



TA News & Notices

November-December 2017

Featured Resource

Getting Started with SoTL: The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Like all good research, a SoTL study begins with an observation of a phenomenon. In this case, this phenomenon has been happening in your classroom(s). Perhaps you're unsure why it's happening, or maybe you're pretty sure you can explain why – but have you systematically collected data to support your explanation? Are you relying on largely anecdotal evidence, perhaps without realizing it? If you don't have an idea for a study yet, here are two questions you might ask yourself to begin the brainstorming process:

- In your teaching, describe a strategy, activity or learning sequence you feel strongly **“works” or “doesn’t work.”** What reason(s) do you have for reaching this conclusion? What evidence would you need to prove that this strategy does or does not work so that it can be widely adopted or abandoned?
- Think about a moment in your teaching where you were perplexed, confused, intrigued, or maybe even shocked about something related to your students' thinking, learning and/or your teaching that made you **curious to know more.** Describe the moment and what you want to know more about and why.

For more resources:

<http://ctl.uga.edu/Getting-Started-SoTL>

Upcoming Workshops

Nov. 3

FACULTY CONVERSATIONS: TOP 10 STRATEGIES FOR TRANSITIONING FROM TA TO FACULTY

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

MLC 372

Presenter: Gary Green

Nov. 6

SOTL DROP-IN HOURS

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Lamar Dodd S160

Presenter: Colleen Kuusinen

Need help brainstorming about your classroom? Have a question about teaching and learning but not sure what literature exists or how to find it? Stop by for **one-on-one consultations with Colleen Kuusinen**, Assistant Director for SoTL.

Dr. Kuusinen is also available via email for remote consultations or to answer any of your questions about SoTL at UGA. ckuus@uga.edu

Nov. 7

IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING

9:30 am to 11:00 am

MLC 372

Presenter: Eddie Watson and Nicolas Colvard

Nov. 9

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF DIVERSIFYING STEM FIELDS

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Boyd Graduate Studies Research Center, Room 328

Presenter: David T. Kung

Nov. 10

TEACHING STEM / TEACHING STUDENTS

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Presenter: David T. Kung



Watch for...

- Excellence in Teaching and Outstanding Teaching Awards nominations, *deadline Jan. 19, 2018*
- Teaching Portfolio Spring Submission, *deadline first week of February*
- Spring Teaching Symposium, *Saturday, Feb. 27, 2018*

eLC Drop-In Hours

- Dec. 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, MLC 372
- Dec. 7, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, SLC 145
- Dec. 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, SLC 145
- Dec. 14, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, MLC 372

For more information or to register for any workshop, please visit www.ctl.uga.edu