



# Keeping Connected

*Fostering a faculty culture of continuous learning and engagement*

Fall 1, 2024

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Experts in the field of higher education (such as Drs. [Rebecca Pope-Ruark](#) and [Tracie Addy](#)) highlight the importance of faculty renewal, vitality in our work, and creating a **Culture of Care**.

As we begin a new academic year in the midst of uncertain times in higher education, we focus on strategies to create a culture of care - for ourselves, for our students, and for one another. We hope the fall programming helps foster renewal, vitality, and a culture that uplifts us all.

Sincerely,  
Your FCI Team



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## Building Faculty Vitality: Faculty Responses

During the Fall Faculty Conference in August, interdisciplinary faculty groups

met to discuss demonstrable ways to build a culture of care at Park University. These ideas were synthesized and key takeaways from these insights and perspectives can be viewed [HERE](#) for further action, reflection, and to support institutional change.



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## Faculty Book Club

Join the Fall Faculty Book club today to connect with fellow instructors and unpack Dr. Rebecca Pope-Ruark's book on "[Unraveling Faculty Burnout: Pathways to Reckoning & Renewal](#)". All participants will receive a free digital copy of the book and have the option to join the Parkville (onsite) cohort or the Online (virtual) cohort - please select one. Let's explore and learn together!

- ***Parkville Faculty Book Club*** ([Onsite Only](#)), led by James Vanderleeuw  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**
  - Sept. 4th (12:00pm CST)
  - Oct. 2nd (12:00pm CST)
  - Nov. 6th (12:00pm CST)
- ***Online Faculty Book Club***, led by Amanda St. George  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**
  - Sept. 4th (4:30pm CST)
  - Oct. 2nd (4:30pm CST)
  - Nov. 6th (4:30pm CST)



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## Let's Lunch N Learn Together!

- ***Caring for Ourselves - Aug. 28th (12:00pm, CST)***

This session will explore what care looks like for faculty, students, and resources to support us when we need extra care. The applied learning will walk you through how to share and make available these resources for you and your class. [REGISTER HERE](#)

- ***Caring for Your Class - Sept. 25th (12:00pm, CST)***

This session will share practical ways to demonstrate care for your learners with an applied portion that will help you create an introductory and mid-term activity to support caring for your class. [REGISTER HERE](#)



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## **InSight: A Journal of Scholarly Teaching**

Are you interested in potentially publishing your scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) work or reflective teaching practices essays? Check out *InSight's* [Call for Papers](#) and *InStruct's* [Call for Papers](#). You can also view the current and past editions of *InSight* on the [journal's website](#), and we encourage you to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

This term, we showcase Nunn's (2024) article, [Trust as a Cornerstone of Fostering Academic Belonging](#).

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## **Connect with FCI on Social Media!**

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