



The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

March 2024

Learning Assistants Program Expanding



In 2017, USM implemented the **Learning Assistants (LA) Program** as a QEP initiative to promote student success in specific targeted courses. We are pleased to announce that the LA program has been adopted university-wide and can now be utilized in any course at USM. The LA Program hires undergraduate students to serve as teaching aids; these folks work as part of a teaching team with faculty instructors of their assigned course. They attend every class meeting to promote active learning strategies, foster deep discussions, and serve as an approachable intermediary for faculty members. They also can be asked to hold tutoring and office hours outside of class sessions. If you are interested in learning more about the LA Program or if you are interested in using LAs in your course(s), please get in touch with Dr. Ashley Allen by [Email](#) or [601.266.5966](tel:601.266.5966).

Want to learn more?

Information Session
Wednesday, March 20th
9:00 – 10:00 am
CFD (IC 319)/ zoom

We will provide an overview of the LA program, report the benefits of student LAs, and answer any other questions you may have at that time.

[Register Here!](#)

Tiny Teaching Tip

As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly normal in our world, many questions can arise about how to use it. Some educators may take the plunge and decide to implement it in their classrooms. But how? ACUE has developed a [Teaching with AI Toolkit](#) for educators. This toolkit walks users through the history and language of AI. There is a

helpful timeline that starts with Alan Turing's creation of the Bombe device, all the way to modern-day generative AI. The toolkit also gives descriptions of some AI-related language like "AI Bias" and "prompting." Find other resources related to teaching with AI under our teaching toolkits in our [CFD Teaching Resources](#).

What's Your Big Idea For The Quality Enhancement Plan?

Every 10 years, as part of the reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Southern Miss develops a new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to improve student learning or student success in a significant way. The QEP Topic Selection Task Force is seeking brief concept proposals (3-5 pages) from the University community. Proposals will be received through March 31, 2024. Complete details and submission guidelines are available in the [QEP Call for Proposals](#).

Two QEP Call for Proposals information sessions will be held on March 7. The first will be online via Teams at 10:00 a.m. The second will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the International Center, Room 319, with online accessibility. Click on the links below to participate via Teams in either session n.

March 7, 10:00- 11:00 am
[Virtual \(Teams Link\)](#)

March 7, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
[IC 319 | Virtual](#)

For more information,
[visit the QEP website](#)

Nominate a Faculty or Student for Excellence in Service- Learning!

Nominations due March 15

The CCE is accepting nominations for outstanding service-learning faculty, students, and community partners who have impacted the Pine Belt area and USM through community-engaged teaching and learning. Award recipients will be recognized at the USM Celebration of Service on Thursday, April 25, 11:30-1 pm. The Outstanding Service-Learning Faculty Award winner will also be recognized at the University Awards Ceremony. More information about each award and the nomination form can be found [here](#).



Upcoming Workshops

Show Up and Write!
Thursday, March 7, 22, & 28 |
11 - 1 pm
Virtual
[Remind Me](#)

New date
Grant Writing Workshop

Upcoming Events

**Series:
Grants for Creative
Activities**

Friday, March 22 | 9 - 11 am
IC 319 & Zoom

[Register](#)

**Cybersecurity Awareness
Webinar**

Tuesday, March 26 | 1 - 2:15
pm

Virtual

[Register](#)

**Innovative Teaching
Strategies: Grants
Showcase**

Tuesday, April 2 | 12 - 1:15
pm

IC 319 & Zoom

[Register](#)

**Dimensions of AI Use
Among Postsecondary
Students: Boundaries and
Possibilities**

Wednesday, April 3 | 9 -
10:15 am

IC 319 & Zoom

[Register](#)

**Creating a Fulbright
Friendly Culture**

Thursday, April 4 | 2 - 3:15
pm

IC 319 & Zoom

[Register](#)



Eat, sip, and mingle
with fellow USM
faculty and staff!

Appetizers
provided by:



Friday,
March 1st
at:



4 - 6 pm



ATTENTION!!!

ALL **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY** ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND THE NEW

Generative AI Series

Organized by: Dr. David Cochran, Dr. Hugh Broome, & Dr. Kayla Stan

- **Brownbag workshops:**
12:00 – 1:00 pm in Room 206Z of Cook Library
 - Friday, February 2: An Introduction to Gen AI and How It Works
 - Friday, March 8: The Use of GenAI in Literature Reviews and Research Design
 - Friday, April 5: The Use of GenAI for Research Analysis
- **Retreat:**
11:30 am - 2:30 pm at Peck House (3609 Pearl St, Hattiesburg, MS, 39406)
 - Friday, April 19: Ethical Considerations for the Use of GenAI in Research
 - Keynote panel, small group discussions/collaborations, and a catered lunch

[Click here to register for the workshops and the retreat](#)



**Southern Regional Faculty & Instructional
Development Consortium Annual Conference**

The time is near! If you are interested in learning about innovative teaching strategies, leveraging technology in your classroom, or research on the scholarship of teaching, attend the SRFIDC annual conference taking place on the Southern Miss Gulf Park campus. Registration is happening now! **Our affordable registration rates** (\$95 for virtual only, \$195 for in-person, and access to the virtual conference) include the annual membership fee to SRFIDC and a copy of the keynote speaker, Flower Darby's, book. Several meals are also provided for our in-person attendees. Join us!

Virtual Conference: Monday, March 11th
In-Person Conference: Wednesday, March 13th to Friday, March 15th

Find more information about the [conference](#) and [registration](#) on the [SRFIDC.org](#) webpage.



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