

Script - S3E4- Season Finale: Katy's Farewell Transcript for Buzzsprout

Katy:

I'm back today to share some exciting news. I've decided to step back from teaching for a while to focus on my dual roles as a practitioner and also a mom, but it is with extreme excitement that I share that this podcast will now be hosted by the incredibly talented instructor, course designer, and educational technologist, Dr. Lauren Kelley. I could not be more thrilled as a creator or as a listener than to hand this fulfilling project off to her. *Lauren, would you introduce yourself?*

Lauren:

Thank you, Katy. I am really excited to be here and I know I have really huge virtual shoes to fill. I have learned a great deal from you and I hope that your followers will continue to enjoy this podcast experience that features higher education faculty and course designers capitalizing on creative approaches to enhance student learning. *Before I share a little more about the new season - let me share a little about me.*

I am an instructional designer with Academic Technology Services. I am a remote member of my department, having joined ATS in the early stages of the pandemic to temporarily provide emergency remote teaching support to UD faculty transitioning their in-person courses to online. My previous institution was also using Canvas and of course experiencing the same rush to establish a continuity of student learning. At the time, UD's leadership recognized the critical support needed to minimize the disruption of learning and ATS was able to expand their team. I was a product of that expansion, coming onboard in November of 2020.

As for my background - I've been in higher education for over two decades in a variety of leadership roles, teaching and advising, program development and learning and development, which is my happy place. I truly appreciate...

*"Being nested in learning development as an instructional designer because it allows me to bring my expertise and experience to the table - as the **"designer"** for development and as the **"faculty/instructor"** for the teaching and learning practice."*

Katy:

What can listeners expect for the new season?

Lauren:

Listeners can expect to hear podcasts that align with topics that are value-added for their teaching practice. They can expect to become better acquainted with support services available to them for their teaching in and out of the classroom regardless of course modality. I also want to continue to highlight faculty that are implementing really innovative instructional strategies in their learning spaces for their students. As you discovered in your previous seasons, there are so many faculty courageously trying out new things for the sake of improving student learning.

I'll give a little spoiler alert about what I am excited about - which are conversations about ChatGPT, *of course*, and other topics such as support services available to faculty for professional videos. My hope is to continue to bring our podcast listeners content to that is relevant and customizable for the implementation into their own teaching practice.

Katy:

When can listeners expect to access/download to new episodes and how will the podcast format be structured:

Lauren:

Now that we are past the busiest part of the spring semester and we can all catch our breath, we are looking forward to new episodes. Our hope is to develop a few rich podcast episodes a semester. The previous seasons were in the midst of the earlier stages of the pandemic and it is fair to say, Katy, that the greater emphasis *then* was on emergency remote teaching and working quickly to get solid resources out there to listeners? Of course, this will provide a different format from the previous seasons. This new season and seasons to come, will help to align the academic semester with the podcast episodes for possible customization for teaching practices.

Katy:

Before we end, I want to express my most sincere gratitude for our listeners over the last two seasons. I so appreciate the support of this community, and I've learned so much along with you. I look forward to becoming a listener. So, Lauren, if people have podcast ideas or questions about the podcast, who can they contact?

Lauren:

Listeners can contact me directly at laurenmk@udel.edu. I am always looking for podcast guests as well as rich content for the season.