



## Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Newsletter

January 29, 2024

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## Mark Your Calendar!

Attend workshops and you may receive a CETL limited edition thank-you card, designed right in our office!

### Document Design for Beginners

February 9  
2 to 3:30 PM

Join Joshua Kirby (Art) and upgrade the quality of your teaching documents by learning some basic tips and tricks on font selection, maximizing Word's layout capabilities, and choosing optimal document formats.

**Location:** Zahnow 111

**Presenter:** Joshua Kirby (jkirby1@svsu.edu)

Session Registration

### Get ready for the CETL Symposium, February 16, 2024.

#### Grading Reimagined: Create your New Assessment Strategy

February 16  
8:30 AM to 3 PM

**8:30** Breakfast  
**9:00** Welcome: Deb Huntley  
**9:15** Alternative Grading Workshop  
**12:00** Lunch  
**1:00** Grants Showcase  
**2:00** AI Discussion

Our workshop presenter, Robert Talbert, asks that attendees work through a brief pre-session activity that is available [here](#). If you've been reading The Seagull, you may already be familiar the first activity. For a very brief re-cap, see our Symposium Program [create link here].

**Please bring your laptop or tablet for the workshop.**

This year's program includes a showcase of CETL-related grant projects and a discussion of AI topics, hosted by members of this year's "Emerging Technologies and Higher Education" Faculty Learning Communities.

Please register this week so that we have an accurate headcount.



Scan the qr code to access the symposium program.

**Location:** Thompson Student Activity Room (TSAR)

Session Registration

See all ITS workshops by [clicking here](#).

CETL's 2023-2024 Events Calendar

## Important Dates

**January 29** - Last day to Withdraw with a 75% Refund, "W" grade

**March 4-10** - Spring Break, No Classes

## Catch up on Canvas

Visit CETL's Canvas site to catch up on two recent workshops that you may have missed.

### Creating Podcasting Assignments (January 17)

Podcast projects are a creative, engaging alternative to traditional essays that also help students develop their technology and teamwork skills. We've posted the PowerPoint for this workshop, which includes guidance on how to develop a podcasting project and how your students can use the Writing Center's podcasting equipment. We also shared podcast assignment directions from Erik Trump (Political Science), Hannah Fazekas (Biology), and Jeffrey Lindstrom (Psychology).

### Ensuring Genuine Student Learning through Oral Assessments (January 19)

Jill Waliczek guided faculty through an interactive workshop where they engaged with several highly structured "discussion protocols." In addition to a Teams recording of the workshop, we have also posted a link to the protocols. If you feel like your class discussion format could use a refresher, or if you're considering adding discussion elements to your class, these protocols are very helpful. Each protocol is tightly focused and time-limited in ways that ensure meaningful talking and listening from all students in the class.

## Technology Updates

It's a busy semester for technology upgrades. Here's what you need to know about:

Multi Factor Authorization  
Echo 360  
MySVSU portal

### MFA Migration for Faculty (2/26/2024)

To better protect your data and SVSU, Microsoft has improved how you verify your login attempt using your device. All current methods will be migrated. However, Microsoft has removed security questions, biometrics for authenticating, and a PIN. SVSU will be migrating staff, faculty, and registered students in February. Faculty will be migrated on 02/26/2024.

NOTE: Within an SVSU classroom, on the teacher station, you will still be exempt from MFA like before. If you are prompted for MFA, please contact IT Support to look into the issue.

The knowledge articles below reflect what has changed and how to manage your sign-in methods, once you are migrated.

[MFA Azure Cloud Migration - What has changed with the Authentication Methods?](#)  
[MFA Migration to Azure Cloud - Manage your Sign In Methods](#)

### Echo360 (EchoVideo) has a Refreshed Look and Additional Enhancements

Keep up to date with what is new in EchoVideo. Learn about the newest features, including Playlists, Virtual Backgrounds, updated EchoPlayer, and recent enhancements made to existing tools. Join one of the EchoVideo presented Live Webinars:

Monday, January 29th at 2:00 PM EST.  
Wednesday, January 31st at 11:00 AM EST.

Register Here

Additionally, you can consult an ITS Knowledge Article on "EchoVideo Q4 2023 Releases for Instructors" by clicking [here](#).

### A New MySVSU portal

In the next few weeks, a new MySVSU portal for students, faculty and staff will be launched.

The MySVSU portal will be your one-stop shop connecting you with important systems, information and updates in an easy-to-use, customizable format. MySVSU will help you:

Access Self-Service, Canvas, SVSU email and other everyday systems  
Receive key notifications from Canvas and other systems  
Keep updated on announcements and alerts relevant to you  
Easily find staff, faculty, systems, resources and more  
View and complete your most important tasks  
Join on-campus and virtual events  
Stay informed regarding upcoming portal enhancements and features such as a mobile app and community groups

Explore the exciting features which will be available in the new portal [here](#).

## Focus on Faculty

### Ken Luzynski and Gary Lange (Biology).

Their paper "Integrating GAI in Open-Ended, Inquiry-Based Science Research Projects: Two University Case Examples and Suggestions for Implementation in STEM and Non-STEM Fields" has been accepted for presentation at the 2024 Critical Issues Conference: Generative AI in Education. Ken and Gary are members of this year's "Emerging Technologies" Faculty Learning Community. The conference will be on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the University of Michigan-Flint campus.

### J. Blake Johnson (Art), Phillip Hanson (Art), George Corser (Computer Science)

Three other members of the Emerging Technologies FLC applied for a National Science Foundation grant. Their project proposal is titled: "Transforming Education: An Empirical Evaluation of AI-Enhanced Teaching and Career Advancement."

## Distraction Corner

Here are some fun tongue twisters advertising the upcoming symposium event:

"Cecil the sleek seagull sees CETL's symposium swag, swiftly snatching seven shiny souvenirs."

"Sly Cecil seagull swoops on CETL's symposium, snagging swag with supreme swagger."

"Sly Cecil seagull swoops on CETL's symposium, snagging sizzling salad and swag with supreme swagger."

### Share a Distraction for 2024!

Want to share your own distraction content? Feel free to email CETL@svsu.edu with the subject "CETL Distraction" and attach the appropriate picture, text, etc. along with your name and SVSU email for a chance to be featured!



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