



The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

October 2023

Join us for the Fall 2023 Educators Retreat Tools, Techniques, and Trends in AI-Enhanced Higher Education



THE EDUCATORS' RETREAT

A RETREAT FOR EDUCATORS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

The Office of Academic Integrity and the Center for Faculty Development invite faculty and staff to attend the Fall 2023 Educators' Retreat. This year's event will be a half-day mini-conference hosted on Thursday, October 12, during Fall Break, that brings together faculty, administrators, and staff to discuss strategies for effectively implementing generative artificial intelligence (AI) technologies at Southern Miss. The goal of the event is to help educators at all levels harness the power of generative AI to enhance student learning, research productivity, and job performance. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kimberly Van Orman, a Lecturer with the Institute for Artificial Intelligence at the University of Georgia, where she teaches in Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and AI, and Philosophy of Mind. Currently, she is working with a National Humanities Center project to design a course focused on Responsible AI.

[Schedule & Registration](#)

SRFIDC Call for Proposals

The Center for Faculty Development will be hosting the Southern Regional Faculty Instructional Development Consortium (SRFIDC) conference during spring break on the Gulf Park Campus. This year's theme is *Changing Tides: Equity-Minded*

Teaching in Higher Education. There will be both a virtual and in-person conference. This conference brings together faculty and staff for sharing of ideas, new approaches, and concerns in our work as educators. Our keynote speaker is an international speaker, Flower Darby, whose recent book, *The Norton Guide to Equity-Minded Teaching*, empowers faculty to teach inclusive and equity-focused classes in all modalities.

We know USM faculty and staff are doing some innovative things in their curriculum. Consider submitting a proposal to share this with other faculty and staff across the southeast.

See the full Call for Proposals at the button below

2024 SRFIDC Conference Dates

Virtual: Monday, March 11, 2024

In-Person at USM Gulf Park Campus: March 13 to 15, 2024

[Submit SRFIDC Proposal](#)



Calling all First Generation Faculty & Staff!

To help jump-start affinity groups on campus, we wanted to start with one of the strongest groups on campus – YOU!

We are carving out time for first-generation faculty, staff, and graduate students to come together over a brown bag lunch in the CFD.

Interested? Let us know so we can plan accordingly by filling out the form linked below. Bring your lunch, visit with other first-gen faculty and staff, and come and go as you need to for your schedule!

**First Gen Affinity Group Meet-Up
Wednesday, October 18**

IC 319
11:30 am - 12:45 pm

[Register](#)



Consider Mental Health First Aid Training

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults with this 8-hour in-person training. This training will include information on common signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges, how to interact with and help a person in crisis, and learn about content on trauma, substance use, and self-care.

Upcoming Training Sessions

**Friday, October 13
Wednesday, December 13
Tuesday, January 9**

IC 319
9 am - 4 pm

Tiny Teaching Tip

The **Constructivist Learning Theory** posits that students gain knowledge by building on their existing ideas and experiences. As an instructor, you can apply this theory through scaffolding assignments and emphasizing student growth as the assignment's cognitive requirements and complexity increase. Provide support like rubrics, outlines, and templates to help students complete complex tasks. Then gradually remove the support as students develop skills and independence. Rather than judging work as simply right or wrong, focus feedback on how students are progressing in their conceptual understanding. Praise effort and intellectual risk-taking. Celebrate when students demonstrate new capacities, not just high grades. This focus on progress helps students take ownership of their learning and construct new knowledge. Learn more about **scaffolding** course assignments and other ways to help **motivate students**.

October Workshops

First-Year Foundations: Difficult Conversations

Monday, October 2

1 - 2:15 pm

[Register](#)

Association of Office Professionals: Artificial Intelligence Now and In the Future

Wednesday, October 4

Join via [Teams](#)

11:30 - 12:30 pm

The Great American Eclipse 2.0

Thursday, October 5

IC 319 & Zoom

1:30 - 2:45 pm

[Register](#)

Virtual Show Up and Write!:

Every Thursday | Oct 5, 19, & 26

Zoom Only

11 am - 1 pm

[Remind Me](#)

Coffee Chat: P Card Policies

Wednesday, October 18

IC 319 & Zoom

9 - 10 am

[Register](#)

Getting Started with Community-Engaged Research

Tuesday, October 24

IC 319 & Zoom

11 am - 12:15 pm

[Register](#)

Innovative Teaching Strategies

Wednesday, October 25

Graduate Mentorship Training Series

The Southern Miss Graduate School is offering a comprehensive mentor-training program for graduate faculty during the 2023-2024 academic year in conjunction with the Center for Faculty Development. Topics to be covered throughout the year include defining mentorship, understanding outcomes of effective mentoring, addressing demographic disparities of mentees, and attributes of effective mentor-mentee relationships (including academic, interpersonal, and psychosocial development).

Please use the links below to register!

Promoting Professional Development: [Register](#)

Tuesday, October 3

12 - 1:30 pm | IC 319

Reflecting on Diversity and Addressing Inclusion: [Register](#)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

IC 319 & Zoom
9 - 10:15 am
[Register](#)

**Association of Office Professionals:
Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**
Wednesday, October 25
Join via [Teams](#)
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Don't Be Scared of 3rd Year Review
Monday, October 30
IC 319 & Zoom
2 - 3:15 pm
[Register](#)

12 - 1:30 pm | IC 319

**Fostering Well-being &
Cultivating Ethical
Behavior:** [Register](#)
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
12 - 1:30 pm | IC 319



Service Learning Faculty Seminar Applications Due November 9th

Apply to be a Service-Learning Faculty Fellow and participate in USM's Service-Learning Seminar, which guides faculty through the theory and practice of service-learning. During the seminar, faculty re-design a course to include service-learning and teach the newly designed course within two years. A \$2400 pedagogy stipend is provided upon completion of seminar requirements.

The program is open to full-time USM faculty members at the rank of instructor and above. Spots are limited.

Contact Christy Kayser at cce@usm.edu or visit the CCE website for [more information](#).

Join Us for Food and Fun!

Kickoff homecoming weekend with good food, drink, and conversation

Appetizers provided by: **Tech**

Friday, October 6
4 - 6 pm at:
THE PORTER PUBLIC HOUSE



Applications Open for Teaching Innovation Mini-Grants

The CFD will award four USM faculty \$300 to support innovation in the classroom. This grant encourages educators to employ teaching strategies and pedagogy to ignite student engagement and learning.

The applications for the spring 2024 mini-grants will be accepted until November 15, 2023

[Apply](#)

Interested in what mini-grant projects have been funded?

Attend our our showcase of Spring 2023 Innovative Teaching grant winners to find out!

Wednesday, October 25
IC 319 & Zoom
9 - 10:15 am
[Register](#)

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