

NEWS & INFORMATION

Support for LGBTQ+ Students, Faculty, & Staff

In Spring 2021, the Division of DEI was developing resources and support for LGBTQ+ students, faculty, and staff through a website and potentially an Office for Gender and Sexuality. In Summer 2022, this idea for support was raised with Chief Diversity Officer Jacqueline Richardson-Melecio. For those interested in meeting to discuss this issue further (and to develop a proposal, if there is sufficient support), contact Jan Trybula (trybulj@potsdam.edu) or Alan Hersker (herskeal@potsdam.edu).

BEAR 101

We are running a pilot course to support academic growth and student retention. We have 1 section (CRN 82160, T/Th 12:30-1:50) of [BEAR 101](#) running for spring with the possibility of adding additional sections. This is 3 credit course that is restricted to first year students. In the searchable class schedule you can find it under the subject "First Year Student Support". If you know of first year students who are struggling academically, this is the perfect course for them! For more info, contact Eudora Watson (watsonea@potsdam.edu).

Project MUSE

As of January 2023, we will no longer have Project MUSE in our database collection. At a cost of over \$8,000 a year, we do not have enough funding for this subscription. Please plan your spring semester projects accordingly, and if you need support locating other scholarly resources for your students, reach out to the librarians for help. For more info, contact Lauren Jackson-Beck (jacksola@potsdam.edu).

Writers' Block Peer Tutoring

Please encourage students to use our free peer tutoring service for writing assistance. We've moved to Sisson 142, near the Student Success Center, and we need your help connecting with students in our new location. Your encouragement has always made the difference, and students need it more than ever. Your students can [request a session here](#) and get booked quickly. Please reach out to Jennifer Mitchell at wblock@potsdam.edu or mitchejk@potsdam.edu if you need information or would like to share your assignment instructions or schedule an in-class visit.

CCI Featured

Each week in the *Featured* section, the CCI highlights new O365 and "freeware" features and shares PD on Pedagogy. Visit the *Tech Tools* or CCI home page and sign up for the weekly "Featured" email reminder so you don't miss a post. Also, if you're interested in collaborative discussion, join the **Creative Instructors Community** team and post your thoughts and questions in the *Professional Development and*

*Brightspace*channels (watch [Joining a Microsoft Teams with a code](#) – 01:16, code **n9v5whd**).

Online Pedagogy: Design for Online Learning

The four-week asynchronous course is scheduled from January 9 through February 12 and facilitated by Karen Caldwell and Andre Mount. The purpose of the course is to facilitate development of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for effective online teaching and learning. You'll learn by reading, watching, listening, sharing, and doing - applying the course content to relevant course design and development activities. The course involves an estimated 3 to 4 hours of work each week. Visit the [CCI Events Calendar](#) for more information. Registration required by Friday, January 6 at 12 noon (course limited to 20).

Course Evaluations

The campus provides instructors the option of using the CES online system to gather course feedback. End of semester course evaluations will be **automatically created for all courses** (instructors may opt out). If you have a course that ends within the semester, you must submit the *Mid-Semester Course Evaluations* form 3 weeks before the course ends. For more information, please visit the [Course Evaluations](#) webpage on the *Provost & Academic Affairs* website.

Brightspace

Bs Admin provide regular updates using the *Announcements* section of the Brightspace homepage. Just below the *Announcements* is the *SUNY Online Support* widget, which provides contact info for Bs support (including evenings and weekends). If you can't find what you need using the homepage (e.g., Potsdam Resources; Brightspace Resources), don't hesitate to reach out to cci@potsdam.edu.

CCI Winter Workshop

The CCI invites you to this year's *Winter Workshop* (on Wednesday, January 18).

Session 1 – Top 10 Teams Tips and Tricks (9-10am)

Session 2 – Embrace the Space (10am-12noon) Uncover tools and techniques to enhance your student's Brightspace experience (using intelligent agents, announcements, rubrics, quick eval, the calendar, and forums).

Session 3 – How to use Brightspace video (12-1pm) Steve's video teaches students how to find things in Brightspace. Learn how to organize your Bs courses with the student in mind.

Registration: [Online](#) by 01/16.

Teams Day!

Friday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Facilitator: Markie Hooper; Alex Gomez

Whether you're still transitioning to Teams or are an active user, drop-in anytime today to ask your Teams or O365 questions. Can't stop by? Chat us in Teams.

Location: CCI – LLC 106 or Teams

Brightspace Day!

Tuesday, January 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Facilitator: Steve Canning, Markie Hooper; Mike Phillips

We're on a second full semester using our new LMS, and the CCI staff is ready to answer any questions you may have. Drop-in anytime or Chat us in Teams. The CCI staff will be available to you all day.

Location: CCI – LLC 106 or Teams

Upcoming Events

Please visit the [CCI Events Calendar](#) page for more info on additional upcoming events.

- Brightspace Reflection – Fall Wrap Up (see above)
- Open Learning Initiative – 12/02 at 1:30pm
- Microsoft Teams hybrid work solutions – 12/06 at 9am and 1pm
- Introduction to Universal Design for Learning Workshop – Session 9 – From 12/08 to 02/01
- Implementing an Online Course Quality Review & Refresh Process with OSCQR – 12/09 at 12noon

KUDOS & CONGRATULATIONS!

New Librarian

We are very pleased to welcome Christi Sommerfeldt to Crumb Library as our new Access Services Librarian. Christi comes to Potsdam from our regional library network, Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN), where she worked for five years with many types of libraries in the North Country. Christi has experience with marketing, databases, children's librarianship, and organizing library programs. Please stop by and welcome Christi to SUNY Potsdam!

Faculty Publications

Ed Komara has co-authored the 2nd edition of King of the Delta Blues: the life and music of Charlie Patton (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 2022). Komara and Gayle Dean Wardlow updated the 1st edition by Wardlow and the late Stephen Calt (1945-2010) with updated text and new scholarship on Patton and Delta blues. Ed Komara also added a new afterword bringing Patton into the contemporary blues

conversation and introducing numerous musical examples for the modern researcher and musician.

Department of Theatre and Dance professors Kerri Canedy and Todd Canedy, along with five other co-authors, have written and published “Producing Dance: a collaborative art” through the publisher Human Kinetics. The text will be available in February 2023

Edited by Rivka Eckert and Lizbett Bengel, *Into Abolitionist Theatre: A Guidebook for Liberatory Theatre-making* offers community-based theatre-makers, educators, and activists a practical and accessible guidebook with tools for healing, creating, relating, and cultivating spaces for dreamwork, collaboration, equity, and justice within an abolitionist framework. With contributions from a team of 16 scholar/activists and theatre-makers, the book features interviews, case studies, and performance and process methods. The book is under contract with Routledge.

Bon sabbatical!

Mike Rygel is finishing his term as WAYS 101 coordinator this semester and we want to thank him for his extraordinary efforts to help launch the new Pathways General Education Program. His clear thinking and unfailing good cheer have led the WAYS 101 faculty to a very strong start. We wish him the best on his well-earned sabbatical.

If you or anyone in your area would like something included in the Academic Affairs Updates email, please send it to provost@potdam.edu. The emails are sent around the 1st and 15th of the month when classes are in session. Your submission should include: a 3-4 word header; no more than 75 words (including the 3-4 word header); a contact name and email; a link to more information (if available).