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Navigating Next-Gen Education: AI, Experiential Learning, and Beyond

SEPT 08 10:00 – 11:30 Zoom	**Value of Entrepreneurial Minded Learning** Dive into the Entrepreneurial Mindset (EM) framework to foster a STEM mindset rooted in curiosity, connections, and value creation. Explore active learning techniques that engage students. *Ranen McLanahan, Professor of Mechanical Engineering* *and Program Director of KEEN: Engineering Unleashed*
SEPT 21 2:30 – 3:30 Teams	**Informational Session: Faculty Learning Community Grant for Departments** This exciting grant can fund your department's efforts to improve student success in key courses. The Rural Pathways for Student Success (RPSS) Program is designed to support first-year rural college students' success.
SEPT 22 2:30 – 3:30 Teams & B 109	**How Are We Using AI Tools in Our Courses and Work?** SVSU faculty are integrating AI tools into assignments and enhancing instruction and research. Discover your colleagues' innovative uses, share your own experiences, and try out some AI tools.
OCT 06 10:00-12:00 C 222	**Chat GPT & the Art of Prompt Writing: A Hands-On Workshop for Faculty** Experienced GPT users will teach participants how to write effective prompts that can pave the way for innovative teaching materials and assignments.
OCT 27 9:00 – 10:00 Teams	**What Are We Doing to Support First-Generation Students?** Dive into a collaborative conversation with faculty and grant directors as we unpack the initiatives and strategies in place to empower our first-generation students. *Brittany Collins, Assistant Professor of Communication* *Ranjana Dutta, Professor of Psychology*
NOV 06 2:30 – 3:30 Teams	**Informational Session: Dow Professor Awards & Department Innovation Grants** Learn how you can use these two grants to support innovative teaching projects. Work with CETL staff to develop your proposal.
NOV 09 12:00 – 1:30 Banquet C	**Reducing Student Stress: A Conversation** We do not control all of the factors that drive student stress, but join this conversation with Beth Roe and several HHS colleagues and students to find out what some of your colleagues are doing to help. *Beth Roe, Professor of Nursing* *HHS faculty and students*

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JAN 15

1:00 – 3:00
Writing Center

Afraid Students are Using AI to Write Essays? Try a Podcast Instead

Bill DeHerder will demonstrate how to use the Writing Center's Podcast Studio, and Erik Trump and Hannah Fazekas will share their experiences with student podcast projects.

Bill DeHerder, Director of the Writing Center | Erik Trump, Director of CETL
Hannah Fazekas, Assistant Professor of Biology

JAN 26

10:00 – 11:30
SE 204

Students as Instructors: Using Sketchnote to Increase Student Understanding

Student learning is strengthened when students teach. Discover a video technology that has made learning fun and engaging in Jorge Paredes-Montero's biology course. Please bring your laptop and phone.

Jorge Paredes-Montero, Assistant Professor of Biology

FEB 09

2:00 – 3:30
Z 111

Document Design for Beginners

Upgrade the quality of your teaching documents by learning some basic tips and tricks on font selection, maximizing Word's layout capabilities, and choosing optimal document formats.

Joshua Kirby, Assistant Professor of Art

FEB 16

8:30 – 2:30
Curtis Banquet and
Seminar Rooms

SYMPOSIUM
Grading Reimagined: Create your New Assessment Strategy

Robert Talbert, co-author of *Grading for Growth* and mathematics professor at Grand Valley State University, leads a workshop where participants build out alternative grading schemes for an existing course.

MAR 15

11:00 – 12:00
Teams / SE 204

Examining Student Feedback Mechanisms: Instructor Course Evaluations

Research shows that instructor course evaluation surveys are biased and don't accurately measure teaching effectiveness. In this workshop, discover better methods to gather meaningful student feedback.

Jennifer Chaytor, Professor of Chemistry

MAR 29

2:30 – 3:30
Banquet A

Experiential Learning: Connecting Students with the Real World

Looking for ways to AI-proof your students' learning experience? Get inspired by your colleagues' experiential learning projects. Learn the basic principles for a successful assignment, course, or program. This presentation and workshop will be led by Warren Fincher, Professor of Sociology and CETL Faculty Fellow

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APR 19

12:00 – 1:30
Banquet A

Creating a Supportive Online/Hybrid Course Environment

Psychology professor and winner of the Excellence in Online Teaching award Ranjana Dutta shares methods to help students feel like part of a real community of learners in an online or hybrid environment.

Ranjana Dutta, Professor of Psychology

Additional professional development programming will focus on artificial intelligence tools, the digital humanities, and career preparation for students. These events – workshops, presentations, and conversations – will be announced in CETL's bi-weekly online newsletter and posted on its Canvas site. If you have an event idea or question, please contact the CETL office at Z 231, cetl@svsu.edu, or 989-964-2622.