



ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & LEARNING (CETL)

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*The tools that I learned in college...not just **how** to acquire knowledge, but how to **share** information, how to **synthesize** information, how to **process** it...how to understand what's an **important or interesting or sparkly detail**, those tools I use **all** the time.*

- John Greene, Ep 383: The College Freaktacular, Dear Hank & John Podcast

Upcoming Teaching & Learning Events

CETL Events

SCSU Provost Summit

Tues, April 16, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Join us for 8 short form talks, Miller Scholar and BOT awards, and concurrent afternoon session on AI and Post traumatic organizational regrowth (check CETL website for details)

Instructor Idea Swaps

See a brief demo and engage in discussion on the topic. All sessions are online: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99148942611>

Thurs. April 18, 12:15-1:00 pm – Dave Blanchard, *Hyflex Course Options (Synchronous, Asynchronous, or Tri-Modal). What's the difference? Implications for equitable practices and student learning.*

See this [playlist for previous Instructor Idea Swap videos](#) (Thank you Mark Gill for leading Mar 21 on AI Hacks to improve your work).

NED Learning Options (registration required).

Check out the excellent Network for Education Development (NED) learning options through the Minnesota State System Office. See the [ASA Newsletter](#) for details of ongoing learning opportunities including webinars, short courses, or learning communities. *Note: many SCSU faculty & staff lead these events in their areas of expertise.*

Applications due for [Minnesota State REFLECT SOTL Scholar Program](#), April 12.

Looking for a way to do scholarship AND teaching? The MinnState REFLECT program is a 2-year SoTL learning community with faculty from across the Minnesota State system. Scholars are supported as they develop, implement, and present research at a conference. Financial compensation in the form of release credit equivalency (~\$3500 salary + fringe) is offered each year.

NED [Teaching and Learning Conference](#), Oct 3-4 @ Metro State, Call for Proposals extended to April 15! Theme: *Guides for the Educational Journey*. The NED Teaching and Learning Conference Committee seeks proposals for sessions that provide attendees with the tools and resources needed to reposition, rethink, and revitalize systems and selves, and that are grounded in research and supported by evidence.

April 15, 12-1 pm. [What's New in D2L Brightspace](#)

April 16, 22, 25 12-1 pm. [OER Project Showcase](#) (attend one or all)

Register by May 24 for SCSU's Antiracist Pedagogy Across the Curriculum Institute ([ARPAC](#))

May 31 (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and June 3-7 (1 – 4:30 p.m.)

The 13th annual online Antiracist Pedagogy Across the Curriculum (ARPAC) workshop provides intensive professional development for faculty committed to incorporating antiracist pedagogy into their courses and is open to teaching faculty from all higher education institutions.

Faculty are invited to participate in teams of 2-5 or as individuals. Scholarships are available for MinnState faculty to cover the \$550 registration cost. To receive a scholarship, contact Melissa Prescott at mkprescott@stcloudstate.edu **before** completing your registration.

TEACHING IRL @ SCSU

Congratulations to [these SCSU faculty recognized by Minnesota State 2024 BOT for Excellence!!](#)

Monica Garcia-Perez, Economics, Educator of the Year

Dale Buske, Mathematics, Outstanding Educator

John Mirth, Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, Outstanding Educator

Chris Lepkowski, Herberger Business School, Outstanding Service Faculty

SOTL INFORMED TEACHING

Check out these resources related to teaching/learning:

- [MinnState Guidelines Document for Generative Artificial Intelligence.](#)
- Monash University (Australia) [10 Min Chats on AI in Education](#)
- Peabody Journal of Education paper - [Rural Students in higher education: From preparation and enrollment to experiences and persistence](#)
- Pre-order Bowen & Watson's book [Teaching with AI: A practical guide to a new era of human learning.](#)

We're here for YOU!

If you have questions, need advice, or are looking for resources, email us for a consultation (CETL@stcloudstate.edu). If we don't have the answer, we will connect you with someone who does.

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