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The Inspired Instructor

A Monthly Newsletter for Faculty

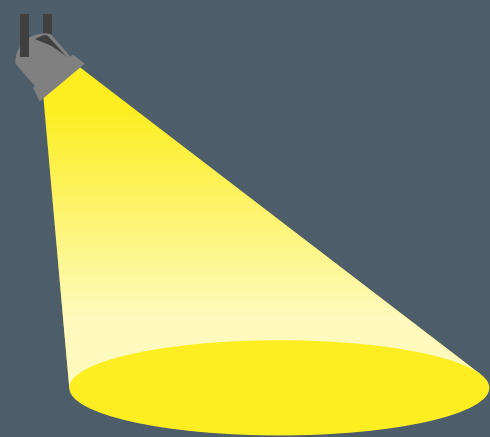
We have a new newsletter name, and a new location!

Thanks for voting on the new newsletter name. The newsletter that is dedicated to faculty development is now called "The Inspired Instructor". Additionally, Carli Cockrell has moved to R279 (the former Native American Enrichment Center) and has an excellent space to meet with groups of instructors. Stop by and say hi!

Coaching and Brainstorming Sessions Available

The Spring semester is upon us. Would you like to work one-on-one or in a small group with an instructional designer? Coaching and brainstorming sessions are available. We can work on accessibility, look at assessment and objective alignment, create new content, and much more! Eventually, a website will be created for our department and you'll be able to easily schedule a session with Carli. Until then, you can use Carli's **Calendly** to view available appointment slots and book a session.

(<https://calendly.com/carlicockrell>)



Spotlight on Accessibility

Often times, faculty members hear about accessibility from someone other than the students. This **article** from The Chronicle of Higher Education provides the opinion of an educator that did not always fully understand the importance of making sure her course was accessible, and how hearing directly from students with a variety of disabilities changed her thought process. This is a must read, for sure! (<http://bit.ly/2CRQYhF>)



Student D2L Help Module Available

We recently started using the Learning Object Repository in D2L, and there is now a module titled "Need Help Navigating D2L". The module contains tutorials related to the most common tasks students need to do in D2L. Placing this module in your course can offer the help students often need when using D2L. Check it out by going to your course shell, clicking Course Admin > Learning Repository > Search.



Podcasts for Teaching in Higher Ed

As educators, most of us want to stay connected to all of the latest and greatest news related to teaching in higher ed. But, our time is valuable, and sometimes we need information in a way that is both educational, entertaining, and perhaps even a bit informal. The "Teaching in Higher Ed" podcast covers a wide variety of topics, such as: STEM education, edtech, gamification, the science of learning, and so much more. Visit the **website** to find a topic you feel passionate about, and listen and learn!

(<http://teachinginhighered.com/episodes/>)

Upcoming Faculty Development

Indian Education for All (OPI Renewal Units Available)

Mon., January 8th, 2018 from 1-4 p.m. in Heritage Hall presented by Mike Jetty, Indian Education Specialist with OPI



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This interactive presentation will provide an overview of the 7 Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians. This training is mandatory for FT faculty and highly encouraged for adjunct faculty. A WebEx invitation has been attached to invitation sent by Charla Merja.