

March 2025 Faculty Highlights

Dear SSU Faculty,

We apologize in advance for this massive newsletter; there's a *lot* going on in March, so much so that we'll send out another newsletter on 3/13 with more updates! For now, please remember that we're here for you. If you have questions about any of the below, email us at ctet@sonoma.edu or drop into our Zoom room!

ChatGPT EDU Rollout *This Week*

In January, the CSU announced a system-wide ChatGPT Edu license for faculty, staff, *and* students. (You can learn more about this initiative and find training resources at the CSU AI Commons.) SSU is planning to roll out the ChatGPT EDU license to all users *this month*: Faculty should receive an invitation to use the service by Monday, March 10th.

To support faculty in understanding/leveraging the tool (and other AI tools for which we have licenses), CTET has scheduled the following sessions. Additionally, you can drop by our office or Zoom room at any point to ask us AI related questions. Finally, both CTET and IT have dedicated resource web pages.

- Wednesday, 3/5, 12-1: *The Latest in AI*, with Kyle Falbo and John Lynch
- Monday, 3/10, 12-1: *AI and Academic Honesty* with Matthew Callahan
- Wednesday, 3/12, 12-1: *Getting Started with AI @SSU* with Kyle Falbo
- Monday, 3/17, 12-1: *Getting Started with AI @SSU* with Kyle Falbo
- Tuesday, 4/8, 12-1: *What Does AI Mean for Higher Ed?*

Spring 2025 Instructional Video Pilot

Based on the feedback that we received last Fall in our Instructional Video Needs Survey, CTET will run a pilot comparing three different instructional video solutions this Spring: YuJa (our existing service), Panopto (a new service), and a combination of Zoom + Youtube + Google Drive (what we're calling the "mostly free service"). Faculty who completed our Fall video needs survey have already been invited to be official testers of each option, but we will also host open demonstrations of each solution, and we encourage all interested

faculty to participate in testing the options and providing us with feedback. The currently scheduled events are:

- Tuesday, 3/11, 12-1: Panopto Demo 1
- Tuesday, 3/11, 2-3: YuJa Demo 1
- Thursday, 3/13, 12-1: Zoom + Youtube + Google Drive Demo
- Monday, 3/24, 12-1: YuJa Demo 2
- Wednesday, 3/26, 12-1: Panopto Demo 2

We hope to see you there!

Canvas Speedgrader for Graded Discussions Update/Fix

The Discussion SpeedGrader experience in Canvas is getting a fix/update on March 12. We wanted to give you a heads-up and share additional context about what to expect. Greater details are located here in a recent blog post that outlines these changes. Here is an overview of what you can expect:

- Within Speedgrader, faculty can choose their preferred grading experience: Condensed or Fully Contextual.
- A new "show replies in context" SpeedGrader setting and associated toggle are introduced. These are what will control the SpeedGrader experience for educators.
- The condensed view will be shown by default.
- Faculty can use the toggle or SpeedGrader default setting to adjust this experience.
- Improved button accessibility for Screen Reader navigation.

We appreciate your patience and feedback on this. Knowing there's a date on the horizon for the fix, those that have been affected may wish to hold off on grading discussions for a couple weeks until the fix has been applied.

Federal Policy Making and Higher Ed: The Latest News

The Trump administration's impact on higher education is real and rapidly evolving. To keep our faculty better informed, we plan to host a panel led by Laura Alamillo, dean of Education, Counseling, and Ethnic Studies, on Tuesday, March 25. The panel is currently expected to include SSU's own Kelly Estrada, Rhianna Casesa, and Tramaine Austin-Dillon, and potentially guests from the Sonoma County Office of Education. Please keep an eye on

the event webpage for more details about speakers and content as we get closer to the event date.

