Faculty Volume

March 2023

March Faculty Spotlight



March 2023 Faculty Spotlight:

Dr. Lauren Whitnah

Dr. Lauren Whitnah, Professor of Medieval Civilizations, uses three core principles as her foundation for teaching her students: to understand first, strive for growth, and take responsibility. Read her spotlight to learn about her teaching

philosophy, educational background, and formative classroom experiences, by clicking the button below.

Read More about Dr. Whitnah

Nominate a Faculty Member!

March Graduate Student Spotlight



March 2023 Graduate Student Spotlight: Jenna Watson "As a graduate student, you are often thrown into a teaching position and you must figure it out as you go, so it was great to finally have a course (CIRTL F.U.E.L.) that provided specific information on how to be an

effective instructor and identify the type of instructor I want to be;" says Jenna Watson, a biological antrhopology doctoral student. Click the button to read all about Jenna's teaching journey and her educational background at UT.

Read More about Jenna Watson

Nominate a Graduate Student!





New Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom Learning Community

In collaboration with the Office of the Provost's <u>Emergence of A.I.</u> <u>Tools in Higher Education Taskforce</u>, TLI will be hosting a new Learning Community focused on Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom.

All members of the UT instructional community (faculty, staff, graduate students, and post-docs) are welcome to register and attend.

The first session will happen **tomorrow (Thursday, March 30th, 4:00 pm via Zoom)** and there will be two additional sessions later this semester.

Click the button to learn more and to register!

TLI's AI in the Classroom Learning Community

Update: SoTL Funding Support Program

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (or SoTL) is one of TLI's four Areas of Excellence, or primary contributions to faculty development and success on our campus.

With this in mind, in recent years we have been able to offer financial support to faculty members pursuing this type of research. In recognition of the nature of this work, we have made **two important updates** to this year's SoTL Funding Support Program.

The award amount will be increased to \$2,000 per project, for accepted applications. Team applications are welcome, but will need to split the award among contributors.

The deadline to apply to participate in this year's program has been **extended to Monday, April 10th at 11:59pm**.

If you have questions and are interested in learning more about TLI's SoTL Funding Support Program, please click the button below or email Dr. Chris Kilgore, TLI's Associate Director for SoTL at <u>ckilgor4@utk.edu.</u>

SoTL Funding Support Program

Experience Learning Dashboards are Finalized

The EL dashboards are intended to provide a visual representation of student and faculty participation in curricular and co-curricular experiences. TLI began collecting data on experiential learning opportunities during our most recent QEP, *Experience Learning*. These dashboards, which have data from 2015 through 2022, are now complete. This resource is available to anyone with a UT netID and can be accessed by clicking the button below.



TLI is offering **5 series of workshops** this semester! For more information, visit our <u>Spring 2023 Workshops and Programs</u> webpage.

Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week Workshop

Exploring the Landscape of Higher Education Thursday March 30th | 1:00pm – 3:00 pm | Zoom

Registration Link

Note: This workshop is an exclusive offering for Graduate and Postdoctoral students as part of The University of Tennessee's Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week hosted by the Graduate School.

Lifelong Learning Book Club Lifelong Learning Book Club Session 3

Tuesday, April 10th | 1:00pm - 2:00 pm | Zoom

Zoom Registration Link

Reclaiming the Joy in Teaching Reflecting On and Sustaining What Matters to You in Teaching

Tuesday, April 18th | 12:00 – 2:00 pm | Zoom

Zoom Registration Link



It's Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week!

This week In 2023, this week will be March 27–March 31 is Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW). Hosted by the university's Graduate School, GPSAW is a week devoted to providing instructional opportunities and fun experiences for graduate and professional students as a welcome break from all their work and to support them with their future endeavors.

Though the week is halfway done, there are still many insightful opportunities available across campus, so be sure to click the button below to register for an event (or two!)

Lastly, to the graduate and professional students on our campus who serve as instructional staff, TAs, and research assistants/associates, know that we at TLI appreciate you and all that you do for our university. Congratulations on all your hard work!

Register for GPSAW Events Here

Request Support from TLI

Don't Forget...TLI is Here to Help!

You can always request TLI support in a variety of areas via **our Service Request form**. We offer several services for both individual instructors, as well as departments and colleges, including:

- Classroom Observations
- Course Design
- Document & Material Review
- Mid-Course Feedback
- End of Course Evaluation
- Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Support

T L I P R O U D L Y C E L E B R A T E S WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

During Women's History Month, we would like to extend our immense gratitude to all female faculty, instructional staff, and adminitstrators for their consistent effort to make sure all voices are heard, seen, and represented in the field of higher education. Thank you for all that you do —during this month, and every month!

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