



March 2022
Reinventing Connections

Featured Podcast



Creating Connections through Multicultural Undergraduate Research | Dr. Diba Mani



Creating Connections through Multicultural Undergraduate Research

Engaging in research and lab work is often the steppingstone that creates passionate lifelong learners and researchers. You can give your undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in scholarly conversations with international researchers on their most recent

works! Listen as Dr. Diba Mani, Instructional Assistant Professor in the College of Health & Human Performance, shares how she developed a research-based virtual exchange experience that her students love. [Listen to Creating Connections through Multicultural Undergraduate Research!](#)

Strategy of the Month

Use What We Learned in 2020 to Enhance Our Face-to-Face Classrooms

During the unprecedented shift to remote teaching and learning at the start of the COVID 19 pandemic, we found that we could still create connections with our students in an online setting. Over the past two years, many instructors have explored new ways to collaborate and engage with their students creatively, and some shared their innovative assignments in the Center for Teaching Excellence's [No Walls Teaching eBook](#). We encourage you to explore how these creative strategies and more in the No Walls Teaching eBook can be modified for use in F2F and hybrid settings.

Engaging Student Introductions

- Introductions: [Welcome to My Desk! Introductions within our Learning Community](#)

Reflections and Sharing Ideas

- Reflection on learning: [“Just One Thing” Learning Log](#)
- Collaborative note taking: [Go Digital! Interactive Learning Logs](#)
- Information synthesis and organization: [4-3-2-1 Assignment](#)

Expanding the Boundaries of Practical Assessment

- Assessment: [Pediatric Occupational Therapy Participation Assessment and Intervention Competency](#)
- Analysis and Application: [Collaborative Site Analysis Activity](#)
- Evaluation: [Exploring Scale, Systems, and Interconnections in Under Ten Minutes](#)

Featured Workshop

Building Your Digital Community on Social Media

Presented by Natalie Asorey

Learn how you can build your community on social media to connect with others in your field, foster interest in your work and translate your research. We will share practical tips and explore free tools you can use to boost your social media efforts and engage in conversation. This workshop will be held on March 4th from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM via Zoom. [Register for Building Your Digital Community on Social Media!](#)



Please Note: you must have a Passport Portal account to register for this workshop. [Create an account.](#)

Helpful Tip

Use the UF Instructor Guide!

The [UF Instructor Guide](#) is an excellent resource that contains helpful information on all aspects of teaching at UF. Refer to the UF Instructor Guide for practical teaching tips that will help you foster collaboration and connection in your classroom!

- [Chapter 23: Collaborative Learning](#)
 - [Chapter 29: Humanize Your Online Course](#)
 - [Chapter 32: Creating Community with Zoom Settings](#)
 - [Chapter 38: Experiential Learning Activities](#)
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Did You Know?

You Can Schedule a Teaching Consultation with CTE



If you're interested in implementing new strategies to create connections in your classroom but don't know where to start, CTE can help!

[Schedule a consultation.](#)

Spotlight

Interface Teaching Conference

The Interface Teaching Conference provides faculty, staff, TAs, GAs, and post-docs with new strategies for great teaching and learning through interactive breakout sessions.

Join us for the virtual [Interface Teaching Conference](#) on April 13 & 14, 2022! This year's theme is

Reinventing Connections. The last two years have inspired new ways to teach, learn, and connect. New technologies, innovative strategies, and creative teaching practices have allowed faculty and students to build and foster connections and keep learning! Let's celebrate these successes and reconnect with one another. [Register for the conference.](#)



March Workshops

More information and registration for all Passport to Great Teaching workshops can be found in the [Passport Portal](#). If you are unable to register for a workshop, please [create a Passport Portal account](#), then try registering again after you receive a confirmation email. For help navigating the Passport Portal, [view the user guide](#).

Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Why Mentoring Matters for DEI: Moving from Research to Practice (Session 2)

3.1.22 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Presented by Audrey J. Murrell

The Southeastern Conference (SEC), the University of Florida and the International Mentoring Association (IMA) are pleased to offer this three-part series that provides faculty and staff with tools for effective multicultural mentoring. Participants who take all three live sessions will earn a certificate in multicultural mentoring. [Register for Why Mentoring Matters for DEI: Moving from Research to Practice!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Creative and Authentic Assessments

3.2.22 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Presented by Alexandra Bitton-Bailey

Are you tired of the lecture-lecture-test format? Do you ever wonder if tests really paint a full picture of your students learning? Do your tests give all your students an opportunity to showcase their learning? Shifting assessment to alternate and more authentic formats that better reflect what students may do in their future careers can provide richer opportunities to check your students progress towards course goals. This session will review alternative assessment formats as well as ideas for "authentic" assessment. Suggestions and tools to support academic integrity will be discussed as well. [Register for Creative and Authentic](#)

Assessments!

