

LTC Newsletter

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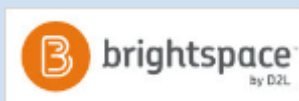
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Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online!
Call x1848 or [email ltcsupport](#) to schedule.

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LTC Office Hours:
By appointment during summer - Call x1848 to schedule

Next meeting:
Partners in Teaching, Learning, and Assessment
will meet Friday, May 17 at 9 AM at Michelle's Cafe



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

D2L Brightspace will be unavailable Sunday, May 12, between 2 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. D2L will be switching to a new data center during this time and will be unavailable to all faculty, staff, and students. Note that D2L is a PASSHE-wide service and one upgrade date had to be selected for **all** PASSHE universities.

The downtime schedule has been communicated via email to Announce and S_Announce and is posted in D2L Announcements above the My Courses area.

ReadSpeaker Implemented in D2L

In our continued work to help you improve student



outcomes, ReadSpeaker, text-to-speech technology had been added to the content area of D2L. The ReadSpeaker suite of text-to-speech solutions increases efficacy and extends the reach of online content by instantly creating an audio version of html, pdf, doc, and ppt content in line with Universal Design for Learning concepts. Let your students know about this tool by adding a statement to your syllabus:

(sample)" *Take advantage of the ReadSpeaker 'Listen' and 'DocReader' buttons to enhance your understanding and comprehension of the materials within the content area. Listening to text read aloud is shown to improve reading comprehension.*"

Share a link to the [ReadSpeaker Quick-Start Guide](#) and [video](#).

ReadSpeaker may also help:

- Improve course outcomes
- Increase retention and success
- [Provide a bi-modal learning option](#)

D2L NEWS AND TIPS

• CU ONLINE COURSE

TEMPLATE: Don't forget to request a sandbox for your summer course development using the **ADA compliant CU Online Template**. Please use the [CU Online Template form](#) to request a course shell with the template for you to customize.

• **IMPORTANT D2L DATES:** Fall course shells will be available **Jul 1**; Student loads - **Aug 12**

• **MAKE COURSES INACTIVE:** Setting past courses to inactive lets student's know the course has ended, and prompts them to unpin from their My Courses area to make room for new courses.

• **TEACHING ONLINE COURSE-** The *Summer session* of the collaborative [Teaching Online Certification Course](#) begins **May 21**

• **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](#)

Students with reading and learning difficulties benefit, but another unique perk of this easy-to-use, no-download-required tool is that busy multi-tasking students can listen to lengthy online content. Let your students know about this exciting new technology!

Faculty First Friday Finale

Thank you to all our Faculty First Friday demonstrators for the 2019-20 academic year:

- Tony Johns (*Video Note Discussion Feedback* - [Recording](#))
- Brent Register (*Adopt the CU Online Template* - [Recording](#))
- Terry Latour and Jim Lyle (*OER* - [Recording](#))
- Stephanie Pergantis and Gustavo Barboza (*Zooming around Clarion* - [Recording](#))
- Kim Schwabenbauer (*Transparent Assignment Design* - [Recording](#))

The Fall series will begin in October. If you have a topic you would like to share, please email [Darla Ausel](#) or [Sue Homan](#) in the Learning Technology Center.

T.I.P. - Tech In Practice



Creative ways to utilize Zoom for student engagement and collaboration:

- **"Virtual" Office Hours** - With the majority of summer courses conducted online, Zoom enables you to hold office hours remotely. Post a link in D2L letting students know that you will be available at a set time. Download the [Zoom mobile app](#) so you won't be tied to your computer!
- **Paper and Research Reviews** - Use Zoom's "[Share Screen](#)" feature to provide real-time feedback during thesis development. Use in conjunction with D2L's anonymous Assignment submission to provide feedback in a group session.
- **Exam Review** - Host a Zoom session for test prep; moderate a student-led discussion, or lead the review yourself.
- **Group Work** - Encourage students to collaborate using Zoom. Share the [Zoom support web page](#) and encourage students to establish their Zoom- Basic accounts.

[Community](#) to add your product ideas or comment and up-vote others.

ABOUT

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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Summer Workshop Series

- **Tech Tuesdays** - Held every Tuesday during summer . Drop-in **Still 103** between **1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** for assistance with course development, D2L tips, working with the CU online course template, Zoom, or instructional strategies to increase engagement.

- **R & R/Retreat & Recharge - AUG 15.** *Location tbd:* In collaboration with Partners in Teaching, Learning and Assessment - Watch email for more details. Bring your ideas to the next Partner's meeting **May 17, at 9:00 AM at Michelle's cafe.**

- **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.

MAY 22 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM

MAY 30 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

JUN 26 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM

JUN 27 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

JUL 24 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM

JUL 25 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

AUG 21 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM

AUG 22 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

- **Smart Classroom Training** - Schedule time for individualized training for smart classroom operation. Training will include: basic start-up, using Smart Notebook software (if available), Microsoft Ink, room peripherals, laptop connection. Preview the classroom technology for your classroom on the [Smart Classroom by Building](#) web page.

REQUIRED: SMART Classroom training
STC 120, STC 122, and STILL 112

- **New Faculty Orientation and D2L basics** - Week of Aug. 19, watch ALL-L email.

[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

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department/group custom Zoom session, please email your requirements to [LTC Support](#) or call the LTC at (814)393-1848 to discuss your needs