

Fall 2025 Faculty In-Service

Teaching and Learning

Thursday, August 14th, 8:00-12:00

7:45 **Coffee Available - Student Center Lobby**

8:00 **Session 1: Welcome and Updates - Student Center Theater**

Welcome

Nathan Cox, Associate Provost, Director of the CLTE

Opening Prayer

Dr. Derek Updegraff, Associate Prof. of English

Explanation of Day's Activities

Nathan Cox, Associate Provost, Director of the CLTE

Administrative Updates

Dr. Ryan Neal, Provost

- Welcome
- New Faculty Introductions and Administrative Appointments
- Council of Independent Colleges *AI Ready* Program One

Eddie Aman, Dir. of Campus Safety & Emergency Management, Chief of Campus Police

- Emergency Response Protocols

Dr. Mark Butler, Associate Provost and SACS Liaison

- SACS Reaffirmation Timeline; The Quality Enhancement Plan ("The QEP")

Nathan Cox, Associate Provost, Director of the CLTE

- Revised and New Syllabus Policies
- Academic Integrity
 - o Revised Infraction Report forms
 - o Academic Integrity Probation and Academic Integrity Suspension status
 - o Academic Integrity Probation registration holds in Workday
- AI@AU
 - o Boodlebox AI software solution
 - o Artificial Intelligence Task Force – Year Two
 - o AI Development Program – Year Two
 - o AI in AU 101 – What all new Freshmen and Transfers will learn about expectations/limitation for AI.

9:00 **Coffee Break - Student Center Lobby; Transition to various locations**

1. Library Literacies 101

A new Canvas "Course" from Thrift Library will provide instruction in the research-related literacies (information, media, visual, quantitative, AI)

This resource can help all students develop foundational skills and knowledge, allowing librarians and professors to spend more time providing more advanced instruction, instead of having to focus on teaching or re-teaching the basics.

- Kasey Swords, Interim Director, Thrift Library

- Whitney Rice, Head of Access Services, Thrift Library

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2. Teaching Pro-Tips: "What (some) of the Best College Teacher Do"

Perhaps you've have read "What the Best College Teachers Do," by Ken Bain?

This session is *not* a discussion of that book. But the theme will be the same, as you hear from four recent recipients of the Boles Excellence in Teaching Award. Teaching advice, strategies for engaging students, approaches leading productive discussions, ways to motivate students, and more? Each panelist will have 8-10 to share one or two pieces of their best practical advice from their own insights and experiences.

- Moderator: Zac Benson, Associate Prof. of Art

- Panelists:

Dr. Channing Crisler, Associate Prof. of Christian Studies

Dr. Chuck Fuller, Associate Prof. of Christian Studies

Dr. Carrie Koenigstein, Prof. of Biology

Dr. Vanessa Rettinger, Prof. of Kinesiology

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3. AI Playground: Recent Innovations & Prompting Skills for the Classroom

Join our first AI Playground of the year to explore recent AI innovations transforming teaching and learning. We'll highlight key updates from the past few months and demonstrate practical prompting techniques to get more relevant, effective responses from AI. Come ready to experiment, ask questions, and leave with strategies you can apply immediately in your own teaching context.

- Dr. Chad Treado, Associate Director, and Senior Learning Experience Designer, CIDL and

- Dr. Martin Jones, Professor of AI, Law, and Ethics; Assoc. Dean of the College of Bus. & Econ.

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4. Integration of Faith and Learning - Engaging Students on Controversial Topics

In a world that is polarized and divided over controversial topics – politics, sexual identity, racial reconciliation, the role of women in church leadership and other controversial ecclesial or theological topics – Christian educators have a unique opportunity to discuss these matters with students in a nuanced and Christ-like way that challenges, encourages, and edifies. But how might one go about discussing these topics with students, who likely already have strong convictions about them? A faculty panel will discuss different pedagogical strategies to provide a safe space to explore these topics in our courses.

- Moderator: Dr. Sherelle Ducksworth, Assistant Prof. of Christian Studies

- Panelists:

Dr. Zach Lang, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Candace Livingston, Associate Prof. of Art History

Dr. Luke Stamps, Prof. of Christian Studies

Dr. Bonnie Treado, Assistant Prof. of Nursing
Dr. Katherine Wyma, Associate Prof. of English
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5. Why AI Detection Doesn't Work Well, and What To Do Instead

As artificial intelligence continues to shape the academic landscape, many have turned to AI detection tools like GPTZero, Quillbot, and Turnitin to uphold academic integrity. However, the reliability of these detection methods is often inconsistent and fraught with false positives, raising serious concerns about fairness and due process for students. In this session, we'll examine the limitations of current AI detection technologies and explore why they frequently fall short. More importantly, we'll shift the focus toward proactive and pedagogically sound strategies for mitigating AI misuse. Participants will leave with practical approaches for fostering authentic learning and engaging students in meaningful conversations about ethical AI use.

- Sha Johnson, CIDL Learning Experience Designer and
- Martha Mishoe, CIDL Learning Experience Designer

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10:00 **Transition to various locations**

10:15 **Session 3 - Small Group Presentations:**

All sessions above repeat in the same locations.

11:00 **Transition back to Student Center Theater; Coffee Break - Student Center Lobby,**

11:15 **Closing Session 1: Welcome and Updates - Student Center Theater**

Upcoming Faculty Development Opportunities

Dr. Chad Treado, Sr. Learning Designer and Assistant Director of the CIDL
Kasey Swords, Interim Director, Thrift Library
Nathan Cox, Associate Provost, Director of the CLTE

Greetings and Updates

Dr. Evans Whitaker, President

Door prizes! Adjourn