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Teaching in STEM Classrooms to Promote Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Justice

3.3.22 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Presented by Sujata Krishna, Kathryn McGill & Laura Blecha

We bring you this workshop based on our experiences at the 2020 NSF ASPIRE Summer Institute, and the work of Physics IDEA. We encourage groups of faculty from the same department to attend so that you can do the activities and case studies together as they apply to your department. If that is not possible, you can work with other participants, it is not a problem. [Register for Teaching in STEM Classrooms to Promote Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Justice!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Disability Resource Center 101: Beyond Access

3.10.22 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Rita Inman & Sabrina Saucier

Are you new to UF? Interested in making your courses more equitable and accessible for all students? Join the Disability Resource Center for an overview of their mission, purpose, and registration procedures. The presenters will review the social model of disability, academic and testing accommodations as well as assistive technology. Participants will collaborate with colleagues on how they might facilitate accommodations and communicate with students with disabilities about methods to support their learning within their course. [Register for Disability Resource Center 101: Beyond Access!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Conversations for a Culture of Inclusion

3.14.22 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Presented by Irma Alvarez & Gwynn Cadwallader

Do you engage with your colleagues in a way that brings out their best? Does your team collaborate in a way that combines the unique talents and abilities of each member to achieve big goals? In this discussion-based course, you will discover specific inclusive behaviors and strategies proven to increase engagement, innovation, and productivity in the workplace. Participants will recognize unconscious behaviors that derail a team's full potential and practice strategies to create a respectful culture that optimizes performance and produces great results. Embark on a shared journey with Gators Together!

[Register for Conversations for a Culture of Inclusion!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Course Evaluations: Increasing Response Rates and Interpreting Results

3.15.22 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Presented by John Jordi

In this workshop we will discuss strategies to increase response rates for course evaluations. We will also delve into the new GatorEvals Individual faculty reports, as well as ways in which you can use this data for course improvement. [Register for Course Evaluations: Increasing Response Rates and Interpreting Results!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Inclusive Teaching Strategies: Embracing Student Diversity in All Forms (Part 2)

3.16.22 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Presented by Sindia Rivera-Jimenez

Inclusive practices are critical to the higher education landscape to improve student learning. Inclusive teaching means designing and teaching courses in ways that foster talent in all students, but especially those who come from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. In this two-part workshop, participants will get familiarized with important concepts of diversity equity and inclusion, and the role of teaching methods in embracing student diversity in all forms. Also, attendees will discuss practical strategies of inclusive teaching that can be incorporated into everyday student interactions and during course design and assessment. [Register for Inclusive Teaching Strategies: Embracing Student Diversity in All Forms \(Part 2\)](#)!

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Creative Assessment Alternatives to Traditional Exams

3.17.22 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Presented by Diba Mani

There are different methods by which we can assess students' learning. By evaluating what it is you'd like or need to evaluate as instructor, creative assignments/assessments that extend beyond exams or even research papers are possible. This workshop will provide some suggestions for creative methods to assess student learning, which often serve as more accurate reflections of the critical thinking and problem-solving skills students should actually be developing. [Register for Creative Assessment Alternatives to Traditional Exams](#)!

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

UDL: Designing Instruction for the Love of Learning Through UDL

3.22.22 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Presented by Erica McCray & Jenna Gonzalez

Instructors can impart their love for their subject-matter and ensure that all students have effective opportunities to learn the content. Session participants will learn about the core tenets of UDL (multiple means of representation, action and expression, and engagement) and integration of culturally relevant practices, engage in experiential and dialogic learning, and begin applying UDL to their own courses and activities. [Register for UDL: Designing Instruction for the Love of Learning Through UDL!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Level Up Your Lectures!

3.23.22 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Presented by Alexandra Bitton-Bailey

Learn how to level up your lecturing and teaching practices in this hands-on workshop! In this interactive session you will explore what your body language and vocal tone say to your students. This session will also provide you with practical tips for communicating with your students and help you incorporate new physical and vocal habits that will allow you to communicate and lecture more effectively. [Register for Level Up Your Lectures!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

Using Pressbooks with Student Co-Authors to Publish Custom Textbooks

3.24.22 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Presented by Matthew Traum

This workshop demonstrates Pressbooks as a tool to crowdsource textbook writing by harnessing students expertise of what they don't know as a powerful motivator to engage them as co-authors in content generation. The Reading Memo and Incubator Hypothesis pedagogies merge in this learner-centered activity by empowering students to become central to their own training and partner with faculty to communicate course content in accessible textbook format. [Register for Using Pressbooks with Student Co-Authors to Publish Custom Textbooks!](#)

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop**Make It Global: Curriculum Internationalization**

3.29.22 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Presented by Paloma Rodriguez

Explore ways to develop course assignments that incorporate international perspectives and enhance the development of intercultural competence. Engage in a self-assessment exercise that will allow you to rate the degree to which you have internationalized your courses. Learn about virtual exchange as a way to connect your classrooms to other classrooms around the world. [Register for Make It Global: Curriculum Internationalization!](#)

Please Note: you must have a Passport Portal account to register for this workshop. [Create an account.](#)

Passport to Great Teaching Workshop**Equity Based Mentorship & Supporting Early Career Scholars of Color (Session 3)**

3.29.22 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Presented by Kimberly Griffin

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part series that provides faculty and staff with tools for effective multicultural mentoring. Participants who take all three live sessions will earn a certificate in multicultural mentoring. [Register for Equity Based Mentorship & Supporting Early Career Scholars of Color \(Session 3\)](#)!

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Passport to Great Teaching Workshop

PlayPosit Introductory Training

3.31.22 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Presented by Brady Venables

Attendees to our tried and true PlayPosit introductory session will leave with an understanding of how to build interactive learning objects in Canvas. Instructors will walk through the process of building a bulb with multiple interaction types, linking, and monitoring student results in Canvas. We will also review a few use cases, cover first time user FAQs and host a brief Q&A at the end. [Register for PlayPosit Introductory Training](#)!

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