

# Fall Ramp Up Sessions – 2026

Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Time:** 9-9:50 am

**Presentation:** Tackling Captions: A short guide on why and how to use closed captions

**Presenter Name and Title:** Andy Swanson, Accessibility Specialist

**Presentation Description:** This session explores the Universal Design benefits of closed captions and demonstrates how to create and apply captions in Echo360 as well as how to easily search the web for videos with closed captions.

**TEF Alignment:** Inclusive Pedagogy

**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/9116b64c/sessions/11475/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/282470333076198?p=n6kL91jEZe0Mf8yrab>

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**Time:** 9-9:50 am

**Presentation:** Maximizing student engagement with modern iClicker questions and peer instruction

**Presenter Name and Title:** Justin Shaffer, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies / Teaching Professor, School of Mines

**Presentation Description:**

iClickers are a fantastic and evidence-based way to get students engaged in the learning process during class, from asking multiple choice questions to using more interactive question types such as multiple select, ranking, matching, numeric, and click-on-target. In addition, the educational literature strongly supports using iClickers to facilitate peer instruction which improve student outcomes. This workshop will provide participants with an engaging opportunity to apply modern iClicker questions and peer instruction techniques to their own courses. By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the variety of modern question types available with iClickers
- Design questions using these modern question types for their own specific courses
- Explain the value of using iClickers for peer instruction
- Identify ways to incorporate peer instruction using iClickers into their own specific courses

**TEF Alignment:** Instructional Strategies

**Bridge Session Link:**

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**Time:** 10-10:50 am

**Presentation:** Course Reserve Basics: Making Your Teaching Life Easier

**Presenter Name and Title:** Theresa Spangler, Digital Reserves Coordinator

**Presentation Description:** Instructors can put items on the library's Course Reserve system for courses they are currently teaching. Items can include journal and magazine articles, book chapters, quiz and homework answers, etc. Students can login to the Course Reserve system to see these materials. For ease of use, instructors can also link their course Reserves to their Canvas course. Come learn how to use CSU's Course Reserve system!

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**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/239222ce/sessions/11477/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/233854488234471?p=qFkiMkWUE546zgeWM0>

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**Time:** 10-10:50 am

**Presentation:** Saving time with grading: Getting started with Gradescope

**Presenter Name and Title:** Justin Shaffer, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies / Teaching Professor, School of Mines

**Presentation Description:** Gradescope is a powerful tool for improving efficiencies with grading of all sorts of types of assignments. In this session you will learn how to get started with Gradescope and by the end you will be able to create, grade, and link assignments to Canvas. You will be able to do this for individual, group, instructor-submitted, and student-submitted assignments as well as various types of assessments (multiple-choice, free response, etc).

**TEF Alignment:** Feedback and Assessment

**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/495bfbe8/sessions/11478/enroll>

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**Time:** 11-11:50 am

**Presentation Title:** Navigating your Course Materials

**Presenter Name and Title:** Kurt Kaiser, Assistant Director for Textbooks, CSU Bookstore

**Presentation Description:** The CSU Bookstore's Day One Access program has changed how course materials are delivered to your students. Whether its a straight eBook or courseware (online homework platforms), they are here to help you setup the materials in Canvas. If there aren't digital materials available, the Bookstore will make sure your students have the correct materials at the best prices possible.

**TEF Alignment:** None

**Bridge Session Link:**

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**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/281034797353012?p=po5b8nZrXPrNCj3SD7>

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**Time:** 11-11:50am

**Presentation:** MultiTool and TidyUp for Efficient Course Management

**Presenter Name and Title:** Danielle Patterson and Andrea Fitzsimmons, Program Managers, Teaching Innovation & Instructor Development

**Presentation Description** Discover how to streamline your Canvas course management with the powerful tools MultiTool and TidyUp. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to quickly adjust course-wide due dates, build and edit modules with ease, and create reusable Canvas templates using MultiTool—saving you hours of manual work. We'll also show you how TidyUp can help you declutter your course by identifying and removing unused files and pages, making your course cleaner and more intuitive for students. Whether you're building a new course or refreshing an existing one, this session will equip you with practical tips and time-saving strategies. Join us to simplify your workflow and leave with tools you can use right away! Come prepared to test out these tools on an existing course.

