

Center for Teaching and Learning



***August
WELCOME TO FALL
SEMESTER 2023***

***LET THE LEARNING
BEGIN!***



**Welcome from
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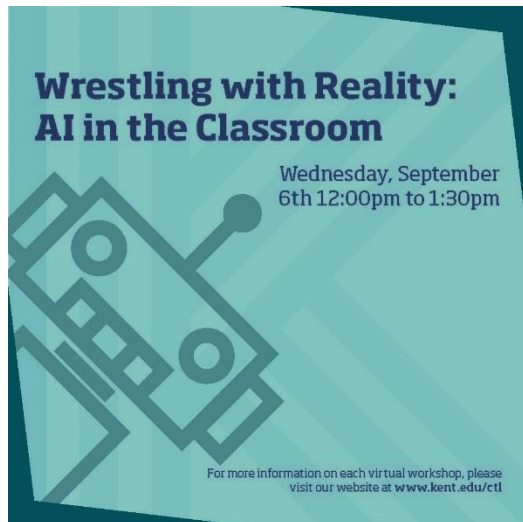
Dear Colleagues,

We hope that your summer was both restful and rejuvenating, and that you are feeling ready to experience the joys and tackle the challenges that a new academic year brings. The Center for Teaching and Learning is here to help with some of those challenges, as we have a full slate of programming on many important pedagogical topics, all listed below. We are also preparing and collating information on AI in the classroom to help with evidence-based practices in our new reality, as well as gathering key advisors to help us learn and teach inside of the evolving political realities facing all of us. Please make sure to check out our schedule of events; we look forward to your registration for these virtual presentations and conversations. If you are worried about the problem of "distraction" in your students (or even in yourself), you might also consider joining one of our faculty reading groups for the fall semester. And remember, if you are collecting materials for a Renewal or RTP dossier, the CTL's Teaching Recognition Award system can be a way to tangibly show your hard work in the classroom.

It is truly a pleasure for me to be writing this welcome as the (brand) new Associate Director of the CTL. As the newest member of an amazing team, I have spent much of the summer getting to know even more deeply how committed we all are to your success. While I am new to the CTL, I am beginning my 21st year as a Kent State University faculty member; I am a Professor of English who taught primarily at the Tuscarawas campus, and I am thrilled to still be serving as the Faculty Mentoring Program Coordinator there. Due to my current roles, and with my past experience, I can confidently say that we all do our best work when we feel valued and appreciated for who we are, and when we belong even as we bring our full authentic selves to our roles. Our goal is to be here for your teaching and growth, and to let you know YOU BELONG at Kent State University. Please reach out with your questions and concerns and share your joys and successes with us as well! We are excited to work with you this year.

All my best,
~Nicole

~ Fall Virtual Workshops and More ~



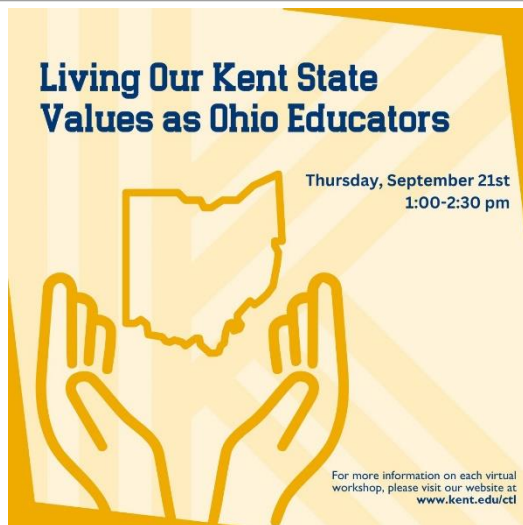
Wrestling with Reality: AI in the Classroom

Virtual Workshop
September 6th, 12:00p - 1:30p

As new technology continues to emerge at a rapid pace, many educators are grappling with the opportunities and challenges that AI presents in higher education

[Read more...](#)

[Register for AI in the Classroom](#)



