

Center for Teaching Excellence | CTE

Inspiring Excellence and Innovation in Teaching

We're here for you

How CTE can Help You

Whether you're a tenured faculty member who has been teaching for many years or a newcomer to both teaching and USC, the Center for Teaching Excellence has resources to help you become a better teacher and ease your workload. Our services are free to anyone who teaches at USC.

Graduate Student Programs

Graduate Teaching Assistants are vital to undergraduate education at USC. We offer a series of orientation and professional development sessions each year, leading to a higher level of pedagogical knowledge and effectiveness. These include:

TA Orientation and GRAD 701

These required university-wide programs provide ongoing training in pedagogy and teaching strategies to GTAs during their first semester of teaching.

TA Workshop Series

Each semester, CTE offers workshops specifically designed for GTAs.

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF)

The PFF program gives graduate students interested in academic careers the opportunity to earn a PFF credential.

Teaching Online for Grad Students Short Course

An exciting new short course for graduate students on teaching online at USC will be offered Spring 2018. Visit our website for application requirements.



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Support for Online Learning

Would you like to teach an online course but aren't sure where to start? Are you looking for ways to improve an existing online or blended course? We can help! CTE's highly qualified instructional designers can work with you to develop online courses using nationally recognized best practices.

In addition to our design services, we also offer a distributed learning workshop series each semester and a "Getting Started Teaching Online at USC" short course for faculty new to online teaching. Visit our website for details.

Workshop Series

- Developing and Using Rubrics for Grading
- Academic Integrity Online Webinar
- Tech Tools for Instruction Webinar
- VoiceThread: Humanizing the Online Classroom
- 7 Habits of Effective Online Teachers Webinar

Diversity and Inclusivity

This fall, CTE continues its Diversity and Inclusive Teaching initiative with a variety of workshops to help you feel prepared to address these issues in the classroom.

Workshop Series

- Fostering Classroom Civility
- Engaging Generation Z in the Classroom
- 10 Practical Approaches to Fostering Inclusion in the Classroom
- AccessAbility: Universal Design as a Tool for Ensuring Equity of Access
- Carolina Intercultural Training/ Intercultural Awareness
- Universal Design for Learning
- Meeting the Needs of International Students in the Classroom

International Education Week

An important component of USC's mission is to increase students' knowledge of global connections, issues and cultural awareness, in order to be responsible and successful citizens in today's globally integrated world. The Center for Teaching Excellence is collaborating with International Student Services and Global Carolina to host numerous events and opportunities in conjunction with International Education Week **November 13 - 17, 2017**. Learn more at sc.edu/cte.

MISSION

We create and provide programming, resources and opportunities that foster innovation and effective pedagogical practices among all who teach at USC.



Ken Bain
President, Best Teachers Institute
Oktoberbest Keynote Speaker



Mark Your Calendar!

8th Annual Oktoberbest: A Symposium on Teaching

Friday, October 13, 2017

This free one-day conference features concurrent sessions showcasing successful and innovative teaching as well as breakfast and lunch with our keynote speaker, Ken Bain, author of the award-winning book, *What the Best College Teachers Do*. The day will end with a networking reception featuring door prizes and Oktoberfest fare.

Have you found innovative ways to present information to students? Have you discovered new ways to get students to engage with each other, with the course content or in activities beyond the classroom? Please consider submitting a proposal to present at Oktoberbest. Your colleagues want to hear from you. To learn more, visit sc.edu/cte.

"Oktoberbest was a perfect example of a learning opportunity that resulted in me walking away with a solution that fit with my teaching style."

— Laura Smith Hearst Visiting
Professor of Journalism

Center for Teaching Excellence | Fall 2017 Open Events

Key: **Garnet** = Diversity and Inclusive Teaching Initiative. **Boldface** = Online Learning Initiative.

For event details and to register, visit sc.edu/cte.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	14	GTA Orientation 15	GTA Orientation 16	New Faculty Orientation 17	18
<i>Total Eclipse</i>	21	BEST Institute 22 GTA Orientation	BEST Institute 23 GTA Orientation	First Day of Classes 24	25
	28	29	Fostering Classroom Civility 30 2:20-3:35 pm	Engaging Generation Z in the Classroom 31 11:40 am-12:55 pm	1
<i>Labor Day</i>	4	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 5 11:45 am-1:15 pm	6	7	New Faculty Academy 8 8:30-10:00 am
	11	12	What to Do When Students Don't (or Won't) Do the Reading 13 12:00-12:50 pm	10 Practical Approaches to Fostering Inclusion in the Classroom 14 10:05-11:20 am	Developing and Using Rubrics for Grading 15 1:10-2:00 pm
	18	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 19 11:45 am-1:15 pm	Help Students Produce Better Writing 20 10:50-11:40 am	Information Literacy & College Students 21 10:05-11:20 am	Academic Integrity Online Webinar 22 11:00-11:45 am
	25	26	Mutual Expectations: Academic Advising 27 11:45 am-1:00 pm	Acting Techniques for Classroom Teaching 28 2:50-4:05 pm Globalizing Your Course Design 10:05-11:20 am	New Faculty Academy 29 8:30-10:00 am
Voyages into the Technology Frontier: Fun and Games 2:30-4:00 pm	2	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 3 11:45 am-1:15 pm	AccessAbility: Universal Design as a Tool for Ensuring Equity of Access 4 10:45 am-12:00 pm	Public Speaking Techniques for Dynamic Class Lectures 5 11:40 am-12:55 pm	6
Handling Classroom Disruptions 3:30-4:20 pm	9	Carolina Intercultural Training/Intercultural Awareness 10 10:00 am-12:00 pm	11	12	Oktoberbest: A Symposium on Teaching 13
Universal Design for Learning: Designing Courses for All Students 12:00-12:50 pm	16	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 17 11:45 am-1:15 pm	18	<i>Fall Break</i> 19	<i>Fall Break</i> 20
	23	How to Craft Questions and Facilitate Effective Discussions 24 11:40 am-12:55 pm	What to Do About Cheating and Plagiarism 25 12:00-12:50 pm	Mutual Expectations: Academic Integrity and the Creed in the Classroom 26 11:40 am-1:00 pm	Tech Tools for Instruction Webinar 27 11:00-11:45 am
Service-Learning 101 for Faculty 12:00-12:50 pm	30	Taming the Stress Monster: Strategies to Manage and Thrive 1 11:40 am-12:55 pm	1	Tips for TAs: Harnessing the Power of Student Feedback 2 11:40 am-12:55 pm	New Faculty Academy 3 8:30-10:00 am
	6	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 7 11:45 am-1:15 pm	VoiceThread: Humanizing the Online Classroom 8 1:10-2:00 pm	Active Learning for Any Discipline 9 2:50-4:05 pm	10
<i>International Education Week</i>	13	Meeting the Needs of International Students in the Classroom 14 2:50-4:05 pm	Academic Classroom Culture in the U.S. 15 3:55-5:10 pm	Community Response to an Active Shooter 16 10:00 am-12:00 pm	7 Habits of Effective Online Teachers Webinar 17 11:00-11:45 am
	20	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 21 11:45 am-1:15 pm	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i> 22	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i> 23	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i> 24
	27	28	Developing a Course Syllabus 29 3:55-5:25 pm	30	New Faculty Academy 1 8:30-10:00 am
	4	FLIP: Faculty Discussion Group 5 11:45 am-1:15 pm	6	7	<i>Last Day of Classes</i> 8