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**Bridge Session Link:**

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**Time:** 1:00-1:50 pm

**Presentation Title:** Build Your Course in Canvas

**Presenter Name and Title:** Tonya Buchan, Senior Faculty Developer, TILT

**Presentation Description** **Presentation Description:** Participants will learn how to use Canvas Modules and Pages to present content to their students. Organized, easy to access content is one of the keys to successful online course. In this hands on workshop you will learn: • Design your course to match your pedagogy and learning objectives • Upload and organize files in your Canvas course • Create Modules and Pages to present content to your students • Add images, formatting, and color to a page • Utilize the built in, dynamic Syllabus tool • Which file formats to utilize so students can access your content • Take mobile device needs into your course design

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**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/298125367803763?p=jWnwk7nXfPFIJTGyzE>

**Time:** 1:00 -2:15 pm

**Presentation** Providing Student Accommodations: Understanding your Rights and Responsibilities as a Faculty Member

**Presenter Name and Title:** Joe Tiner, Assistant Director for Access and Accommodations

**Presentation Description** This presentation is intended for faculty and staff. The Student Disability Center understands that sometimes the accommodations process may appear intimidating to students and, depending on what is determined, confusing to implement accommodations for your course or program. Come to this session to learn more about the accommodations process and how you can ensure you are doing your part in meeting your responsibility for accommodations, access, and inclusion.

**TEF Alignment:** Inclusive Pedagogy

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**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21270381755075?p=8gJ7XRFsiQKqvr5ULH>

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**Time:** 2:00-2:50pm

**Presentation:** Introduction to the new SDC Instructor Portal

**Presenter Name and Title:** Justin Dove, Director, Joe Tiner, Assistant Director for Access and Accommodations

**Presentation Description:** This session will introduce faculty to the new SDC Instructor Portal. This new online system will provide faculty additional support with managing accommodations requests and information. During the session faculty will be provided an overview of how to access and use the system including reviewing accommodation information and uploading exams to the SDC Accessible Testing Center.

**TEF Alignment:** Inclusive Pedagogy

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**Bridge Session Link:**

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**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/293556455137500?p=ViroLBrDAgrsCMnKk8>

**Time:** 2:00-2:50 pm

**Presentation:** Design Smarter, Assess Better: Using AI, Bloom's Taxonomy, and CATS to Improve Assessment Alignment

**Presenter Name and Title:** Shari Lanning, Asst. Professor, Director of the Veterinary Clinical Care Graduate Program

**Presentation Description:** By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify Bloom's Taxonomy verbs and levels within current course learning objectives
- Use AI to detect misalignment between objectives and assessments
- Use AI to suggest assessment methods aligned with Bloom's levels
- Use AI to recommend appropriate CATS techniques

This presentation demonstrates how faculty can use an AI generator as a tool to strengthen course design by aligning course learning objectives with meaningful assessments. Using Bloom's Taxonomy and Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATS) framework, participants will learn how AI can quickly identify cognitive levels, detect misalignment between objectives and assessments, and recommend assessment strategies that provide stronger evidence of student learning.

**TEF Alignment:** Curriculum and Curricular Alignment

**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/b448eb7e/sessions/11484/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/256080051668180?p=V4SVuOlym3IJRmmMM6>

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Wednesday August 12th<sup>th</sup>

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**Time:** 9-9:50 am

**Presentation:** Introduction to Canvas Assignments and Grade Book

**Presenter Name and Title:** ~~Presenter Name and Title:~~ Tonya Buchan, Senior Faculty Developer, TILT

**Presentation Description:** Participants will learn the relationship between assignments, rubrics to manage their grades in Canvas. The Canvas gradebook is a powerful tool for instructors when assessing their students' course performance. • Pedagogical assessment considerations. • The relationship between assignments and the Canvas grade book. • How to create a column in the grade book. • The options that are available when you create an assignment. • Rubric basics. • Perform subtotal calculations by assignment groups. • How to enter grades for your students. • Download a copy of your Canvas grade book.

**TEF Alignment:** Instructional Strategies

**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/d8aa56e2/sessions/11485/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/251793832370430?p=Ar7zsM1JE21ceTptYW>

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**Time:** 9-9:50 am

**Presentation:** AI in Higher Education: Saving Instructor Time While Preserving Student Learning

**Presenter Name and Title:** **Presenter Name and Title:** Rick Perry, Senior Instructor, Health and Exercise Science

**Presentation Description:** Generative AI can dramatically reduce instructor workload, but it also challenges traditional assessments. This session demonstrates practical workflows for using AI to create course materials while also redesigning assignments and assessments to promote authentic student learning. Participants will leave with immediately implementable strategies, examples, and prompts they can use in their own courses.

