

# Keeping Connected

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## Communication across Modalities - "Can You Hear Me Now?"

We're nearing the end of the Fall 1 2020 semester, and as we continue to ride the pandemic wave, we encourage you to pause for a second and reflect on how you *meaningfully* communicate with students inside and outside the classroom. What methods of communication are you using (e.g., email, phone call, text, announcement, video, etc.)? Are those methods coming across clearly to your students?

Public speaker Rich Simmons said, "Communication is only effective when we communicate in a way that is meaningful to the recipient, not ourselves." This month, the Faculty Center for Innovation would like to share upcoming programming that touches upon effective communication strategies in all teaching and learning environments. We hope you enjoy this material, and look forward to sharing innovative teaching and learning ideas with you throughout the year.



## **The Art of Effective Communication**

**Marcus Alexander Velazquez | TEDxWolcottSchool**

This presentation is intended to challenge its "hearers" to evaluate their current methods of communicating for the purposes of saving time and emotions, as well as increasing the effectiveness of one's communication. Effective communication can be defined as the delivering of information that is accurately received, in the least amount of time, without being an emotional burden. We can conserve our time, which is our greatest asset, by effectively communicating. To learn more about effective communication, watch the video below or [CLICK HERE](#).



## **Communicating with Students Effectively During Online Learning**

*written by Mike Anderson in the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD, 2019)*

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered not only educators' teaching strategies but communication as well. So what does this mean for the way we as faculty communicate with our students? What are some key ideas to consider as we try to communicate effectively through online tools? To learn effective communication strategies, read the full article [HERE](#).



## FCI October SIG Programming

Based on your excellent feedback, the Faculty Center for Innovation (FCI) has taken a flipped approach to its Special Interest Group (SIG) programming this year. Now, there are several ways to engage with the material and one another!

This month we are featuring Samantha Quinn's SIG, exploring **"The Dark (and Bright) Side of Human Communication"**.

You can participate in her SIG in the following ways based on your preference:

- Watch the recorded video presentation [HERE](#) (10 minutes)
- Engage in asynchronous Q&A by enrolling in the Fellow's Canvas course [HERE](#)
- Join the live discussion Wed., Oct. 7th (11:30am-12pm, CST) via Zoom [JOIN HERE](#) (note: please be sure to watch the recording **before** the live session, as it will serve as the foundation for the discussion).

## Upcoming FCI Programming

We hope you will join us for this month's exciting opportunities that allow you to take a break from the daily grind, connect with your colleagues, and ignite your curiosity to learn something new. Join us for any (or all) of the following sessions below.

- **Moving Beyond Words (Foundation)**, *Melanie Kinney & Lauren Lovvorn* - Tue., Oct. 6th (2-3pm, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)
- **Using Google Tools to Promote Active Learning**, *Melanie Kinney, Lauren Lovvorn, & Valorie Engholm* - Thurs., Oct. 8th (2-3pm, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)
- **Discussion Boards 2.0: Increasing Student Engagement**, *Lauren Lovvorn & Robbie Park* - Thurs., Oct. 20th (10-11am, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)
- **Digital Learning Team's Office Hours** - Wed., Oct. 21st (10-11am, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)
- **Retain without the Mundane**, *Ann Culton* - Wed. Oct. 21st (11:30am-12pm, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)
- **Virtual Coffee House** - Fri., Oct. 23rd (11:30am-12pm, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)
- **Authentic Teaching & Engaged Learning**, *Amy Wolf & Leslie Umstattd* - Thurs. Oct. 29th (12-12:30pm, CST) [JOIN HERE](#)



