



## The "Byte" Sized Corner

### Call for FLC Participation

Faculty Learning Community (FLC) for the Office of Academic Technology! We would like to invite four full-time faculty from each college to apply. The criteria is listed [here](#).

### Instructional Designer Updates

As you all have heard, Bob Koehler retired in December 2019 and we are now an office of two, which includes Jase Teoh, Director of Academic Technology and Glenn Pillsbury, Instructional Designer.

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Jase Teoh, Director of Academic Technology

## OAT Semi-Annual Newsletter: *TECH Times*

Welcome to the Spring Semester! We are excited to launch our first Office of Academic Technology Newsletter! In this interactive newsletter, you will find information on workshops, call for FLC participation, our Inaugural Faculty Summer Technology Institute, Faculty Spotlight on TEALC, and so much more!



Dr. Mark Thompson, Professor of Rhetoric



## Faculty Spotlight: *Dr. Mark Thompson*

Dr. Mark Thompson is in his 27th year at Stanislaus State and is a Professor of Rhetoric who specializes in rhetorical theory—that is, in a broad sense, how people argue and persuade, create meaning and create truth. His doctorate was interdisciplinary, combining rhetorical theory, cognitive psychology, statistics, and research design. His teaching and research interests are rhetoric, critical thinking, academic technology, gamification, information literacy, and teaching teachers. In the video, Dr. Mark Thompson showcases how he uses our TEALC to teach “Rhetoric in an Active Learning Classroom.”



Press the play icon to watch the video

*If you would like to be a Faculty Spotlight or have creative projects that you are working on, please contact Mikaela Warde via email at [mwarde@csustan.edu](mailto:mwarde@csustan.edu).*



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## ■ Instructional Designer Updates *(continued)*

We are in the midst of finalizing our search for an Instructional Designer to replace Bob (stay tuned for more announcements). In the meantime, if you have any questions/concerns related to Blackboard, Canvas, or Moodle, please feel free to reach out to Jase Teoh via email at [jteoh@csustan.edu](mailto:jteoh@csustan.edu) or to Glenn Pillsbury at [gpillsbury@csustan.edu](mailto:gpillsbury@csustan.edu).

## ■ Welcome to the new OAT Website!

We are soft launching our OAT website. On the site you will find various information such as video tutorials (at a glance) for how to create content in Blackboard Ultra and Canvas. There are also [Faculty Resources](#) on course design and best practices, which you can glance through at your own time and pace in Canvas and Blackboard Ultra.

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Jase Teoh, Director of Academic Technology

## From the Director's Desk: *Dr. Jase Teoh*

Jase Teoh earned her doctorate in Curriculum & Instruction from Illinois State University, her M.A. in Counseling and Psychological Services from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, and her B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Public Relations from the University of Northern Iowa. She joined the Office of the Provost at Stanislaus State as the Director of Academic Technology in August, 2019.



Prior to joining the Office of the Provost, Teoh was a Director of Educational Technology at Saint Mary's College in California, where she was responsible for leading the Educational Technology and the Information Technology Audio-Visual team in service and support of the various IT applications and resources at Saint Mary's College.

When she's not at work, Teoh likes to spend her time on bikram yoga, hiking and traveling. She is also an avid reader and movie buff, and bikes occasionally. She considers herself an adventurous explorer and lives in Turlock and the Bay Area.

Glenn Pillsbury, Instructional Designer

## Meet the Staff: *Dr. Glenn Pillsbury*

Glenn has worked at Stan State since Fall 2009 as an instructional designer. He views his role as one that helps instructors improve the design of their courses via thoughtful integration of technology. Glenn started in the instructional technology world while a grad student in Musicology at UCLA at the turn of the millennium where he quickly developed a passion for working at the intersection of technology and teaching. Along the way, he picked up and honed various multimedia design and web programming skills. While at Stan State, he has been involved in many of the major campus conversations related to teaching online courses and the technologies used to deliver them. Glenn lives in Stockton with his wife and two sons, where he indulges his love of choral singing and coaches Little League.



