

Faculty **Volume**



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Special May Spotlight



Special Spotlight:

Dr. Diane Kelly

Teaching and Learning Innovation wishes to share some of the accomplishments of Dr. Diane Kelly, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. As you may know, Diane is taking a new position as an endowed distinguished professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To learn more about the work Dr. Kelly did regarding faculty development during her tenure as Vice Provost, please click on the button below.

[Read More about Dr. Kelly](#)

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Meet TLI's Program Participants and Award Recipients

This spring semester, Teaching & Learning Innovation sponsored three different faculty award programs. To learn more about those who participated, please continue reading this section.

Meet our [Curriculum Refresh Collaborative](#) Participants: TLI supported faculty during both mini terms in our Curriculum Refresh Collaborative program. These individuals worked together to make significant changes in their course design or curriculum.

Winter Mini-Term participants were:

Dr. Betsy Chesnutt, Lecturer, Engineering Fundamentals,

Dr. Rachelle Scott, Associate Professor, Religious Studies

Dr. Erin Darby, Associate Professor, Religious Studies

Dr. Helene Sinnreich, Professor, Religious Studies,

Summer Mini-Term participants were:

Dr. Ashlee Anderson, Clinical Associate Professor, Theory and Practice in Teacher Education

Dr. Ashley Pennell, Assistant Professor of Practice, College of Social Work

Dr. Mary Gitau, Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Associate Professor of Practice, College of Social Work

Dr. Christy Hickman, Assistant Professor of Practice, College of Social Work.

Meet our [SOTL Funding Program](#) Participants: Two faculty members participated in our 2024 SOTL Funding. These individuals are:

Michelle Childs, Associate Professor of Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management, College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.

Mohamed Abouelkhair, Assistant Professor of Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Meet our [Faculty Innovator Award](#) Recipients: Fifteen faculty members received our Faculty Innovator Award. This award was designed to recognize innovative teaching at UTK. Recipients are interviewed and asked to submit a text-based teaching-related document (syllabus, assessment, lesson plan, etc.) related to their practice. Videos will be created from the interviews and along with the documents submitted, be included in a new repository to inspire faculty across the campus.

Awardees are:

Dr. Randi Addicott, Senior Lecturer, Department of English

Dr. Jedediah Blanton, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport Studies and Director of Teaching Development, College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

Dr. Andrew Bliss, Associate Professor and Director of Percussion Studies, College of Music

Dr. Efstathios Konsta Chrontsios Garitsis, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mathematics

Dr. Joy Marie Doan, Assistant Professor of Practice, School of Information Sciences

Dr. Stephanie Drumheller-Horton, Senior Lecturer, Department of Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences

Dr. Jessica Frampton, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies

Dr. Jamie Greig, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Dr. Annachiara Marianni, Associate Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures

Dr. Emily Paskewitz, Associate Professor, School of Communication Studies

Dr. Matthew Pittman, Assistant Professor, School of Advertising and Public Relations

Dr. Iliana Rocha, Assistant Professor, Department of English

Dr. Joe Smith, Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Brian Stevens, Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Analytics and Statistics

Dr. Rossy Toledo, Distinguished Lecturer, Department of World Languages and Cultures

Congratulations to our CIRTL F.U.E.L. Participants

Our Summer [CIRTL F.U.E.L](#) course concludes today. Participants in this iteration join the other 50+ graduate and PhD. students who, during the 2023-2024 academic year, completed either the face-to face or asynchronous versions of this professional development opportunity. TLI is proud to offer this 6-module professional development seminar every semester to provide future faculty the chance to develop their teaching identity while they learn about evidence-based teaching and learning practices.

Congratulations to the Participants of the Introduction to Online Teaching Seminar for Graduate Students and Postdocs

On behalf of TLI and Digital Learning, we would like to extend our congratulations to the 2024 cohort! These seven participants have successfully completed a 5-week seminar on best practices for developing an online course and received a certificate recognizing their achievements.

They are:

Shlagha Borah, PhD Student, Department of English

YJ Kim, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport Studies

Chris Mayer, PhD Student, Department of English

Joshua McGarry, PhD Student, Department of English

Morgan Shaffer, PhD Student, Department of English

Hannah Trammell, PhD Student, Department of English

Kendyl Wadley, PhD Student, Department of English

Special Thanks to Faculty, Staff, and Students

TLI would like to thank all the faculty, staff, and students that participated in our events this academic year. We had several faculty who served as facilitators and panelists. They provided peer to peer learning experiences that were exciting to witness.

We were thrilled to have student panelists at various events who shared their stories of the outstanding faculty they encountered. These young people gushed at how special the individuals they spoke of made their experience at UTK.

Finally, we had instructor staff from across the campus as participants in the events we hosted. We count it a great honor to serve you in this capacity. We do not take our work lightly and always strive to create experiences that meet your ever evolving needs.

Again, we thank you for allowing us to be a part of your academic journey.



New Podcast: Teaching Time-Out Hosted by Jedediah Blanton

If you are looking for professional, evidence-based information to enhance your teaching practice this summer, join Dr. Jed Blanton for his podcast, Teaching Time-Out. Dr. Blanton serves as host, inviting educators and students to talk about effective teaching practices. In the time it takes for a cup of coffee, learn how you can navigate the challenges and opportunities that typically occur during an academic year.

[Learn more about Teaching Time-Out](#)

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

TLI's Service Request Program is here to help you meet your teaching and learning needs. 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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