



## August 2025 Faculty Highlights

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### Welcome Back, Faculty!

As we gear up for Fall 2025, the CTET team is excited to welcome you back to campus! Whether you're returning from a restful summer or a productive break, we're here to support your teaching and learning goals for the new academic year.

This issue includes updates on new tools and resources, upcoming workshops, and announcements from a few other teams at SSU that support you! As always, CTET is here to partner with you in creating meaningful, inclusive, and innovative learning experiences.

Here's to a great start to the semester!

— The CTET Team

Need support? Email us at [ctet@sonoma.edu](mailto:ctet@sonoma.edu) or drop into our [Zoom room](#)!

### Important Service Changes

#### CTET Staffing Changes

As many of you know, Justin Lipp left his position as Director of CTET in May. Dr. John Lynch, formerly CTET's Assistant Director, has been formally appointed as the new Director of CTET. John remains committed to the same vision that Justin championed: That CTET is a service for our faculty, driven by *your* needs.

#### CTET Drop-in Support

CTET remains committed to providing the best support we can to SSU faculty. To keep our help desk open 8-5, Monday through Friday, we are experimenting with having experienced, trusted student workers provide some of our drop-in support. Please introduce yourselves to the new faces at our desk if you don't already know them! And if you have any feedback, positive *or* negative, please email our director, John Lynch, at [lynchjo@sonoma.edu](mailto:lynchjo@sonoma.edu).

#### Streaming Video Update

At the recommendation of ATISS, CTET has replaced our YuJa streaming video service with a new license for a tool named Panopto. We believe that all faculty video has been migrated from YuJa to Panopto, but we strongly encourage you to check:

- Go to one of your Fall 25 Canvas courses and click on the Panopto link in the left-hand navigation menu.
- Click on your My Folder in Panopto, and then on the folder named “csv migrations.” Your content should be there.

If any of your content is missing, please let us know at [ctet@sonoma.edu](mailto:ctet@sonoma.edu) ASAP! Our YuJa license expires on 8/31, so we still have a few weeks to investigate and restore any missing content before it disappears.

Also, Panopto is now in the process of updating the links in Canvas that currently point to YuJa videos to instead point to Panopto videos. Unfortunately, because of previous delays in the migration process, that will likely happen *next week*, the first week of classes. We’re very sorry about that. However, it *should* be transparent to faculty and students. We will keep you informed about that. If you have any questions, email us at [ctet@sonoma.edu](mailto:ctet@sonoma.edu) or drop by [our Zoom room](#).

We’re offering numerous training sessions in Panopto, **including today, August 14, at 12PM in the CTET Zoom room!** Please see the list of Workshops at the bottom of this email or review the Workshops page on our website to find a time that works for you. And if nothing works, come by [our Zoom room](#) and we’ll help you.

### How Do We Engage with AI?

AI continues to evolve, and CTET remains committed to helping you adapt to its presence in your classroom the way that *you* think is appropriate. If you believe that AI can create value for your students’ learning journey, we’re happy to explore ideas with you. If you believe that AI will stunt your students’ learning, we’re happy to help you implement pedagogy that is more resistant to it. Reach out to us at [ctet@sonoma.edu](mailto:ctet@sonoma.edu), or email Matthew Callahan at [paolucci@sonoma.edu](mailto:paolucci@sonoma.edu), to schedule a consultation.

We do want to draw attention to two very recent and significant changes in academic AI: The arrival of ChatGPT 5 last week and the recent announcement of AI integrations into Canvas. Both of these are likely to have very significant impacts on you and your students, and we’re still figuring out the implications of them (e.g., ChatGPT 5 was just released under our Edu license this Tuesday, and we still don’t have access to a live version of Canvas’ LLM Assignment). Join us in-person or via Zoom to learn everything we know about this rapidly evolving situation and get your questions answered.

