Welcome back to Fall 2019! The Faculty Center has been very busy this summer hosting week-long, in person Online Teaching Certification, providing group and individualized trainings for Blackboard Ally, attending and presenting at conferences, creating new faculty video resources and recording the first of many new podcasts. Below is a list of what we have been busy with this summer.

**ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS**

**USHERED IN ALLY**

Throughout 2019, our technologists have been busy training faculty members on how to use Blackboard Ally to gear up for its full implementation this fall. If you haven’t already heard, Ally provides instructors with an accessibility rating and step-by-step tutorials on how to improve documents. At the same time, Ally gives students the option to download content in number of preferred formats.

- **Audio**: MP3 version for listening
- **HTML**: For viewing in the browser and on mobile devices
- **EPub**: For reading as an e-book on an iPad or other e-book readers
- **Electronic Braille**: BRF version for consumption on electronic braille displays
- **Translated Version**: A machine translated version of the original document.

Join us for upcoming [Blackboard Ally](#) training this fall!

**FACULTY CENTER PRESENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**

This summer, Faculty Center staff hosted a conference presentation on accessibility in online learning. Faculty and staff from around Illinois attended the session at FSI: At the Intersection of Teaching, Learning, and Technology, an annual conference that brings educators and instructional-technology professionals together each May at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATION—IN PERSON AND ONLINE

We enjoy talking about Teaching and Learning, so our week-long Online Teaching Certification in person was an information packed professional development opportunity for those who participated. The certification was also offered online in a six week, completely online format. Congratulations to all those who completed the certification this summer!

Register for the Fall Online Teaching Certification that begins September 9th here.

BLACKBOARD INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS & BB WORLD

This summer, the Faculty Center hosted a Innovative Teaching series webinar on mobile learning. With an attendance of over 100 people, Lewis was on center stage as we talked about supporting student success both in the classroom and on mobile devices using Blackboard. Additionally, Blackboard hosts an annual conference full of teaching and learning topics. This year, we brought back more than just swag. Lewis will be updating Blackboard to the latest version by going to cloud-hosted management. Sessions at Blackboard World helped Lewis learn about the process, pitfalls, and successes of moving to the cloud.

Check out more Blackboard Innovative Teaching Series here.

FACULTY CENTER ONLINE TUTORIALS

LEWIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY CENTER YOUTUBE CHANNEL

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

We want you! To subscribe to the Lewis University Faculty Center YouTube Channel. Here you can find many tutorials arranged in playlists for your viewing enjoyment. So, when Friday night comes around, turn off your Netflix and tune into our YouTube Channel. Here you can binge the latest tutorials on Blackboard, Ally, VoiceThread, Collaborate, ShareStream, and many more. So, get out your popcorn and prepare for a night of real viewing pleasure!

For more information visit our YouTube Homepage.
FLYERS AND FRIENDS @ LEWIS UNIVERSITY

This podcast is dedicated and intended to sharing the stories of our leaders in Lewis University’s educational community. The podcast is intended to promote awareness of our Lasallian heritage and to serve as a forum for discussing the great things we are currently doing at Lewis University.

The first in a series of podcasts by the Faculty Center is now available. Join us for an interview with Dr. Ray Klump, Associate Dean of the College of Aviation, Science and Technology and learn more about Dr. Klump’s rise to fame and the success of our Lewis students in his program.

If you know someone who you think would be an interesting guest for this upcoming series let us know! If you yourself are interested in participating, please reach out to Andy Alton in the Faculty Center.

EPISODE 1 – DR. RAY KLUMP

This month our special guest is Dr. Ray Klump. Since coming to Lewis University in 2001, Dr. Ray Klump has been instrumental in helping grow the Computer and Mathematical Sciences program. In his various roles at Lewis University, Dr. Ray has served as an instructor, a Department Chair in Computer and Mathematical Sciences, and a Director of the Master of Science in Information and Security program.

He has been a Visiting Research Scientist with the Information Trust Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he was responsible for research related to cybersecurity and the electrical grid. In addition, Ray recently became the Associate Dean of the College of Aviation, Science and Technology at Lewis University. In this episode we meet up with Dr. Ray Klump to discuss his experiences at Lewis University.

Access our Podcast from the Faculty Center homepage or go there directly [here](#).
FALL 2019 WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM EVENTS

WAC and the Writing Center are collaborating this fall to offer faculty workshops on the teaching of writing in classrooms across all disciplines—as well as an opportunity for faculty to work on their own writing projects. Locations for these workshops and events will be announced.

PEER RESPONSE: CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY OF WRITERS
SEPTEMBER 24 | 2 – 4 PM
In this workshop, you’ll learn to help students give meaningful peer response through short, focused classroom activities. Nursing faculty Kathy Fitzgerald and Meg Kloster will join to share some of the ways they’ve adopted WAC peer response strategies in their courses.

