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No Blackboard in Fall 2019, Last Chance for Summer Courses and Canvas Orientation

Faculty are reminded that **Blackboard will not be available** for teaching organized courses in Fall 2019, as it begins its decommissioning as part of the transition to Canvas.

In addition, the deadline to submit your course for white glove migration so that is is available for the **Summer 2019 session** is March 12. Faculty should contact their college champion to add their courses to the white glove list. This is the last chance to convert existing Blackboard summer courses to Canvas.

Faculty teaching Fall courses are invited to attend a Canvas orientation session to learn about the migration of their courses. The session will be held in **Nedderman Hall 100** and available on Echo 360.

Wednesday, Mar. 27th 9-10 am

All faculty teaching in Blackboard are encouraged to enroll in the "Growing with Canvas" online training course by contacting their college champion. Faculty that complete the pre-migration checklist are eligible for White Glove service in which Canvas migrates the Blackboard course content into Canvas. Please check canvas.uta.edu for more information or email us at canvasteam@uta.edu

Grant Writing Workshop

Faculty are invited to a step-by-step interactive workshops that will focus on developing and writing grant proposals.

Workshops are free to attend and lunch will be provided. It is strongly recommended that participants bring a laptop or electronic notebook to access potential funders' websites. Please check the website for the agenda: HERE

May 13 -14, 2019
8:30 am -5:00 pm
The University Center, San Saba/Palo Pinto Room

Please RSVP to Fatima Hamza by April 15, 2019.

Extended Deadline for Interdiciplinary Research Proposals (IRPs)

The submission deadline has been extended to March 25, 2019 (11pm).

The Office of Research has clarified language in the RFP to highlight the requirement that lead investigators be tenured or tenure-track faculty. The IRP is intended to stimulate and support collaboration between faculty who do not usually have opportunities to collaborate, and to make them competitive for external funding.

The current RFP is posted and you can use this site to access Sharepoint to upload your application. Click the link here.

Speed Teaching Series

Faculty and graduate students are encouraged to learn high impact teaching strategies in a fast-paced, 'speed dating-like' format. The sessions will be located at the Central Library Parlor:

- Teaching with Bridges: Building Community and Skills for Diverse Learners
  March 18, 9:00 - 10:30 am

- Reading and Writing Strategies in the University
  April 9, 10:00 11:30 am

- Make it Stick: Strategies for Helping Students Process Information
  April 29, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

For more information on each session and when to RSVP please open link to see full flyer.

....Did You Know?

....UTA now offers guest Wi-Fi, a free public service that offers wireless internet access for Authorized Users associated with the University (the "Service"). Authorized Users fall into at least one of the following categories AND are currently 18 years of age or older: vendors, parents of UTA students, visiting lecturers, alumni, and campus vistors with legitimate UTA related business. Pull down the wifi icon on your cellular or electornic device and you'll see the "UTA Guest" option.

Upcoming Events

View Upcoming events on Faculty Affairs website.

Open Education Day

Thursday, March 7

UTA Libraries is hosting a series of events to encourage faculty to use open resource materials, and learn about accessibility, as well as copyright and open licensing of course materials. Email Michelle.Reed@uta.edu with your questions.

Developing a Daily Writing Practice

March 14, 1 - 2:30pm

Feeling frazzled? Not enough time to write? Join NCFDD facilitator Dr. Rosemarie Roberts for a webinar that will change your life. Log into NCFDD.org, click "Become a Member" to create an account as part of UTA's institutional membership. For questions, contact mcosio@uta.edu.

ADA Compliance Training

March 19 from 10 - 11:30 at the Central Library, Parlor

Please RSVP here

Grading Deadlines

March 20 at 12 pm: 8th week Midterm grades due. The portal for posting midterm grades is now open.

Workshop Series

Human Resources and Faculty Affairs are partnering to offer a series of discussions from 12-1:30 pm on:

March 27: FMLA Questions (Family Medical Leave Act)

April 24: Phased Retirement

Please RSVP here

Mental First Aid

UTA's Office of Counseling and Psych Services is offering workshops for **faculty and staff only**, to learn strategies for helping those who may be experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem.

8:30am-4pm with 30 minute lunch on your own. To register, click on the date.

Tuesday, March 26, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM at Main Library 315A

Friday, April 12, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM at Main Library 315A

Digital Measures Count Down

As of **August 1, 2019**, all faculty profile data will no longer be entered in Mentis. Although the public facing page will retain the Mentis "look," all faculty data will be entered through Digital Measures. Faculty are also reminded that in Fall 2019 all tenured faculty will submit annual reviews, and post tenure reviews through Digital Measures. For training or questions please contact dmhelp@uta.edu.

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