each resource slide includes a QR code to find out more information about that product. Thanks for sharing Brandy and Whitley!

Assessment



- Create and present quizzes
- Real-time quizzes or at-home challenges
- Free



Did you know - CTL Offerings Supporting You

Keeping Millennial and Generation Z learners awake and participating in class can be a challenge. You could spend hours researching engagement strategies online, but why not take advantage of the expertise of the CTL staff for suggestions?

If you're looking for more thorough treatment of a topic, check out our training seminars and webinars. Learn how to make online discussions more interactive with our "Zoom Meetings" seminar on April 11th, or check out more innovative strategies in our "Using Virtual Reality in Course Design" session on April 18th.

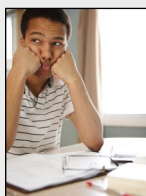
Need something even more specific? Describe your interest in an email, and we'll search for related free webinar content for you. You could also make an appointment for a one-on-one session with one of our experts. We can help you tailor a plan of action that will have your students participating in no time!

To get you started, here's a webinar from our Magna Commons subscription that you might enjoy:

Motivating and Engaging Generation Z Learners

Having trouble engaging your students? Generation Z (born 1995-2010) is now in college and they've brought a unique set of values and interests with them. If you're challenged by—or even just curious about—understanding the drive and motivation of the young students in your classes, this online seminar will provide research-based context, understanding, and practical tactics that can be implemented in any classroom. (60 minutes)

Email us at ctl@ucmo.edu and we will send you the link to this recording!



Click [here](#) to download the NEW Spring/Fall 2019 Planning Calendar!



Faculty Watercooler

Faculty discussions on subjects that matter to you

Dear Debbie,



Q: I would like to learn more about Blackboard and use more of its functions, but I just don't have time during the day to attend all the training session the Center for Teaching and Learning offers. Is there a way I can learn more about Blackboard and how to use it? ~ Curious

A: *Dear Curious,*
Yes!! Aside from all the face-to-face sessions CTL offers, we also manage a number of online training sites to take advantage of:

- *There is the UCM Blackboard Instructor Help page found here: <https://www.ucmo.edu/offices/ic-kirkpatrick-library/blackboard-gateway/instructor-help/>*
- *There are all the tutorials available through our Hoonuit subscription - accessible when you log in to Blackboard. So many subjects covered!*
- *AND there is a wonderful website maintained by Blackboard specifically for instructors. This website contains an abundance of information for both the tools you have available to you now and tools that could be acquired in the future. That site can be found at https://help.blackboard.com/Filter/Instructor/College_or_University*

And, don't forget the Center for Teaching and Learning offers much more than just Blackboard training. If you haven't been to [our website](#), check us out!

Keeping Up

The latest in Teaching and Learning

16 Open Learning Resources that Go Beyond the Textbook

(warning— site sometimes has slower page loads, but worth the wait!)

[Campus Technology's](#) recent article provides faculty a long list of "open learning" resources that encompass more than standard textbooks can provide. From free interactive human body models to embeddable engineering simulations and math mini-lessons, this list has a wealth of free resources. Each of these sixteen resources is listed with links and a description.



[Campus Technology](#) has also just released an article identifying the four major players in [free and low-cost digital textbooks](#) in their article [Best Sources for Free Digital Textbooks and More](#). Some sources have user ratings included, and others allow the faculty member to customize the content to your outcomes. Check out these digital alternatives to your standard textbook.

Blackboard has announced that support for use with Internet Explorer (IE) 9 and 10 will be retired (today) April 5, 2019.

We recommend you move to a supported browser like Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge, or Internet Explorer 11 after April 5, 2019.