POP-UP FACULTY WRITING RETREAT
OCTOBER 16 | 4 – 7 PM
Gather with Lewis faculty to set some time aside for writing. Our pop-up writing retreat will feature the food and drink, quiet, and dedicated time that are ingredients to writing progress.

RESPONDING TO STUDENT WRITERS: SAVING TIME AND REDUCING STRESS
OCTOBER 24 | 2 – 4 PM
This workshop will explore research-based strategies to shorten the amount of time it takes to respond to student writing—and encourage students to implement your feedback during revision.

DR. LESLIE ATKINS ELLIOT
NOVEMBER 21 | NOVEMBER 22
Dr. Leslie Atkins Elliot, from Boise State University, will visit Lewis on Nov. 21-22. Atkins Elliot wrote Composing Science with Dr. Kim Jaxon (CSU Chico), the culmination of their National Science Foundation grant. At Boise State, Atkins Elliot holds faculty appointments in Curriculum, Instruction, and Foundational Studies and Physics, where she works closely with pre-service STEM teachers. During her visit to Lewis, Atkins Elliot will meet with Lewis science faculty and lead a WAC workshop for all faculty. Dates and times will be announced in early October.
BLACKBOARD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The week of September 23rd, courses in the SUMMER 2018 term will be removed from the Blackboard system. Courses in these terms have been archived and stored. If needed, specific courses can be retrieved and restored back into the Blackboard system.

The removal of past terms from the Blackboard system is consistent with our Bb Term Management program designed to manage system server space usage below our contracted quota specification.

BLACKBOARD SYSTEM UPGRADE

The Blackboard application and system is scheduled for updating in late December. The system will be migrated to a cloud environment. The application will be updated to the latest version of Blackboard scheduled for release in November this year. What do these changes mean?

The Blackboard system will be on a continuous update schedule. Each month application updates will be delivered without any downtime. Updates may introduce new features and will fix a number of known issues. Moving to the cloud (SaaS) positions Lewis University to begin developing a roadmap to Blackboard’s new learning management system: Blackboard Ultra provides a new fresh look to the user interface designed to be intuitive and easy to use. If you are using the Bb Student app or the Instructor app on your Android or iOS devices then you are already familiar with the Bb Ultra user interface.

Many new features and improvements will be found in the latest version of Blackboard. A listing of improvements can be found in the Blackboard Upgrade Documentation – New Features document. Here you will information on improvements made to:

- Assignments
- Calendar
- Collaborate
- Content Editing
- Grade Center
- LTI tools
- Roles
- Rubrics
- and much more!

As the term progresses new tutorials/FAQs will be created and workshops offered on the new features. Be sure to check the Faculty Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning website periodically for the latest training schedule and newsletters.

EAC COURSE EVALUATIONS EXPIRED

The EAC course evaluations have been removed from the Blackboard system. If you need course evaluation information from the 2014-2017 time period, please contact the Dean’s Office of your college for copies.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

All of our workshops offer an in-person and online participation option (unless otherwise noted). All in-person workshops are held in the Faculty Center Lab (LR-112). The Faculty Center Lab is located on the first floor of the library.

* Indicates an IN-PERSON ONLY workshop
** Indicates an ONLINE ONLY workshop

SEPTEMBER

BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR NEW FACULTY
SEPTEMBER 3
9 – 10 AM
SEPTEMBER 5
NOON – 1 PM

The Blackboard Orientation Workshop for New Faculty provides an introductory overview of how to use the University Learning Management System, Blackboard. The workshop is offered in person or online at the end of each semester for faculty joining the University in the following semester. Attendees may join in person or through online conference.

INTRODUCTION TO VOICETHREAD
SEPTEMBER 4
2 – 3 PM

Are you looking to incorporate lecture capture into your course? Want to create helpful tutorials using video for your students? Come learn about the basics of VoiceThread. No previous experience with VoiceThread is required to attend.

ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATION**
ONLINE SESSION I:
SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 20

The Online Teaching Certification fulfills University requirements for faculty to teach online and blended courses at Lewis University. This session is completely online. There is no need to be on campus to take the online training as all coursework is completed on the Lewis University Blackboard system. Participants will learn the basic pedagogical approaches, design principles, and technological tools that facilitate online learning. Participants can expect to spend 3-5 hours per week completing coursework to meet weekly deadlines. An Online Teaching Certificate will be awarded to those who have successfully completed all required coursework.

REGISTER FOR ALL WORKSHOPS HERE
CREATING BLACKBOARD RUBRICS WEBINAR**
SEPTEMBER 12
2 – 3 PM
In this workshop, participants will learn how to convert a paper rubric into an interactive one in Blackboard Learn and attach that rubric to various assignments. Bring an existing rubric and we’ll get to work converting it for you!

