



The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

August 2023

USM honored with Movement Maker Award



The CFD is excited to share our recognition for being named a Movement Maker by the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) at the inaugural National Higher Education Teaching Conference this June. **Among one of seven institutions awarded** in the inaugural class, USM was noted as having more than 300 faculty and staff participate across the university, with 1 in 3 faculty being ACUE-certified, thus being on “track to ensure every student benefits from high-quality, evidence-based instruction in every class. USM is a leader in fully embracing ACUE in its culture.” We are so excited to be part of the movement for high-quality teaching in higher education. These efforts would not be possible without the support and passion of the USM faculty and staff, whose dedication to implementing high-impact practices have lead to **increased retention rates** for our students. We are excited to continue this work in the years to come.

Research Highlights

New Grant Writing Workshop Series

In collaboration with the School of Humanities, the CFD will be hosting a grant writing workshop series open to faculty, graduate students, and staff

this academic year. Across several monthly two-hour sessions, participants will gain more information on the following:

- Finding grants using resources through ORA
- ORA policies and procedures for applying for grants
- Creating a timeline and plan to complete an application
- Reviewers' perspective on successful grant applications
- Grant Writing for the Humanities
- Grant Writing for Creative Activities
- Grant Writing for Non-profit Organizations

Attendees will also get opportunities to foster collaborations with other participants and time to work on an application with support from the group. Sessions will be held on Friday mornings, with our first session on ORA resources and policies scheduled for Friday, September 8th, from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.

Register for this session and see the full schedule [here](#).

Tiny Teaching Tip

Are students not responding to your questions? Consider the following strategies:

- Hang time: Waiting for 5 – 10 seconds to give students time to think or summon the courage to respond.
- Calling on individual students: you may want to call on individual students.
- Rephrase your question: Broadening your question opens the floor for perspectives. For example, "What are people's general thoughts on this topic?" Or "What questions do you have about this?"
- Boost Confidence: Let students know you want to hear their ideas and you value participation over accuracy.
- Following Up Individually: Ask why shy or disengaged students why they didn't respond so to increase their comfort and confidence to participate. Offer encouragement and emphasize that you want to hear their voices.

Get Ready for Fall Semester!



August 7-10

Plan, Prepare and Engage (PPE) is

Faculty First Week

A CONFERENCE FOR
SOUTHERN MISS FACULTY & STAFF

AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 18, 2023
(PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS AUG 14-15)

SOUTHERN MISS GRIT:
GROWTH, RESILIENCE,
INCLUSION, TRANSFORMATION

Join us for
FFW Pre-Conference Sessions

Monday, Aug. 14th:

a workshop series hosted by the CFD emphasizing course design through interactive workshops is set for August 7 - 10, 2023. Most sessions are virtual.

Session topics:

- Active Learning
- Canvas Basics, Quizzes, & Tips
- Tools for Accessibility
- Use of Microsoft Forms
- Open Office Hours

Find the full schedule and register at the link below.

[Register Here](#)

- Demystifying Southern Miss Processes
- Adding GRIT to your syllabus

Tuesday, Aug. 15th:

- Teaching with the Robot: Artificial intelligence and higher education
- Thrive USM: Supporting mental wellbeing at Southern Miss

Update your Headshot!

Get a new headshot taken on Thursday August 17th on the 2nd floor of LAB

[Register Here for FFW events](#)



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