

WINTER 2023 March 24 Edition



Up Your Professional Learning Game!

Professional learning doesn't have to be formal! In each newsletter I'll post a link to at least one article, blog post, paper, or podcast as food for thought.

This week: You've probably been inundated with resources to help you learn ways to use AI like ChatGPT for teaching and learning. A piece that has been missing for me is, how does it actually work in the first place? I collaborated on a ChatGPT workshop and De Anza colleague Dawn Lee shared the best article I've seen to explain how ChatGPT works and am personally less intimidated. 😊

[ChatGPT Explained: A Normie's Guide To How It Works](#)

*note that I am not excited about the word, "normie" there, but it still does a good job explaining so I'll live with it for the moment

The writing style may well not appeal to everyone, so I kept searching for additional explanations of how it works, and offer these for your review:

[How ChatGPT actually works](#)

and

[How ChatGPT Works: The Model Behind the Bot](#)

Some of my most interesting take-aways: ChatGPT conjectures and hallucinates, and, the answers you get back are only as good as the prompt you gave it. I learned that there's a whole field called, "Prompt Engineering" and even some calls for education to teach students how to learn prompt engineering skills. More to follow!



★ Do you have a suggestion for a future newsletter? I'd love to hear it! Please pop it in a an email to me at holcroftcarolyn@fhda.edu



Open Office Hours with Carolyn

No office hour on Monday, March 27

Still want to connect the week of March 27? No problem! Send me an email at holcroftcarolyn@fhda.edu and we'll set it up.

Want to talk about equity? Professional development? Or just someone to bounce ideas off of? Pop in! I'd be tickled to see you.

Foothill Online Learning Workshops

Spring is a great time to learn some new online teaching strategies and tools, and Online Learning has 15 workshops planned for Spring quarter that introduce you to Canvas tools and discuss strategies to up your online teaching game!

You can earn one hour of PGA credit for each workshop that you attend. **Register** with the **Vision Resource Center** (My Portal > Staff > Employee Training > Vision Resource Center > Calendar) for each workshop.

We know that keeping track of all of your PGA hours can be a hassle. **The VRC can also be used to track your Professional Development hours** and add documentation: MyPortal > Staff > Employee Training > Employee Training Resource Center > Off Campus PD > Add External Training

Earn PGA
Credit

Spring Quarter

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Online Learning Workshops



- April 13 at noon:** Create a Sense of Belonging with Student Surveys
- April 18 at noon:** Annotation Feedback Tools: Studio, Snagit, Canvas Gradebook Annotation, One Note and Hypothesis
- April 20 at noon:** 6 Tips to Make your Canvas Content Accessible
- April 25 at noon:** Online Student Forum: Featuring online students sharing their experiences and observations
- April 27 at noon:** Universal Design for Learning
- May 2 at 3PM:** Can Rubrics be an Equity Tool?
- May 4 at 3PM:** Simple Syllabus: Make it simple! Department specific workshops
- May 11 at 3PM:** Effectively presenting Files in your Canvas site
- May 16 at noon:** Your Course and Chat GPT
- May 18 at noon:** Foster a Culture of Care with High Standards and High Regard
- May 23 at 3PM:** Brain Science Behind Engagement
- May 30 at noon:** Equitable Grading Strategies
- June 8 at noon:** The Canvas Gradebook and Preparing to Sync Grades
- June 15 at noon:** Simple Syllabus: Make it Simple!
- June 22 at noon:** Getting Your Course Ready for Summer

*Register for PGA credit at the Vision Resource
Center at MyPortal > Staff > Employee Training*

Learn more about the Spring Workshops:
<https://sites.google.com/view/spring-2023-online-learning-wo/home>



More info and Zoom links to the Spring Online Workshop series

Last minute opportunity! Deadline to apply: April 1

SJSU | DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

NEW! CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER ED TEACHING

Become a culturally-sustaining post-secondary educator!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2023
LIMITED CAL STATE APPLY FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE

San Jose State University's Department of Educational Leadership has a new certificate program in "Higher Ed Teaching" designed to help post-secondary educators strengthen their skills in culturally sustaining pedagogy. Although the application deadline is coming up very quickly (April 1) it's not too late!

[Learn more about the Higher Ed Teaching certificate program](#)



Don't Forget - Disability is Diversity, Too! **Wednesday, March 29 at 1-2:30 PM (PST)**

Lamont Sellers, MA, Director, Intercultural Student Affairs, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC and Johileny Merán, MA, Program Coordinator, National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange, Mobility International USA (MIUSA), Eugene, OR

How do you avoid the “aw shucks” moment when a disability accommodation email pops up for your international exchange experience? Join us as we explore the conversations and best practices to build inclusion of disability as an essential dimension of diversity on your campus. Situating intersecting

identities of students, we will provide practitioners with conversation starters for their campuses to recognize, that disability is diversity TOO!

[More info and Register for the NCORE Webinar](#)

Spring Quarter PD Opportunities

Spring Quarter Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Scholarship Discussion Series



Join Foothill colleagues to discuss primary sources of scholarship around **Culturally Responsive Pedagogy**. We'll start with original articles from CRP pioneer Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, and transition into others who have contributed to the understanding of CRP in Higher Education.

All meetings are on **Wednesdays from 1:30-3PM** on the following four dates:

April 19

May 3

May 17

May 31

Participate **in person** in room 2018 ("Council Chambers") **or via Zoom**, your choice! Participants are strongly encouraged to attend the first session on April 19 and then pick as many or as few of the remaining three sessions as you like.

