

# Faculty **Volume**



**August 2023**

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## **August Faculty Spotlight**



**August 2023 Faculty Spotlight:**

**Dr. Bob DuBois**

In this month's feature, the Senior Lecturer and Associate Director for the Psychology Department's Undergraduate Studies outlines his teaching philosophies, educational background, and formative classroom experiences. Read more by clicking the button below.

[Read More about Dr. Bob](#)

[Nominate a Faculty Member!](#)

**August Graduate Student Spotlight**



## August 2023 Graduate Student Spotlight: Julian Cosner

"I believe the teacher is responsible for providing the best conditions a student needs to develop their own education, which requires me to be accessible and incorporate a variety of approaches," says Julian Cosner, a doctoral student in the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology. Click the

button to read more about Cosner's teaching journey and educational background at UT.

[Read More about Julian Cosner](#)

[Nominate a Graduate Student!](#)



## Review our 2023 Annual Report

TLI had a very successful 2022-23 academic year, *but we could not have done that without you.*

In our most recent Annual Report we illustrate the opportunities implemented to help facilitate instructional excellence and support those we serve in achieving their work-life goals.



TLI is offering **2 workshop series this semester as well as 2 new learning communities!** For more information, visit our [Fall 2023 Workshops and Programs webpage](#).

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## **CIRTL F.U.E.L**

**About this seminar:** Are you a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow interested in enhancing your teaching? Join us for the “Facilitating Undergraduate Evidence-Based Learning” (F.U.E.L.) professional development seminar in the Fall 2023 semester.

This fall, CIRTL F.U.E.L. will be offered in two ways:

1. Online using Canvas
2. In person on the UT campus

For more information on meeting times, and modules covered, [Visit our CIRTL F.U.E.L Page online!](#)

[Click here to register by Friday, September 1st](#)

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## **What the Best UT Faculty Do**

**What the Best UT Faculty Do: Large Classroom Engagement**  
Friday, September 15th | 12:00pm - 1:30 pm | Zoom

[Registration Link](#)

**About this Session:** This session in our series brings together a panel of outstanding faculty who teach in a large classroom

context. They will share their stories about how they developed their practice, offer suggestions regarding practice, and engage the participants in the session through questions and dialogue.

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## Lifelong Learning Book Club

### Lifelong Learning Book Club: Session 1

Thursday, September 28th | 11:00 am | Zoom

[Registration Link](#)

**About this Session:** UT Libraries, the Department of Psychology, and Teaching and Learning Innovation invite anyone from UT to participate in the Lifelong Learning Book Club this Fall 2023 semester.

This upcoming Fall 2023 semester, we will be reading *Improving Learning and Mental Health in the College Classroom* By Robert Eaton, Steven V. Hunsaker, & Bonnie Moon. To access the book and learn more about this workshop, visit The UTK Libraries Website.

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## Alternative Assessment Learning Community

### Alternative Assessment Learning Community: Session 1

Wednesday, September 6th | 12:00 - 1:00 pm | Mary Greer Room, Hodges Library 258

[Registration Link](#)

**About this Learning Community:** Teaching and Learning Innovation will be hosting a learning community focused on "alternative assessments" this fall. Topics we propose discussing could include contract grading, specification grading, mastery grading, collaborative grading, gamification, or others.

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## Inclusive Teaching Learning Community

## Inclusive Teaching Learning Community: Session 1

Tuesday, September 12th | 12:00 - 1:00 pm | Greve 629

[Registration Link](#)

**About this Learning Community:** Teaching & Learning Innovation will be hosting a learning community for the 2023-2024 academic year that is focused on inclusive teaching practices. We will be reading about and discussing the following topics during our monthly meetings: Instructor positionality and bias, trauma-informed teaching, culture of caring, student identity, storytelling as a way of teaching, and setting the tone for an inclusive classroom.



## A Summer of CIRTL and SOTL

Although campus might have been quiet in these warmer months, don't be fooled into thinking nothing was going on here on Rocky Top!

From May through June, TLI hosted its [2023 Scholarship of Teaching & Learning \(SoTL\) Funding Support Program](#), where 7 faculty members completed the experience across 3 different tracks. The SoTL funding support program aided these participants in beginning or continuing their research around their teaching practices.

Additionally, we also led our Summer [CIRTL F.U.E.L.](#) experience for graduate and professional students, as well as post-docs. A total of 50 students participated in this program and gained more knowledge on how enhance their teaching and learning abilities.



Thank you to all those who participated in our offerings over this summer! We hope these programs have provided you with some new tools to add to your teaching kit this semester. We also hope to see you again this fall at our [workshops and learning communities](#) as we continue to ensure a path to success for every faculty member at UT.

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## Just in Time Teaching Tip: Setting Classroom Expectations

Creating a positive classroom environment starts with you on day one! In this one pager, you will find helpful tips and tricks for creating clear classroom expectations that will set both you and your students up for success this fall.

[Click Here to Download the One Pager](#)

## Syllabus Resources Updated

Our syllabus resources has been updated for the fall 2023 semester. Visit our webpage for information on current academic policies, health and safety guidance, civil discourse information, and suggested course syllabus statements for AI tools. Also, learn how to create a learner-centered syllabus by using our resources.

[View our Syllabus Resources](#)

# 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

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