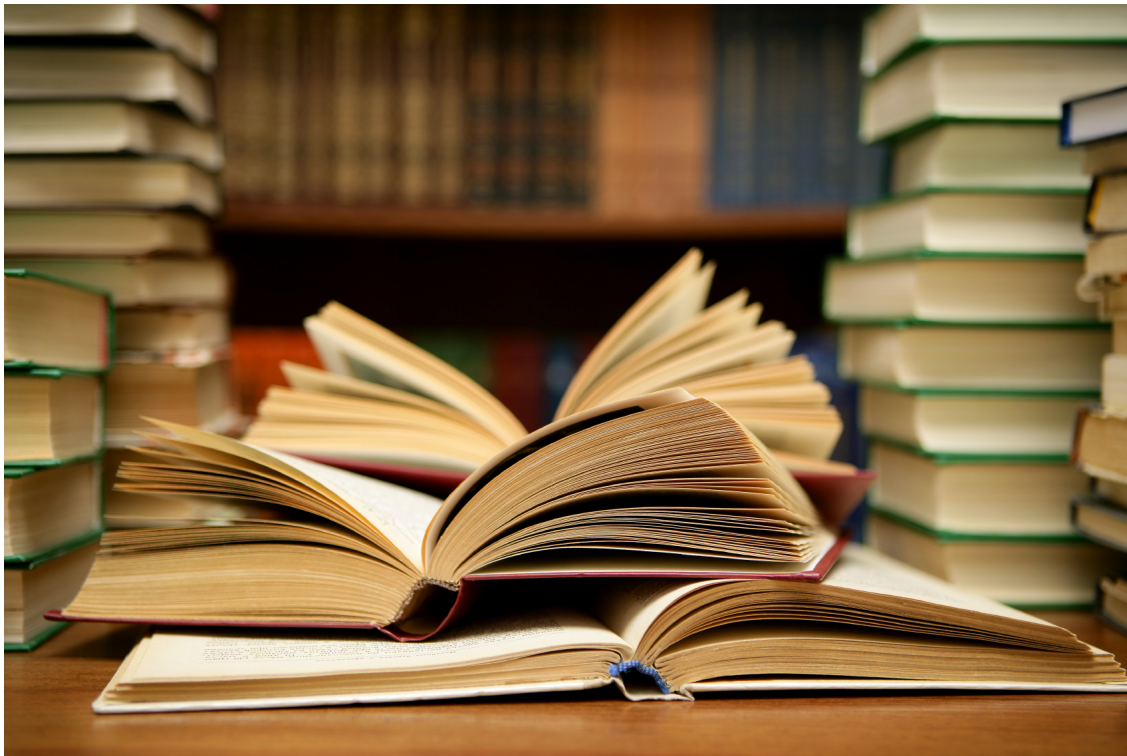
## Scholarly InSights

The Faculty Center for Innovation (FCI) is excited to highlight scholarly work published by FCI's academic journal, *[InSight: A Journal of Scholarly Teaching](#)*. This month, we are showcasing Nielsen and Lockhart's (2020) article, [Using a Professional Learning Community Framework to Assist Early Field Experience Students as They Move from Teacher Candidate to Teacher](#), which focuses on teacher candidates sharing their classroom experiences within a Professional Learning Community (PLC).

***InSight AND...InStruct*** Call for Papers



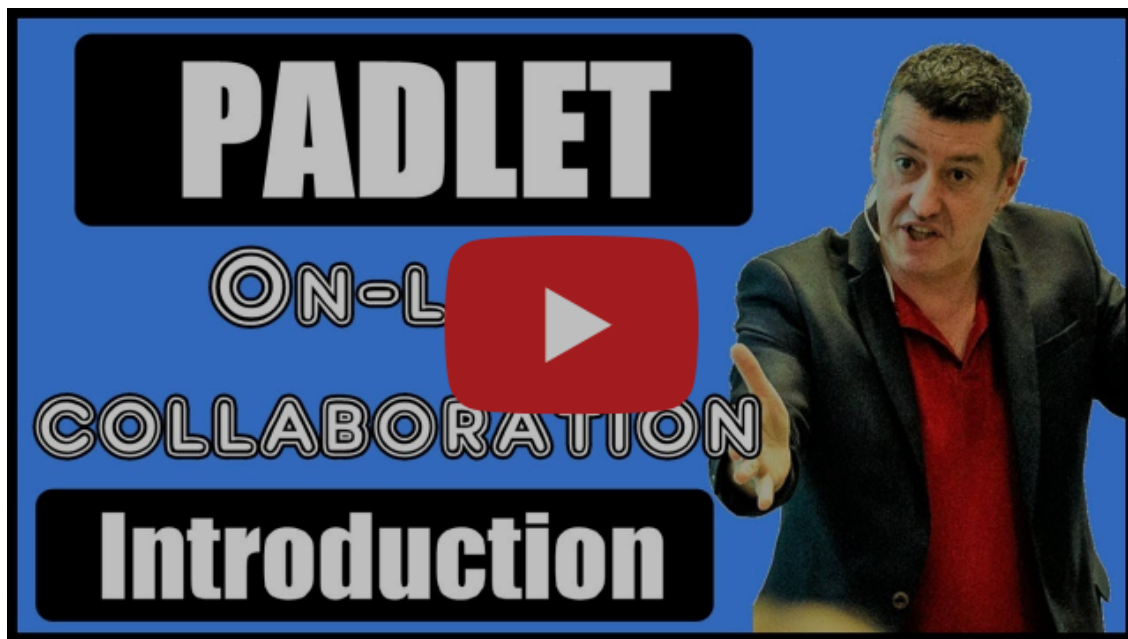
Are you interested in potentially publishing your scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) work? Check out [\*InSight's\* call for papers](#)! The journal is also delighted to share with you *InSight's* new section, *InStruct*, which provides a space to celebrate and display pedagogical content that demonstrates the practical application of SoTL principles. To learn more about *InStruct* manuscript submissions, please view [\*InStruct's\* call for papers](#). For information about the journal, including viewing current and past volumes, please visit [\*InSight's\* website](#); all inquiries should be emailed to FCI at [innovate@park.edu](mailto:innovate@park.edu).



### **iHub (Instructor Hub) Resource Share - Padlet**

Interested in you and your students collaborating, reflecting, and sharing important content in one location? Start using [\*\*Padlet\*\*](#)! Padlet is a web app that lets users post notes on a digital wall, similar to a bulletin board or sticky note. This app lets you meet your students where they are at in their understanding of material as well as keeping them engaged in the classroom. Here are [\*\*20 ways you can use Padlet in your classes\*\*](#). To learn more about Padlet, watch the video below, or contact [\*\*Melanie Kinney\*\*](#), Coordinator of Educational Technology Initiatives. For information on additional educational technology, self-enroll in [\*\*FCI's Canvas Instructor Hub \(iHub\)\*\*](#).

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### **Virtual Coffee House: October 23rd**

FCI will be hosting our Virtual Coffee House once a month. All faculty are welcome to join us on **Friday, October 23rd, from 11:30am-12pm, CST** for an informal social gathering and to discuss a variety of topics - wherever the conversation might lead! To join, [CLICK HERE](#). Hope to see you there!



### **Just for Fun: Laugh Out Loud Today!**

Ever get into a conversation that seems like it's going nowhere? Have a laugh

and enjoy this oldie but goodie miscommunication skit performed by Abbott and Castello.



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