- Thursday, August 21, 12-1pm: [Canvas and AI Updates](#)
  - [RSVP Aug. 21 for Canvas & AI](#)
  - [Add Aug. 21 Canvas & AI to your Google Cal.](#)

- Wednesday, September 10, 12-1pm: [Canvas and AI Update](#)
  - [RSVP Sept. 10 for Canvas & AI](#)
  - [Add Sept. 10 Canvas & AI to your Google Cal.](#)

Additionally, if you want to use AI tools for teaching and research, or just learn more about their strengths and weaknesses, we have scheduled training sessions with some of the tools that SSU has licensed for academic use. We'll add more sessions based on demand, and as we learn more about the above-mentioned tools.

- Google's NotebookLM lets users train an AI chatbot on a specific data set of their choice, and then ask it questions about that data, and even get customized audio presentations about it. Join us to discuss whether NotebookLM could help you (or your students!) with teaching and research.
  - Thursday, September 11, 12-1pm: [Notebook LM](#)
    - [RSVP Sept. 11 for Notebook LM](#)
    - [Add Sept. 11 Notebook LM to your Google Cal.](#)
- Custom GPTs let you train ChatGPT to follow a consistent series of steps for repetitive tasks. Come practice creating custom GPTs and get your questions answered about the opportunities and challenges that they create.
  - Thursday, September 18, 12-1pm: [Building Custom GPT's](#)
    - [RSVP Sept. 18 for Building Custom GPT's](#)
    - [Add Sept. 18 Building Custom GPT's to to your Google Cal.](#)

### Other Useful News

**Attention RTP Candidates and Reviewers!** This year, Faculty Affairs and Success will use Interfolio (*not OnBase*) to manage WPAF submissions and portfolio reviews. They're also updating the RTP website with helpful resources, including step-by-step guides for logging into Interfolio and navigating "cases."

Please try to attend one of the following sessions. Additional sessions may be added if necessary. For any questions about the RTP process, contact: [RTP@sonoma.edu](mailto:RTP@sonoma.edu).

- Interfolio Training #1 for Candidates: Friday, August 22, Noon, [ZOOM LINK](#)
  - [Add Interfolio Training #1 to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Interfolio Training #2 for Candidates: Thursday, August 28, Noon, [ZOOM LINK](#)
  - [Add Interfolio Training #2 to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Interfolio Training for Reviewers: Friday, September 5, Noon, [ZOOM LINK](#)
  - [Add Interfolio Training for Reviewers to your Google Calendar.](#)

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is excited to announce **the Fall 2025 SSU Spotlight on Scholarship lecture series!** This campus-wide event showcases the innovative research, creative projects, and scholarly work of SSU faculty, providing a platform to celebrate faculty achievements, foster collaboration, and inspire our students.

Explore [the full program and event details](#) on the ORSP website. And if you're interested in *presenting*, contact [orsp@sonoma.edu](mailto:orsp@sonoma.edu) to let them know!

### Summary of CTET's Trainings and Events



#### CTET Workshops and Events

- Thursday, August 14, 12-1pm: [Panopto Faculty Intro 1](#)
  - [Add Panopto 1 Intr. to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Wednesday, August 20, 12-1pm: [Panopto Faculty Intro 2](#)
  - [Add Panopto Intr. 2 to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Thursday, August 21, 12-1pm: [Canvas and AI Updates](#)
  - [Add Aug. 21 Canvas & AI to your Google Cal.](#)
- Interfolio Training #1 for Candidates: Friday, August 22, Noon, [ZOOM LINK](#)
  - [Add Interfolio Training #1 to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Wednesday, August 27, 12-1pm: [Panopto Faculty Intro 3](#)
  - [Add Panopto Intr. 3 to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Interfolio Training #2 for Candidates: Thursday, August 28, Noon, [ZOOM LINK](#)
  - [Add Interfolio Training #2 to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Interfolio Training for Reviewers: Friday, September 5, Noon, [ZOOM LINK](#)  
[Add Interfolio Training for Reviewers to your Google Calendar.](#)
- Monday, September 8, 12-1pm: [Panopto Faculty Intro 4](#)
  - [Add Panopto Intr. 4 to your Google Calendar.](#)
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