

Teaching Learning Center Newsletter

Spring 2019

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Letter from the Chairs

Welcome to the Teaching Learning Center's first newsletter! We'd like to use this new quarterly publication to celebrate faculty achievements, share events of interest, provide teaching tips and techniques, and introduce other topics beyond the border of the classroom.

The Teaching Learning Center strives to create a sense of community among all faculty and supporting staff here at COCC. If you have special news, events, or resources you'd like to share with your colleagues, we welcome submissions and will publish them in this newsletter on a term-by-term basis. (Contact [Tamara Marnell](#) at the library to submit your ideas.)

We hope this information is helpful, and we wish you a great spring term!

Jim Ellis and Wendi Wampler
TLC Co-Chairs

Faculty Achievements



Mick McCann featured in Bend Bulletin

Associate Professor of Geography **Mick McCann** “goes far beyond the map” in a January 30 feature of the *Bend Bulletin*!

In the article, McCann explains his use of “baseball diffusion” to teach students how language and landscape figure in the spread of cultures, how he battles the notion of geography as a stagnant discipline, and his use of experiential learning for “stealth teaching.”

You can read the full article in the Barber Library database *America’s News*.

[Read the article »](#)



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COCC Instructors Save Students \$1M in Textbook Costs

In the 2017-18 school year, COCC instructors saved students an estimated \$964,360 by implementing low-cost and no-cost course materials!

In the March 24 issue of the *Bend Bulletin*, library director Tina Hovekamp and instructional dean Julie Downing speak about Open Educational Resources and highlight faculty who have received state grants to develop open materials.

[Read the article »](#)

Spring 2019 Events



Teaching Academies

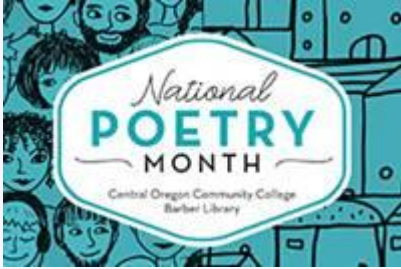
Mark your calendars for the Spring 2019 TAs, both at 11 a.m. in Science 190!

- April 19
- May 10

As always, part-time and adjunct instructors will be paid a \$50 stipend to attend.

All Teaching Academies are recorded and posted to the [Teaching Commons](#). Visit the Event Archive to watch the videos and access supplemental materials.

[See the archive »](#)



Campus Events

- [National Poetry Month](#)
Meet Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford, workshop your poetry with COCC Humanities faculty, enjoy readings of poems from around the world, and/or claim your slice of free cake!
- Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 1
- North African Soirée
May 9, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. in HCC 330

Recommended Resources

Interested in saving your students money by implementing Open Educational Resources (OER) in your courses? An ever-growing wealth of openly licensed materials is readily available on the web. Here are a couple of resources to get started.



[Open Oregon Educational Resources](#) tracks textbook adoptions by college instructors throughout the state, so you can see what colleagues in your discipline are using at other institutions. You can search the table of resources by discipline (Arts & Letters, Math, Sciences, etc.) or by keyword.



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