Mikaela Warde, Academic Operations and Budget Coordinator

## Meet the Staff:

### *Mikaela Warde*

Mikaela began working in the Office of the Provost as a Graduate Assistant in the Summer of 2018. She received her B.S. in Animal Science with a minor in Agriculture Business from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and is currently wrapping up the final semester of her MBA from Stanislaus State. Outside of the office, Mikaela manages a hobby photography business based out of her hometown in Newman, CA. She lives in her hometown with her husband and herd of animals including her Quarter Horse, Blue Heeler, two Corgis, and two rescue cats.



#### Institutional Effectiveness and Assessments



## Workshop Series: *Qualtrics Research*

Our first workshop on Qualtrics occurred on February 12th with presentations by Lisa Medina and Veronica Parra from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment along with Dr. Harold Stanislaw (Psychology) and Dr. Sarah Bissonette (Biology). Twelve faculty members attended the workshop.

Qualtrics is an online survey tool at Stanislaus State and is available to support research, teaching, and administration. Qualtrics combines exceptional ease of use with an advanced set of features and is designed to permit the creation of survey instruments, distribution of surveys, data storage and analysis.

Stay tuned for more intentional partnerships with the librarians on Credo workshops. This is a tool designed to promote information literacy across campus.

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## Welcome to the new OAT Website! *(continued)*

We converted a Blackboard Learn Course into Blackboard Ultra (without editing) to show you how the transfer would look like---thanks to Dr. Mary Jo Stanley who agreed to share her SON Faculty Orientation Forum based on *Quality Matters'* standards.

Included on our website are [informational documents](#) on the LMS Conversion Timeline plus Zoom Video Recordings from our sister campuses on their LMS conversion process. Additionally, there is also a PDF attachment on quantitative comparisons between Blackboard Learn, Blackboard Ultra, and Canvas. If you have any further ideas for the OAT website, please email Mikaela Warde at [mwarde@csustan.edu](mailto:mwarde@csustan.edu).



Faculty Summer Technology Institute

# Inaugural Faculty Summer Technology Institute (FSTI)

Our biggest launch this year is the [Inaugural Faculty Summer Technology Institute \(FSTI\)](#).

We are excited to invite faculty applications for our [Inaugural Faculty Summer Technology Institute](#), June 4th and 5th, 2020. Over the two full days of the Institute, you will learn from your colleagues about Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$), designing and delivering high-quality online courses, accessibility and Universal Design, using Zoom web conferencing,



LMS, Information Literacy, LinkedIn Learning, VoiceThread presentations, and Classroom Technology, as well as teaching in a Technology-Enhanced Active Learning Classroom (TEALC), and much more!

The call for participation is available [here](#) and is limited to full-time tenured, non-tenured, and part-time (50%) or more faculty members.

Mission for Technology



## Digital Transformation: *a journey, not a destination.*

The [Office of Academic Technology \(OAT\)](#) is promoting a new [Digital Transformation Initiative \(DTI\)](#). DTI is an intentional and coordinated series of seminars, workshops, and events to integrate the systemic use of technology for teaching, learning, and research.

These past six-months have been a busy one for OAT! We launched our first official Office of Academic Technology logo under the Office of the Provost, and we are now promoting the Digital Transformation Initiative (DTI): where being digitally literate and fluent isn't just about getting to the destination, it's about the process and the journey of arriving at the destination. As a part of the DTI, we are offering a series of workshops designed to shape teaching, learning, and technology with intentions. Last fall, we offered a series of workshops in partnership with vendors from Canvas and Blackboard as we begin our LMS evaluations along with Zoom Webinar with our sister campuses, Cal State East Bay and San Jose State University on their respective transitions from Blackboard Learn to Ultra and Desire2Learn to Canvas. Please click on [this link to view the recordings](#) if you are interested.

In addition, we also hosted a workshop on "Fostering Meaningful Interaction in Online Courses" moderated by Glenn Pillsbury along with faculty panelists at Stan State (Dr. Betsy Eudey, Dr. Daniel Soojinda, and Dr. Valerie Leyva).

