

Teaching Learning Center Newsletter

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Faculty Achievements



Jane Denison-Furness Defends Dissertation

Assistant Professor of English Jane Denison-Furness defended her dissertation at Sam Houston State University: "Transitioning from Soldier to Student: A Phenomenological Study of Military Service Member and Veteran Students at an Oregon Community College." Her study looked at military students in transition at a community college in order to share their lived experiences and to determine whether higher education is meeting the needs of this student population.



COCC Faculty Granted Tenure and Promotions

The Board awarded tenure to nine faculty members in March. Congratulations to Anne Zmyslinski-Seelig (Speech), Ken Ruettgers (Sociology), Amanda Layton (Biology), Lin Hong (Chinese), Chris Hazlett and Jane Denison-Furness (English), Rebecca Franklin (Forestry), Thor Erickson (Culinary), and Wendy Earthsong (HIT).

The Board also promoted nineteen faculty to higher ranks. Congratulations to all!

Assistant Professor II: Mike Artus, Laura Hagen, Kirsten Hostetler, Samuel La Duca, and Kari McDaniel

Associate Professor: Karl Baldessari, Elizabeth Coleman, Jessica Hammerman, Elizabeth Hylton, Jason Lamb, Paul Pelly, Fleur Prade, Paula Simone, and Malinda Williams

Professor: Jacob Agatucci, Theresa Freihoefer, Annemarie Hamlin, and James Knox

Highlights from Academic Support Services



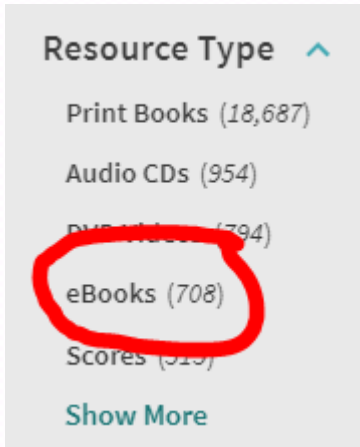
eLearning

The office of eLearning and Academic Technology created guides and tutorials to assist in preparing online instructional materials. See the [Academic Continuity page](#) for suggested teaching tools and resources, in-service session recordings, and useful links to help your students.

Need help?

For questions about laptop checkouts, email and computer issues, contact ITS at 541-383-7770.

For questions about Blackboard and Zoom, contact eLearning at 541-383-7785 or elearning@cocc.edu.



Barber Library

The building may be closed, but librarians are here to provide information literacy instruction and support for the use of online resources. See the library's guide for faculty, [Library Resources for Online Instruction](#).

Chapter Scans

Library staff will scan reasonable portions of books for you to post temporarily in Blackboard. Email circ@cocc.edu with a specific title and the chapter you need.

Curbside Pickup

If you need a whole book or DVD, the library offers "curbside pickup" service on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more details about the process, see the [Spring 2020 Services page](#).

Using Zoom for Virtual Classrooms



Did you know you can use the Virtual Background feature of Zoom to take a trip to the moon? (Or at least hide the pile of laundry behind you with a scholarly bookshelf.)

The articles below provide useful tips for using Zoom for synchronous instruction.



- [Getting Started with Zoom](#): a video demonstration by eLearning
- [“Zoombies” Take Over Online Learning](#): an article in InsideHigherEd about the recent trend of “Zoombombing”
- [Best Practices for Securing your Virtual Classroom](#): an article from the Zoom blog with strategies to prevent disruptions, including locking sessions, requiring registrations, and restricting student videos and annotations
- [8 Tips for How to Use Zoom Like a Pro](#): an article from Wirecutter highlighting little-known features like Virtual Backgrounds and the built-in whiteboard

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