TEACHING & LEARNING INNOVATION

March 2025

Faculty VOLume

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Molly West

Dr. Molly West, a University of Tennessee-Knoxville alumna with a background in traditional benchtop sciences, has found her calling in STEAM education. Though she initially pursued a scientific path, it wasn't until the end of her undergraduate studies and during her master's program that she discovered her passion for curriculum development and teaching. With guidance from a mentor, she gained experience writing curriculum aligned with state testing standards. This opportunity shaped her understanding of the importance of well-designed educational materials at all levels.

"As an educator, I aim to instill a passion for agriculture, food, and natural resources (AFNR) in my students while ensuring that all learners have equal opportunities to succeed."

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TLI Faculty PathFinder Award

In Spring 2024, select faculty members received the Faculty Innovator Award for their creative teaching at UTK. Each month, we'll feature a new video from an award winner!

This month, we feature Dr. Emily Paskewitz, Associate Professor, College of Communication & Information.

TLI Spring Conferences

Teaching Summit (UT Academic Community)

Date: Tuesday, March 25

Time: The summit will take place from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (ET)

Location: University of Tennessee Student Union (Rm. 262)

Cost: Free

Visit the TLI Spring Conference page on SharePoint to learn more about the speaker, **view the full schedule**, and register (for FREE!).

Innovative Teaching & Learning Conference
(Open to All)

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: Conference events will take place from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (ET)

Location: Zoom

Cost: Free

Visit our **ITLC Conference page** for information about this year's conference, including the schedule, the keynote speaker, and more.

The Conference Registration Deadline is Friday, March 21, 2025. To secure your spot for either or both events and to receive relevant materials and links, please click on the button below!

Register Here

March TLI Reads

TLI READS
Teaching with Extended Reality Technology

March 31, 2025

12 PM - 1 PM

Zoom

Our second spring 2025 session will discuss an **article by Anderson and colleagues (2021)** demonstrating how a nursing program evaluated an augmented reality (AR) system for nurse practitioner students, with measures of both the AR system itself and the pedagogical techniques with which it was implemented.

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Cultivating Critical AI Literacy in Your Classrooms

Making AI Work for You

April 1, 2025

1 - 2 PM

Zoom

In this session, guest faculty members will share how they cultivate critical consideration and review of AI's value and usefulness among their students through assignments and assessments.

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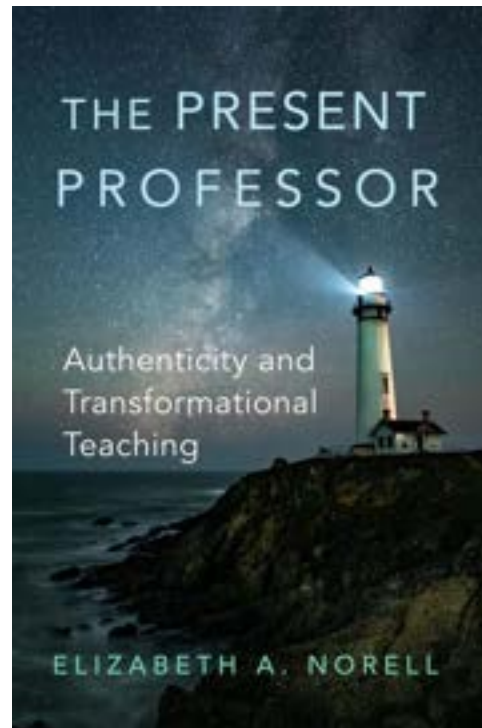## Lifelong Learning Book Club: Last Meeting for Spring Semester

April 10, 2025

12 PM - 1 PM

Zoom

We are reading Dr. Liz Norell's The Present Professor: Authenticity and Transformational Teaching this spring semester.

This event is a partnership between Teaching, Learning, and Innovation (TLI), UT Libraries, and the Department of Psychology.

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UT SoTL Retreat

June 12-13
Henry Horton State Park (Chapel Hill, TN)

We will host our first annual UT SoTL Retreat in collaboration with the UT System and the UT Educational Developers Consortium!

The retreat will provide University of Tennessee faculty interested or engaged in the scholarship of teaching and learning with dedicated time to work on grant proposals, papers, or presentations while surrounded by experts in SoTL, grant preparation, literature reviews, scholarly writing, research methodology, and many others. The retreat is 100% free to University of Tennessee faculty. Travel expenses such as mileage, food, and overnight lodging in the park's lodge will be covered.

Please click the button below to apply for this opportunity.

If anyone needs additional information, please get in touch with Ferlin McGaskey at **fmcgaske@utk.edu**.

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- End of Course Evaluation
- Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Support

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