All are welcome including part- and full-time faculty, staff, students, and administrators. PGA credit available for full-time faculty and staff, and stipends available for part-time faculty.

[Register for CRP Scholarship Series](#)

The logo for 'SPEAK OUT' features the word 'SPEAK' in white and 'OUT' in white inside an orange circle, all on a dark blue background.

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Spill the Disabili-Tea: An Introduction to Disability Justice

With Alex Locust

Thursday, April 6, 2023 • 1pm PT

What is disability justice and its relationship to racial justice? What's the difference between access and inclusion?

These and other complex questions will be explored in this virtual *Disabili-Tea* workshop with [Alex Locust](#), a Black biracial, queer, disability justice educator, activist, and “Glamputee” who celebrates the harmony of his identities to help create the world we all want to see.

Armed with bombastic charm, whimsical humor, and a sharp wit, Alex synthesizes his lived and professional experiences to share his knowledge and insights on what it means to adopt a disability justice framework that builds community and empowers individuals with disabilities.

Program lasts 1 hour.

[Register for Spill the Disabili-Tea](#)



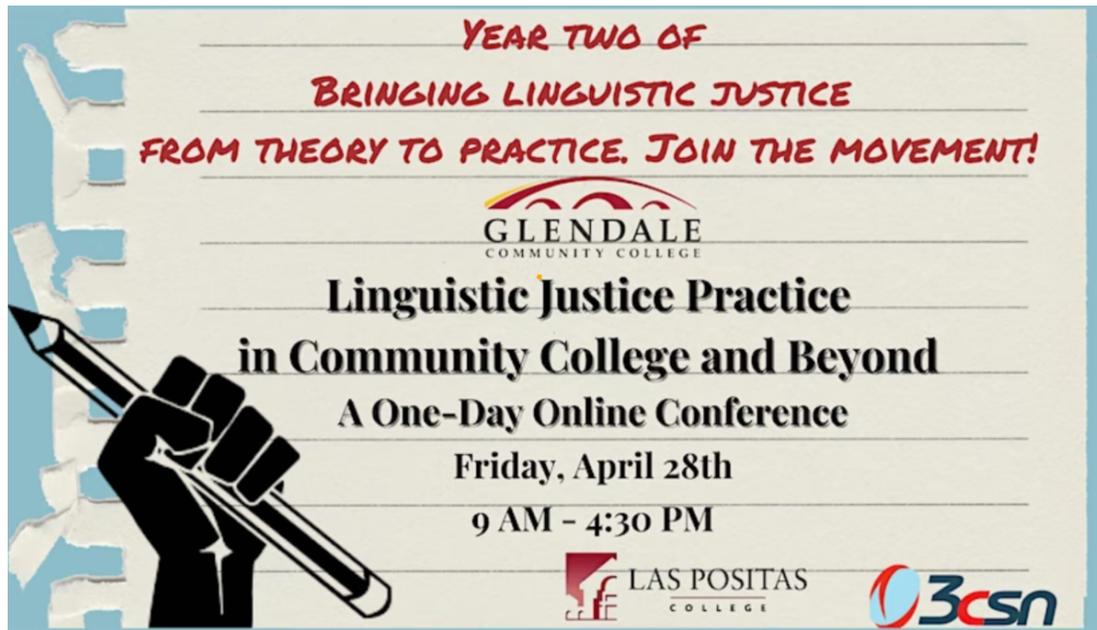
CCC LGBTQ+ Summit 2023

Held virtually on April 19-20, 2023 from 9AM - 2PM

Join and collaborate with members of the California Community Colleges at all levels. The summit is a space for students, faculty, classified professionals and administrators where we will focus on this year's theme: “Fiercer Together - Uplifting Queer & Trans Students on Our Campuses” and on improving not only individual community college campuses but encouraging changes at the structural level as

well. We will learn from each other's innovative and successful ideas that will transform campuses so that we better serve and affirm LGBTQ+ students.

[View the agenda and register](#)



Linguistic Justice Online Conference for Community College and Beyond

Featuring April Baker-Bell & Vershawn Ashanti Young
Friday, April 28
9AM to 4:30PM PST

For the second year in a row, we're calling out "standard English" as the marker of intelligence and academic success.

Join us for *Linguistic Justice Practice in Community College and Beyond: A One-Day Online Conference*, hosted by Glendale Community College in partnership with Las Positas College and 3CSN, on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 9 AM to 4:30 PST.

This FREE conference will feature keynotes and workshops from April Baker-Bell, whose extraordinary research demonstrates the power and effectiveness of linguistic justice in the classroom, and Vershawn Ashanti Young, whose groundbreaking argument for "students' rights to their language habits and own Englishes" has empowered instructors and programs to shift their approach to

critical writing. Their work expands our understanding of what makes good writing in our multi-ethnic, polyvocal America and how that should inform our campuses and disciplines.

The conference will bring together folks from community colleges and beyond with varying levels of expertise and practice to exchange ideas, approaches, and tools to broaden the use of language/linguistic equity strategies in our institutions, from the classroom to the hallways! This year's conference will also include students because this work cannot, and should not, be done without their voices, their experience, their expertise.

Register for the Linguistic Justice conference



Online Teaching Conference 2023
June 21-23
Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

For more information, and to register for OTC '23



Don't Forget! Important Deadlines Coming Up

Apr. 17: Full-time faculty submit application for **Training/Re-Training** (Appendix R) to District Office of Human Resources (35.6)

June 1: Full-time faculty submit **Professional Growth Activities** to campus Personnel Office for salary step advancement (Appendix A, B) and/or **Professional Achievement Award** application (38.3)

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