

LTC Newsletter

JAN 2019



G-13 Still Hall

Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online!
Call x1848 or [email ltcsupport](#) to schedule.

VENANGO Schedule:

FEB: 4, 11, 18

MAR: 4, 18

APR: 1, 15, 29

And by appointment, call x1848

**Next meeting:
Partners in Teaching,
Learning, and Assessment
will meet Friday, February
8th, at 3:30pm at Michelle's
Cafe**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: D2L will be switching to a new data center in May 2019. This will effect all D2L Brightspace users. Clarion users should anticipate an 8 hour window during which D2L will be unavailable. This window will be scheduled overnight to limit the disruption to users. Specific dates and times will be communicated via email to Announce and S_Announce as well as various LTC communication platforms.

Faculty First Friday Series - Spring 2019



Starting February 1 - Come join with LTC and Clarion University faculty at **noon in 102 Still** to connect, share, and learn! First Friday events offer dedicated space and time for faculty to drop-in and share experiences with other faculty.

All First Fridays will feature a theme related to teaching. The **Feb. 1** session will begin with a conversation about *Open Educational Resources* and then continue with further discussion on OER or any teaching, learning, or technology topic. Terry Latour will be on hand to share the Library guide for OER resources, as well as Jim Lyle who will share his OER experience.

The session will include a virtual option if you can't attend in person. Please [Email LTC Support](#) for the link. Cookies and coffee are provided; please feel free to bring your lunch. See additional Faculty First Friday sessions below.



D2L NEWS AND TIPS

• IMPORTANT D2L DATES:

Summer shells will be created on or about **Mar. 11**; Student loads will occur **Apr. 22**; **Summer I and 7W1** start **May 6**

• TEACHING ONLINE COURSE-

The *Spring session* of the collaborative [Teaching Online Certification Course](#) begins **????**. Contact [Lynne Fleisher](#) to register.

• CONTINUOUS DELIVERY

MONTHLY UPDATES - Notice something different in D2L? Check the [monthly updates web page](#) to preview what's coming. Clarion University's D2L instance is updated about the third week of every month between 9 pm Thursday and 9 am Friday.

• JOIN THE D2L COMMUNITY -

Since approximately 30% of D2L's product development comes directly from the [D2L Product Idea Exchange \(PIE\)](#), become a member of the [D2L Community](#) to add your product ideas or comment and up-vote others.

ABOUT

Zoom Notice



Please be reminded that Zoom Video Conferencing was installed on all faculty and staff computers in November. Those interested in using Zoom can find a wealth of resources including getting started instructions, how-to videos, and scheduled training at www.clarion.edu/zoom.

Attn: Faculty teaching online - please note that the Zoom link in the D2L Communication menu is **only relevant and visible to faculty**. Zoom is not integrated within D2L; faculty must add session or recording links to their D2L courses for students to join online meetings or view a recording. **Please contact the LTC at x1848 or [Email LTC Support](#) for more information.**

D2L Notable Updates

~ January Update ~

• **Improvements to Assignments List View - Instructors and Students** - When accessing Assignments, users are now presented the new Assignment List Experience along with the option to "Turn it On" immediately, or "Leave it Off" to continue with the old/current list View. The "Opt-in" selection will be retired in May 2019 and all users will be using the NEW Assignments List View.



~ Coming in February Update ~

• **Improvements to Rubrics - Instructors** - The February update (approx. FEB. 21) will introduce a more streamlined approach to authoring rubric levels and criteria via the new **opt-in** rubric creation experience through the Spring 2019 term. Beginning Summer 2019, instructors will no longer have the option; "opt-in" will be retired and the new experience will become the default. *Specifically, the Rubrics tool includes the following enhancements:*

The LTC newsletter is devoted to the support of instructional technology in teaching and learning at Clarion University. The LTC provides instructional design ideas and teaching strategies to assist faculty in course development.

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- Rubric creation has been changed to a single page workflow
- Rubric options for Properties and Levels and Criteria are now condensed into a single Edit option
- Quickly create and edit rubric levels and criteria inline using an auto-save experience
- Easily change rubric type and scoring method during rubric creation
- Re-order criterion via drag and drop or keyboard
- Improved logic for point-based rubrics, where new levels automatically follow existing point scoring sequences
- Individual criterion cells in custom point rubrics dynamically scale when editing the criterion out-of value
- Overall Score is visually separated from the rubric, displaying in its own section

Spring Workshop Series

Want to re-design your online course? Develop a D2L structure for your face-2-face course? Collaborate on a special course project? Increase engagement? Stop in and discuss your project or instructional needs...

- **Tech Tuesdays - Started Jan. 22** - held every Tuesday during spring semester. Drop-in Still 103 between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for assistance.
- **Faculty First Friday series - Starts Feb. 1** - Dedicated space and time for faculty to drop in and share experiences with other faculty. Each month, we will have a focus topic to get the conversation started. See the Spring lineup below:
 - > **FEB. 1 topic: Open Educational Resources** - Soon, it will be time to place Fall 2019 book orders. OER can help to ease the financial burden on students. Several faculty are already using OER resources; Terry Latour will be on hand to share the Library guide for OER resources.
 - > **Mar. 1 topic: Zooming in Clarion** - People are using Zoom all across campus. Haven't tried it yet? See a demo and learn how you can set up virtual office hours, host a guest speaker, and much more!
 - > **Apr. 12 topic: Transparent Assignment Activity** - Having a hard time getting students to grasp or even complete assignments? Lets talk about transparent assignments. *Curious?*
- **Zoom Video Conferencing** - Training sessions will cover 'getting started' and basic/most common use of Zoom. Face-to-face training will be conducted in 103 Still by LTC staff. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed for virtual (web-based) sessions.

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Jan. 29 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Jan. 30 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Jan. 30 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM (virtual)
Feb. 7 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM (virtual)
Feb. 8 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Email LTC Support to register.](#) Please indicate session date and time. Participants will receive an email confirmation. Custom Zoom training sessions can also be scheduled for individual use case scenarios or for departments/groups. To request a 1:1 or department/group custom Zoom session, please email your requirements to [LTC Support](#) or call the LTC at (814)393-1848 to discuss your needs.