



The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

January 2025

Bringing in the New Year ☐

As we welcome the new year, I am reminded of the importance of pausing to reflect on the year that has passed and to consider the opportunities that lie ahead. The CFD had a highly productive fall semester, hosting 20 workshops and events, in addition to our signature programs, including the ACUE Faculty Development Institute, the Faculty Leadership Institute, the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellows, and the Learning Assistant Program. We are proud of the progress we've made but recognize that there is much more we can achieve in the coming year as we continue to strive for excellence.

In reflecting on the past year, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the faculty and staff who have dedicated themselves to advancing the mission of USM. Whether you are teaching and mentoring students, conducting groundbreaking research, or contributing to our shared governance through service, your efforts are invaluable and greatly appreciated. At the CFD, we remain committed to supporting your professional development and helping you build connections across campus that can bring joy, support, and renewed energy to your work. While we may not always be able to address every need, our goal is to remain responsive to the evolving needs of USM faculty and staff.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events this semester, including those focused on artificial intelligence and expanding our research development programs. If you have suggestions for additional workshops or resources, please don't hesitate to share them with us ([tell us your ideas here](#)). Additionally, if you have a valuable tool or resource to offer, we would be delighted to collaborate with you to organize a workshop.

As we approach the start of the spring semester, I encourage you to take these final, quieter days to reflect on your achievements thus far this academic year and celebrate your personal successes. In this brief newsletter, we want to alert you to some upcoming events happening in the first few weeks of the semester. We'll have a full newsletter for you in early February. Thank you once again for your dedication to the USM community and here's to a great spring semester!

Melanie Leuty
CFD Director

AI CONVERSATIONS

ETHICS, EDUCATION, AND INDUSTRY

This semester, the USM Artificial Intelligence Taskforce, the Office of the Provost, and the Center for Faculty Development are collaborating to host a series of panels and guest speakers—both from USM and beyond—to advance discussions on the implications of artificial intelligence on education, ethics, and industry.

The series will kick off with panel discussions featuring USM faculty and students, sharing their experiences, insights, and cautions regarding the use of artificial intelligence. See the details on the first three sessions in this series below. More details on the full series will be updated on our **CFD website**.

AI at USM: Insights, Challenges, and Possibilities

A panel discussion by USM faculty

Friday, January 17, 2025
1 – 2:45 pm
Hybrid | JGH 113 & Zoom
[REGISTER](#)

AI at USM: Sharing our Perspectives: Student Conversations on AI

A panel discussion by USM students

Friday, January 31, 2025
9 – 10:15 pm
Location Joe Paul Theater, Thad Cochran Center
[REGISTER](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Higher Education: Balancing Innovation and Human Values

Dr. Mustafa Akben, Assistant Professor of Management and Director of Artificial Intelligence Integration
Elon University

Thursday, February 5, 2025
12 – 1:30 pm
Virtual | Zoom
[REGISTER](#)

Upcoming Events

Spring 2025 Graduate Mentorship Training Series

January 28, 2025
12-1:30 pm | CFD

Increasing Access and Reducing Barriers for Graduate Students

February 25, 2025
12-1:30 pm | CFD
Fostering Well-being & Cultivating Ethical Behavior

March 18, 2025
12 - 2 pm | Peck House
Graduate Mentorship Lunch and Learn Workshop



Show Up and Write!

Show Up and Write! is hosted weekly on Teams to provide a designated time for writing and increasing productivity through peer support and personal accountability. Show Up and Write! will meet virtually every Thursday this spring from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm beginning January 30, 2025 and concluding April 24, 2025. These sessions are come-and-go as needed for your schedule and do not include peer exchange. Faculty, staff and graduate students from all disciplines and ranks are welcome to attend.

Click the link below to receive a reminder/calendar invite along with the Team's information to join this supportive community.

REMIND ME!



Teaching Resources to Start Your Semester

As you spruce up your syllabus and get ready for your courses this spring, we want to remind you that you can find the [syllabus template](#), policies related to teaching, and lots of other toolkits and suggestions for your courses on our CFD website.

See our Teaching Resources here!

Tiny Teaching Tip

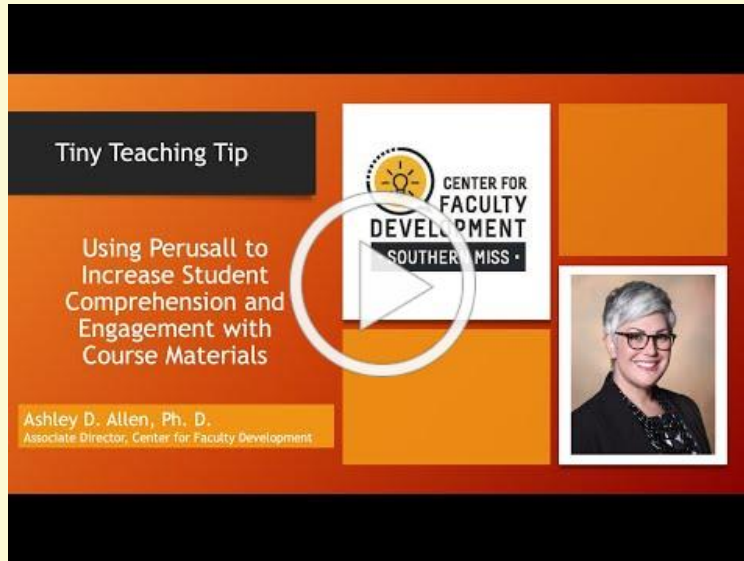
In the fall, we shared the resource of Perusall, which allows you to share annotations and discussions in course reading and video materials, either through an Perusall-enabled text book or with your own provided materials. As an update, we now have Perusall integrated into Canvas making it even easier to use!

To activate Perusall in your Canvas course:

- Under the settings in your course, click the Navigation Tab at the top of the page
- Find and move your cursor over Perusall 1.3 to activate the triple dots button.
- Click the button to click Enable
- Be sure to click Save at the bottom of the page.

As you set up your course, you'll see a section "Student Cost". You can set this amount to \$0 as this is a free resource, but if you are not using one of Perusall's books, students may receive emails suggesting they donate for continued use of the service, so please alert them to this. They *do not* have to donate to continue to use Perusall.

Refer back to our CFD Associate Director, Ashley Allen's quick video on how to use Perusall for your course that is linked below.



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