WORKFLOW TIPS FOR MAC USERS*
SEPTEMBER 18
10 – 11 AM
SEPTEMBER 19
1 – 2 PM
This workshop will demonstrate the setup and application of often overlooked features included in the Mac operating system that can improve user workflow. Participants are encouraged to bring their Mac laptops and participate in the demonstration activities. Please perform all necessary software updates prior to this workshop (Note: We will be looking at features included in the macOS Mojave 10.14 operating system).

GRADING WITH BLACKBOARD RUBRICS WEBINAR**
SEPTEMBER 24
10 – 11 AM
Did you know that Blackboard rubrics can be attached to assignment, essay and short answer test questions, blogs, journals, wikis and discussion board postings? Let us show you how to grade using a Blackboard interactive rubric.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT: BUILDING BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
SEPTEMBER 25
10 – 11:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 26
1 – 2:30 PM
This roundtable workshop will address the benefits of increasing student engagement in the learning environment. Participants will be presented with new strategies and activities for creating a more engaging learning environment. Faculty will also have the opportunity to discuss and share strategies that they have used in their unique learning environments.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

OCTOBER

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FACULTY PANEL: COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION
OCTOBER 3
3 – 4 PM
One of the most frequent concerns expressed by online students is a feeling of isolation, but this is not true in all online courses. Share the techniques or tools you have used to build community in your online courses, through communication, instructor and student presence, or collaborative learning.

CREATING AND GRADING VOICETHREAD ASSIGNMENTS
OCTOBER 7
3 – 4 PM
Have you been using VoiceThread, but are interested in creating assignments? Come learn how to create different types of assignments that incorporate active learning elements and engaging students with video. No experience with VoiceThread is required, but would be helpful.

REVIEW OF SCREEN CAPTURE TECHNOLOGY*
OCTOBER 9
10 – 11 AM
OCTOBER 10
1 – 2 PM
This session will introduce participants to some of the various screen capture technology software available for both Windows and Mac operating systems. The session will also discuss how to best prepare for creating a successful recording and presentation. This workshop is appropriate for all faculty and staff.

REGISTER FOR ALL WORKSHOPS HERE
BLACKBOARD ALLY: MAKING YOUR CONTENT ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL LEARNERS
OCTOBER 15
10 – 11 AM

Beginning fall 2019, the Blackboard Ally feature will be enabled in all Lewis University courses. Join us for this comprehensive workshop to talk about how to use Ally, what the gauges mean and how to follow the step-by-step instructions to make your documents more accessible. Most importantly, you will learn about the great benefits Ally has to offer our students! In this workshop, you’ll learn how to turn your course documents into documents that can be accessed by students of all abilities.

FACULTY PANEL: REFLECTIONS ON TEACHING AND LEARNING*
OCTOBER 17
NOON – 1 PM

Join us for a panel discussion with fellow faculty about reflections of teaching and learning for student success. Faculty panel discussions provide a prime opportunity for faculty members to share their experiences about teaching at Lewis University. Light refreshments will be served.

BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR NEW FACULTY
OCTOBER 21
4 – 5 PM

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INTRODUCTION TO AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNOLOGY*
OCTOBER 23
10 – 11:30 AM

OCTOBER 24
1 – 2:30 PM

The purpose of this training session is to provide content creators with a basic understanding of essential concepts, terminology, and tools related to audio and video content creation. This workshop is appropriate for all faculty and staff.

REGISTER FOR ALL WORKSHOPS HERE
SPRING 2020 BLACKBOARD UPDATES
BEGIN: OCTOBER 25
END: DECEMBER 13
10 AM (EVERY OTHER FRIDAY)
Join the Faculty Center to learn about the new Blackboard Upgrade happening over Christmas Break. New features and highlights will be covered.

ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATION**
(ONLINE SESSION II)
OCTOBER 27 – DECEMBER 15
The Online Teaching Certification fulfills University requirements for faculty to teach online and blended courses at Lewis University. This session is completely online. There is no need to be on campus to take the online training as all coursework is completed on the Lewis University Blackboard system. Participants will learn the basic pedagogical approaches, design principles, and technological tools that facilitate online learning. Participants can expect to spend 3-5 hours per week completing coursework to meet weekly deadlines. An Online Teaching Certificate will be awarded to those who have successfully completed all required coursework.

LESS IS MORE: ADAPTING ON GROUND TO ONLINE
OCTOBER 28
1 – 2 PM
In this session, instructors will learn how adapt course materials they currently use in traditional on ground classes into engaging and thoughtful online coursework. Using best practices in online learning with a focus on engaging and enhancing student learning, participants will leave with a toolkit for creating content in online or blended courses.

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