Teaching First Generation College Students Summer Institute

This CSU-wide program, developed and facilitated by Drs. Rebecca Gutierrez Keeton and Maritza Lozano at CSU Fullerton, focuses on evidence-based strategies for teaching and interacting that draw on the strengths of first-generation college students (FGCS). The institute addresses emerging issues and concerns in teaching in digitally enhanced or fully online environments, including building student-instructor relationships and engaging students in different modalities. Those who complete all activities and assignments for both the summer and fall segments will be eligible to receive a $500 professional development stipend.

- The program starts with a five-week online professional learning institute from June 3 to July 1. Then, it continues in Fall 2025, when participants reflect on their practice as they implement new strategies.
- Current faculty of any rank or appointment type who have previously taught at least one course in the CSU, and plan to teach in fall 2025, may apply. If interest exceeds capacity, priority will be given to those positioned to become advocates for first-generation college students on their campuses.

To apply, complete this form by Friday, March 28. Applicants will be notified of acceptance on Friday, April 4. Contact Emily Magruder at csuitl@calstate.edu with questions.

Connection & Collaboration

Join us for Coffee & Connection (C&C)! C&C is an informal space for faculty to connect and discuss challenges and successes in teaching with CTET's faculty fellows. Come join us in Salazar 1061 on the first Thursday of the month from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and troubleshoot problems or get new ideas on the sport. Free coffee and special homemade treats!

Mark Your Calendar for the Upcoming C&C meeting:

- Add Coffee and Connection to your Google calendar on March 6!
- Add Coffee and Connection to your Google calendar on April 3!
- Add Coffee and Connection to your Google calendar on May 1!

Summary of CTET's Trainings and Events



The Latest in AI
- Wednesday, March 5, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add The Latest in AI on 3/5 to your Google Calendar

Coffee and Connection
- Thursday, March 6, 12:00PM-1:00PM
- Salazar 1061
- Add Coffee and Connections to your Google calendar on March 6

AI and Academic Honesty: The Latest
- Monday, March 10, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add the AI and Academic Honesty: The Latest to your Google calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Demo
- Tuesday, March 11, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Demo on 3/11 to your Google Calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Yuja Demo
- Tuesday, March 11, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Yuja Demo on 3/11 to your Google Calendar

Getting Started with AI@SSU
- Wednesday, March 12, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Getting Started with AI@SSU on 3/12 to your Google Calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Zoom + Youtube + Google Drive

- Thursday, March 13, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Zoom + Youtube + Google on 3/13 to your Google Calendar

Getting Started with AI@SSU

- Monday, March 17, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Getting Started with AI@SSU on 3/17 to your Google Calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Yuja Demo

- Monday, March 24, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Yuja Demo on 3/24 to your Google Calendar

Federal Policy Making and Higher Ed: The Latest News

- Tuesday, March 25, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Federal Policy Making and Higher Ed: The Latest News to your Google Calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Demo 2

- Wednesday, March 26, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Demo on 3/26 to your Google Calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Office Hours

- Thursday, March 27, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Office Hours to your Google Calendar

Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Office Hours

- Monday, March 31, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Office Hours on 3/31 to your Google Calendar

Coffee and Connection

- Thursday, April 3, 12:00PM-1:00PM

- Salazar 1061
- Add Coffee and Connections on 4/3 to your Google calendar on April 3

What Does AI Mean for Higher Ed?
- Tuesday, April 8, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or CTET's Zoom room
- Add the What Does AI Mean for your Higher ED to your Google calendar

Coffee and Connection
- Thursday, May 1, 12:00PM-1:00PM
- Salazar 1061
- Add Coffee and Connections on 5/1 to your Google calendar on May 1

Inclusive Teaching Resources

Faculty-Centered Support @ CTET

Let's build inclusive teaching practices that fit your teaching context and goals!

- curriculum and instructional design
- assessment methods
- classroom environments
- holding difficult dialogues
- handling conflict
- negotiating power dynamics
- dealing with cultural taxation



Questions? Interested in a Consult?

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