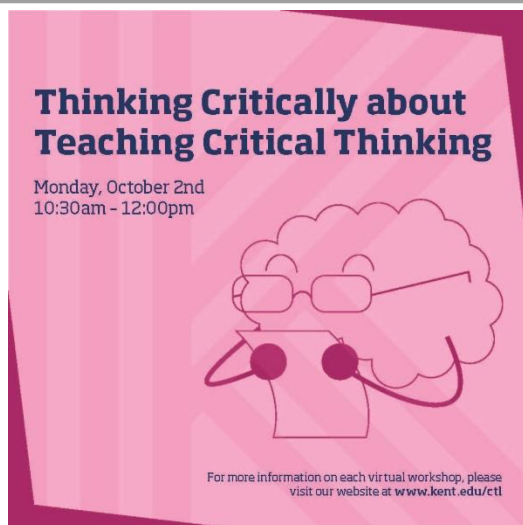
Living Our Kent State Values as Ohio Educators

Virtual Workshop
September 21st, 1:00p - 2:30p

Kent State University has a long history of fostering belonging throughout our entire community, and that work has important connections with and commitments to the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our culture, policies, and pedagogies.

[Read more...](#)

[Register for Living our Kent State Values](#)



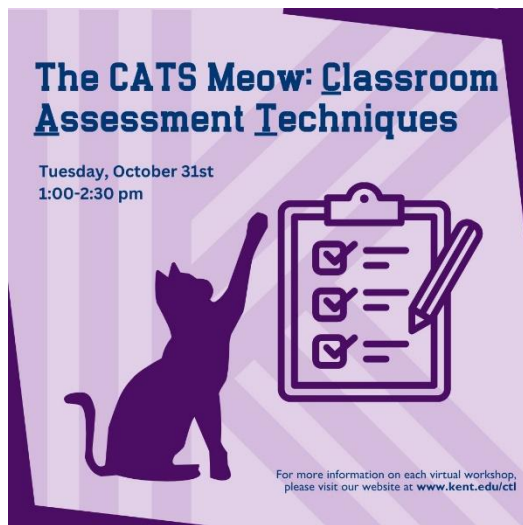
Thinking Critically about Teaching Critical Thinking

Virtual Workshop
October 2nd, 10:30a - 12:00p

One of the most commonly desired learning outcomes for our courses is that *students will be able to demonstrate critical thinking skills*.

[Read more....](#)

[Register for Thinking Critically](#)



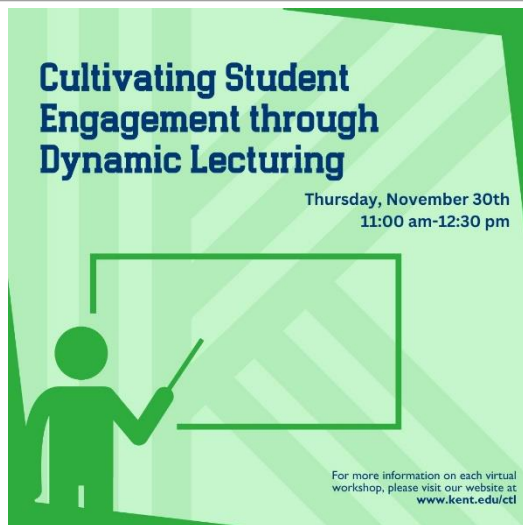
[The CATS Meow: Classroom Assessment Techniques](#)

Virtual Workshop
October 31st, 1:00p - 2:30p

Classroom assessment techniques (CATS) offer a real-time way for you to gauge student preparedness, comprehension, skills, and attitudes.

[Read more...](#)

[Register for the CATS Meow](#)



[Cultivating Student Engagement through Dynamic Lecturing](#)

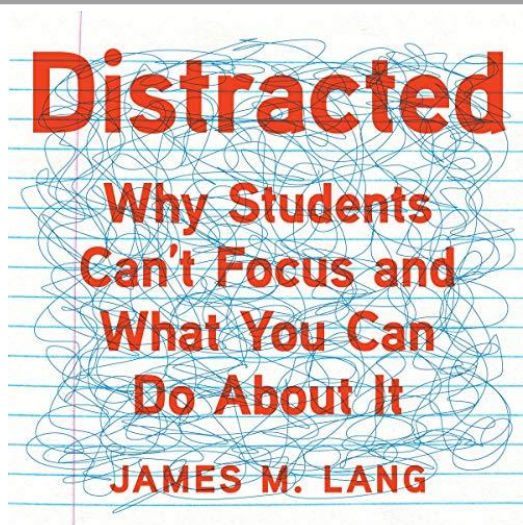
Virtual Workshop
November 30th, 11:00a - 12:30p

Discover the art of captivating students through effective lecturing techniques...

