



Mid-March 2025 Faculty Highlights

Dear SSU Faculty,

Another faculty update? Yes— there's just too much happening to wait.

Spring is in full swing, and we've got the latest updates, events, and resources to keep you inspired. Need support? Email us at ctet@sonoma.edu or drop into our [Zoom room](#)!

Let's make the rest of the semester a success together!

Stay Current with What's Happening at the Trump Dept. of ED and Learn how it is Affecting Higher Education!

Join a panel including Laura Alamillo, Dean of Education, Counseling, and Ethnic Studies; Tramaine Austin-Dillon, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs and Initiatives; Rhianna Casesa, Professor of Literacy Studies and Elementary Education; Kelly Estrada, Professor of Literacy Studies and Elementary Education; and more to discuss the latest perspectives on, and impacts of, changes to the Department of Education under the new presidential administration.

[Federal Policy Making and Higher Ed: The Latest News](#)

- Tuesday, March 25, 2025; 1:00pm-2:00pm
- Salazar 1061 or [CTET Zoom Link](#)
- [Add Federal Policy Making and Higher Ed: The Latest News to your Google calendar.](#)
- [RSVP for the Federal Policy Making and Higher Ed: The Latest News.](#)

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 week*: Faculty should have received an invitation to use the service at the end of last week.

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.

- [Monday, 3/17, 12-1pm: *Getting Started with AI @SSU* with Kyle Falbo](#)
 - [Add Getting Started with AI@SSU to your Google calendar.](#)
- [Friday, April 4, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
 - [Add the 4/4 AI Jam Session for Faculty and... to your Google calendar.](#)
- [Monday, April 7, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
 - [Add the 4/7 AI Jam Session for Faculty and... to your Google calendar.](#)
- [Tuesday, April 8, 12-1pm: What Does AI Mean for Higher Ed?](#)
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- [Friday, April 11, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
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- [Friday, April 18, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
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- [Monday, April 21, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
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- [Monday, April 28, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
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- [Friday, May 2, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
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- [Monday, May 12, 12-1pm: AI Jam Session for Faculty and Staff](#)
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Spring 2025 Instructional Video Pilot

Ongoing Instructional Video Pilot: We're comparing three different tools. We've got a faculty group piloting all three. If you're curious, attend to learn more about them. The remaining scheduled events are:

- [Monday, 3/24, 12-1: YuJa Demo 2](#)
 - [Add Instructional Video Pilot: YuJa Demo to your calendar.](#)

- Salazar 1061 or [CTET's Zoom room](#)
- [Wednesday, 3/26, 12-1: Panopto Demo 2](#)
 - [Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Demo on 3/26 to your Google calendar.](#)
 - Salazar 1061 or [CTET's Zoom room](#)

We hope to see you there! However, you can also drop by with video pilot questions at any time, no RSVP required.

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 spot. Free coffee and special homemade treats!

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Mark Your Calendar for the Upcoming C&C meeting:

- [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



Monday, March 17, 12pm-1pm: Getting Started with AI@SSU

- Salazar 1061 or [CTET's Zoom room](#)
- [Add Getting Started with AI@SSU on 3/17 to your Google Calendar](#)

Monday, March 24, 12pm-1pm: Instructional Video Pilot: Yuja Demo

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- [Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Demo on 3/26 to your Google Calendar](#)

Thursday, March 27, 12pm-1pm: Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Office Hours

- Salazar 1061 or [CTET's Zoom room](#)
- [Add Instructional Video Pilot: Panopto Office Hours to your Google Calendar](#)

Thursday, April 3, 12-1pm: Coffee and Connection

- Salazar 1061
- [Add Coffee and Connections on 4/3 to your Google calendar on April 3](#)

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- [Add Coffee and Connections on 5/1 to your Google calendar on May 1](#)

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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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