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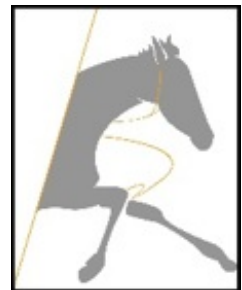
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### **Galloping COLTT at DU: Exploring New Technologies**

**Friday May 11th 9:00am - 1:30pm  
Anderson Academic Commons 290**

The University of Denver is partnering with Colorado Learning, Teaching & Technology (COLTT) to host the 2018 Galloping COLTT. This half-day program is filled with practical takeaways on innovative technology tools and instructional strategies. Speakers from DU and local colleges will lead tech round-ups and presentations that demonstrate the innovative use of technology. The event will conclude with a keynote luncheon about Open Educational Resources (OER). The event is free for DU faculty and COLTT affiliates.



Visit the [DU Galloping COLTT](#) website for more details and to register!

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### **Invitation to 2018-19 Cohort of Assessment Fellows**

The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) invites interested faculty to participate in the Assessment Fellows program. Selected recipients will gain the following benefits:

- Receive a \$500 summer stipend by attending a two-day workshop (June 25-26) where participants will (1) learn hands-on, practical knowledge about program assessment and accreditation, and (2) design robust cultures of assessment, craft assessment reports, and

## DU Portfolio



Check it out!

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### Teaching Resources

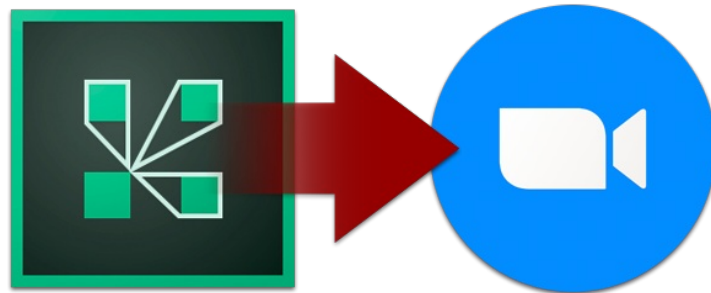
conduct peer reviews;

- Provide service to the institution by meeting once every quarter (approximately 1.5 hours each time) in the 2018-19 academic year; and
- Provide service to the institution by serving as an assessment consultant (up to 10 hours per year) who can advise colleagues about crafting assessment blueprints, writing assessment reports, and co-creating a dynamic culture of assessment.

Given long-standing concerns about assessment, this is an opportunity for you to take a leadership role in co-constructing meaningful and manageable assessment processes at DU. To make this magic happen, your perspective and participation would be so appreciated! OTL invites you to [apply for Assessment Fellows](#) and submit your materials by Friday, May 4. Feel free to call 303-871-6012 or email [christina.paguyo@du.edu](mailto:christina.paguyo@du.edu) if you have any questions.

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## Transitioning from Adobe Connect to Zoom



After months of careful consideration of usage patterns and technology needs of our campus community, the Office of Teaching and Learning in collaboration with the division of Information Technology will begin to phase out the use of Adobe Connect at the University of Denver. All users will need to migrate their content from this application by the end of the Summer Quarter.

The initial phase of this project will require us to disable the ability to record meetings within Adobe Connect effective **June 8, 2018**. We encourage individuals to use the University's enterprise Zoom software as a replacement for online meetings. Zoom can host synchronous online meetings and has the option to record your entire meeting. Please visit our website to find resources on how to [get started with Zoom](#).

The Adobe Connect server will remain online until **August 21, 2018** allowing individuals time to convert any recorded meeting(s) that they wish to preserve for use in other video delivery systems. Please visit our Knowledge Base for resources detailing how to [convert any recorded meetings that](#)

## **Workshops/Seminars**

[Bridget Arend](#)

[Kathy Keairns](#)

## **Teaching Resources and Consultations**

[Bridget Arend](#)

[Virginia Pitts](#)

## **Inclusive Teaching Practices**

[Valentina Iturbe-LaGrave](#)

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## **Assessment**

## **Program Assessment**

[Christina Paguyo](#)

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If you have any questions or if you need assistance transferring content, please contact the Office of Teaching & Learning at 303-871-2084 or the IT Help Center at 303-871-4700.

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## **Upcoming Workshops**

The Office of Teaching and Learning and the Writing Center have many workshops coming up this term. Click on the link for each workshop for more information and to register.



### **[Writing More Effective Assignment Prompts](#)**

Monday, April 23, 4:00-5:30 pm  
OTL Conference Room (AAC 345)

### **[Creating Effective Visual Presentations](#)**

Wednesday, April 25, 2:00-3:00 pm  
OTL Conference Room (AAC 345)

### **[Tips for Enhancing Online Discussions](#)**

Friday, May 4, 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
OTL Conference Room (AAC 345)

### **[H5P: Easily add cool interactive content to your Canvas course](#)**

Monday, June 11, 1:00-2:00 pm  
OTL Conference Room (AAC 345)

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## **OTL Updates**

With springtime, change is in the air at the OTL.

Ben Johnson, our friendly and ever-competent face for Canvas and educational technology support is moving on to work with a rapidly expanding company. We wish him the best in this new adventure! We have just begun a search for a new Instructional Technology Specialist - please refer any potential candidates to the [DU Jobs](#) site.

In addition, there will be more new faces in the OTL by summertime. Search committees are underway to bring in a new Faculty Director, as well as fill an open Associate Director position. Congratulations to Virginia Pitts, our former Associate Director, who has been promoted to Director of University Teaching!

With these changes, we are exploring how best to support teaching and learning efforts on campus, and continue to work closely with individual faculty members, Faculty Senate

committees, IT@DU, the Provost's office and academic departments and units to best align our programs and services with the needs and interests of DU faculty and staff.

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## **Spring Updates to DU Portfolio**

The OTL has a number of user-centric updates to share around DU Portfolio. These updates have all been suggested by the wider community and we hope that you find them useful!

- New portfolios will now have navigation along the side as default, when created. This can be changed through the customization area of any portfolio.
- Page Layout can be changed directly from the top of each page instead of requiring you to visit the customization area. Please note that changing column count may shift existing content around if column numbers differ.
- You can now display PDF files directly within a portfolio page or folder! Once a PDF has been added, simply edit the item and select the "Display PDF directly within the page" option and the PDF will be readable directly among the rest of your content.
- Pages without viewable content will no longer appear at all to people viewing a portfolio.
- You can now embed both Twitter and Instagram content with the Rich Content (Text) option through the Add... dropdown on your portfolio. You will need to paste the embed code into the Source Code dialog within the text editor.
- Additional small tweaks to assist in making DU Portfolio even easier to use.

As always - we welcome your ideas on how to make this university-owned platform even better!

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## **CourseMedia Video Update**

Over the past couple of months, the OTL has re-encoded nearly all 8,300+ videos which are streamed through CourseMedia to more closely align with modern streaming protocols. What does this mean for faculty and students using CourseMedia? Videos that exhibited playback problems should now operate efficiently and smoothly in all modern web browsers!