[Read more..](#)

[Register for Cultivating Student](#)

[Engagement](#)



[Fall Faculty Reading Group](#)

Virtual and In-person Options

Faculty reading groups help connect KSU educators interested in building community and developing their teaching through cross-disciplinary conversations.

Keeping students focused can be difficult in a world filled with distractions—which is why a renowned educator created a scientific solution to one of every teacher's biggest problems. Why is it so hard to get students to pay attention?

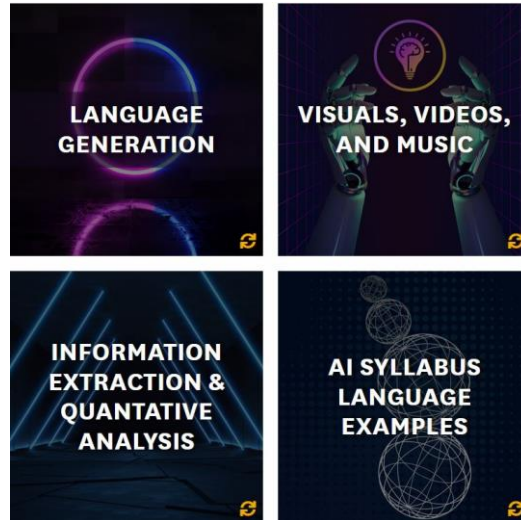
[Read more...](#)

[Register to join Reading Group](#)

~ New A.I. Resources and More ~

[AI Resources and Teaching](#)

Center for Teaching and Learning has created a space for resources for navigating this new educational landscape, with information on a variety of AI tools and their responsible use within the classroom and beyond.



[University-Approved Syllabus Statements](#)

Visit the Center for Teaching and Learning's [website](#) to find a list of University-approved or suggested syllabus statements that you may consider including on your syllabus.



[Office Hours Toolkit](#)

Student-centered office hours are an important step to fostering a strong sense of belonging. Many students do not fully appreciate the benefits of attending office hours.

[Learn more...](#)



~ Teaching Recognition Awards ~



The Teaching Recognition Awards Program recognizes actions that enhance teaching and learning at Kent State University. [Read more..](#)

Congratulations to all award recipients!
(Recipients from May thru August 20th)

Bronze:

Mark Dalman (2)
Zachary Morris (2)
Amanda Shuluga-Strogin
Lori Singer-Bare
Velvet Weems-Landingham
Daisy Arokiasamy

Silver:

Velvet Weems-Landingham
Jeremy Foust
Melanie Kirin
Daisy Arokiasamy

Gold:

Qunxing Ding (2)
Haiyan Zhu

Platinum:

Chia-Ling Kuo
Elena Novak
Michelle Souza

~ Additional Upcoming Opportunity ~



[Fall 2023 Faculty Development Series](#)

Virtual Events
Via Microsoft Teams

Managing Politics in Graduate Education
September 12th, 12:00p - 1:30p

Mental Health and Graduate Students:
Managing University Resources
November 14th, 12:00p - 1:30p

[Read More...](#)



[University Teaching Council Annual Conference Celebrating College Teaching](#)

Navigating Our Changing Educational Landscape
Friday, October 20th
8:30a - 4:00p
KSC Ballroom

[Visit our Sharepoint Site and view schedule of events](#)

[Register for UTC Annual Conference](#)

Connect with Us:

CTL is here to support you; whether it is teaching face-to-face, remote, or a combination of both. Email ctl@kent.edu with your questions and/or set up a consultation time.

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