IDEA Center Workshops
Fall Semester 2015

Open Educational Resources: The What, Why and Where!
Leader: Deborah van Petten, Odum Librarian
Date and Time: Friday, August 28 at 1-1:50 PM
Location: Odum Library, Room 2633

During this 50 minute session we will explore what Open Educational Resources (OERs) are, why faculty should consider using OERs, what to look for when searching OERs, and where to find appropriate OER's for your classes. Affordable Learning Georgia, Merlot, and Open Stax College are a few of the sites that we will explore. [Held in Library for access to computers] Register at https://apex.valdosta.edu/apex/f?p=256:6

Tactics for Effective and Efficient Grading
Leader: Li-Mei Chen, IDEA Center Fellow
Date and Time: Wednesday, September 2 at 1-1:50 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

Have you ever felt buried under a high stack of student work waiting for you to grade? Are you frustrated with students' repetitive errors from one paper to the next even though these errors have been marked and commented upon? If so, come to this workshop which will provide you with numerous tips and strategies to turn your grading effective and efficient. Register at https://apex.valdosta.edu/apex/f?p=256:6

Understanding Why: Exploring the Mind of a Grad Assistant
Leader: Michelle Jordan, Admission Specialist & Graduate Assistantship
Date and Time: Tuesday, September 8 at 2-3:00 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

“What was my GA thinking? Did she really wear that to work? Why do I constantly have to ask him to change his behavior? Will this GA ever take responsibility?” If you are asking yourself these questions, we have the answers. Come explore, understand, and discuss how to communicate with Graduate Assistants so you no longer have to ask these questions. This workshop is designed to use your current knowledge and practices more productively to mentor and assist your GA in becoming a professional. Register at https://apex.valdosta.edu/apex/f?p=256:6
Tutor Talk: Insider Knowledge for Instructors
Leader: Chere Peguesse and Tutors of the Student Success Center
Date and Time: Thursday, September 10th at 2-2:50 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

This workshop outlines how tutors are selected, hired, trained, and assessed. A small group of tutors will also be on hand to answer your questions about their tutoring experiences.

Effective Faculty Communication with VSU International Students: How to Help Them Stay and Be Successful
Leader: Ivan Nikolov and a group of international students
Date and Time: Friday, September 18 at 10-11:00 AM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

Who are our International Students? Where do they come from? What cultures are represented on our campus? What are the main issues in “student-Faculty communication on campus? What worries the international student: Academics, Campus and Social Life or…? How to create a support network? This discussion will focus on student retention and success at VSU. A representative of the Society of International Students Executive Committee will be invited to tell the students' side of the story.

Beyond Seat Time and Student Satisfaction: How Housing and Residence Life at VSU is Shaping the Learning that Occurs Outside the Classroom
Leader: Mark McNalley, Assistant Director, Residence Life
Date and Time: Monday, September 21 at 1-1:50 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

As Residence Halls evolved out of the original dormitory concept, Housing Departments across the country are having to evolve from archaic programming models. Today’s Housing Departments are instead working to develop Residential Curriculums where the focus is on developing timelines of what it means to be a first-year student (and beyond). This session will provide an overview for the efforts being made here at VSU as we are in the beginning stages of developing our Residential Curriculum. If you’re someone who would like to provide feedback on this process, would like to learn more about the strides being made in education outside of the classroom, would like to be a campus partner to Housing in their efforts or maybe you just want to relive the days when you lived on-campus, please consider attending this workshop.
Put Down That Red Pen: Easy Ways to Include More Writing in Your Classes
Leader: Darrell Fike, IDEA Center Fellow
Date and Time: Tuesday, September 22nd at 2-2:50 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

One of the best strategies for improving student retention and comprehension of your course content is to have students write about what they have learned. This workshop provides tips and techniques for including interesting writing assignments in your courses in a manageable way. Register at https://apex.valdosta.edu/apex/f?p=256:6

Busy, Absolutely! Time Management and the Academic
Leader: Maren Clegg-Hyer, IDEA Center Fellow
Date and Time: October 6th at 12:30-1:30 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

Time is not always an academic's friend, but it needs to be. This workshop will address different ways of prioritizing, managing, and balancing elements of a healthy academic’s life. Suggestions will be as welcome as the ideas presented at the workshop - exchange of good ideas will be part of the workshop's focus.

So You Got A ‘Revise and Resubmit’ – Now What?
Leader: Kathe Lowney, Fellow in Residence, The IDEA Center
Date and Time: Friday, October 16th at 12-1:30 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

Most of us will get a “R&R” at some point in our professional writing life. This workshop – offered by a former editor of a Sage journal -- will offer strategies for how to respond to such an editorial decision; how to write the letter to editor which should accompanies your revision; and how to deal with confusing/harsh reviews. Come for the ideas and get some emotional support too!

Designing for Diversity
Leader: Kimberly Tanner, Director, Access Office
Date and Time: October 21st at 11-11:50 AM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

Looking for ways to reach diverse students in your class? During this session we will strategize ways to teach and reach diverse students with particular focus on your students with disabilities. Learn ways to design course materials to be inclusive along with resources that encourage and guide accessible design. Register at https://apex.valdosta.edu/apex/f?p=256:6
Making Media Mania Manageable
Leader: Larry Hilgert, IDEA Center Fellow
Date and Time: Monday, November 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 2-3 PM
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

We are all trying to adapt to constant and continuous change in making media manageable and available to all of our students. Topics include production tool strategies in creating podcasts, vodcasts, and interactives as increased adventure, accessibility, and availability are afforded any learning community using ShareStream, YouTube, Nearpod, and other platforms.

Exploiting Uncertainty, Principally
Leader: Patricia Miller
Date and Time: Friday, November 13\textsuperscript{th} at 11:00-noon
Location: IDEA Center Living Room

The dirty secret is that when professors ask students a question, they almost certainly already know the answer. Otherwise, they might not risk the question in front of a class. Not Socrates, perhaps, who understood the collaborative nature of pursuing an answer. But most of us.

This presentation will focus on how to build students’ critical thinking skills by using questions that can only be answered by student-professor collaboration to structure a course. This structure encourages students to define context in order to pursue analysis that leads to application—a process that can be transferred to professional life.