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**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/48ef9eec/sessions/11486/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/248133820779267?p=6kXpoe9RnGPGaQ5sfl>

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**Time:** 10-10:50 am

**Presentation:** Beyond the Hype: NotebookLM as a Safe, Low-Friction Entry Point for AI in the Classroom

**Presenter Name and Title:** Raul Galang, Adjunct Professor, College of Business

**Presentation Description:** How can you introduce AI into your curriculum without losing control of academic integrity? Google's NotebookLM offers a unique, "source-grounded" solution. Unlike generic chatbots, it builds custom study aids strictly from the specific PDFs, articles, and slides you upload--virtually eliminating hallucinations. In this session, we will demystify the tool with a brief tutorial and look at real classroom examples of how it can serve as a "Robo-TA" and personalized "Study Buddy" for your students.

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**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/9429956d/sessions/11487/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21908704477326?p=4VID9liXHEfulf7j4Y>

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**Time:** 10:00-10:50am

Presentation: Intro to Lecture Capture with Echo360

Presenter Name: Ed Gudemann

Bridge session link: <https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/3da1aed8/sessions/11494/enroll>

**Time:** 11-11:50 am

**Presentation:** More Than Lecture Capture: Advanced EchoVideo Strategies for Faculty

**Presenter Name and Title:** Don Lane, Activation Readiness Manager, Echo 360  
Heather Lund, Customer Success Manager, Echo 360

**Presentation Description:** Ready to take your EchoVideo skills to the next level? Whether you're looking to increase student participation, support flexible learning, or maximize the value of your course recordings, you'll leave with ideas you can implement right away.

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**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/79735e71/sessions/11488/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/229089949638290?p=rlgYykoGYF4tD4ukno>

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**Time:** 11-11:50am

**Presentation:** Designing Assignments with AI in Mind

**Presenter Name and Title:** Aaron Bauer, Senior Instructional Designer, Engagement and Extension Learning

**Presentation Description:**

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**TEF Alignment:** Instructional Strategies

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Teams Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/243795838161704?p=WBy473WvTbuWkV8CkL>

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**Time:** 1:00-1:50 am

**Presentation:** AI Myth-Busting: Deconstructing Popular Misconceptions to Promote Critical Thinking

**Presenter Name and Title:** Kristy Nowak, First-Year Experience and Student Success Librarian, Rachelle Ramer, Science Liaison Librarian, Khaleedah Thomas, Scholarly Communication Librarian

**Presentation Description:** Even though AI/large language models (LLMs) have become a significant part of our society, there are persistent misunderstandings about what these systems are and how they work. In this talk, two librarians will discuss how important it is to understand the basics of these systems in order to use them effectively and responsibly. We will specifically address several persistent myths, including that LLMs are neutral, that they are 'search engines' or 'information sources,' that they are always accurate, and that they 'understand' text. We will also discuss our experiences teaching AI literacy and engaging students with critically examining LLMs and LLM-generated content.

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**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/5c19591e/sessions/11490/enroll>

**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/230305635453177?p=Y76qebmVrAmV5zoF84>

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**Time:** 1:00-1:50 pm

**Presentation:** Anthology Ally for Canvas Accessibility: An Overview

**Presenter Name and Title:** Andy Swanson, Accessibility Specialist

**Presentation Description:** Join us for a session designed to empower faculty with the tools to create more inclusive, accessible learning experiences using Anthology Ally in Canvas. Whether you're new to accessibility or looking to enhance your course design, this session will provide a practical overview of Ally's powerful features—from alternative formats and accessibility scoring to real-time feedback and course-wide reporting. Discover how small changes can make a big impact on student success, and leave with actionable tips to start using Ally with confidence. Let's make learning better for everyone— together!

**TEF Alignment:** Inclusive Pedagogy

**Bridge Session Link:**

<https://csutraining.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/5558f81d/sessions/11491/enroll>

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**Time:** 2:00-2:30 pm

**Presentation:** Teaching Effectiveness Initiative

**Presenter Name and Title:** Tonya Buchan, Senior Faculty Developer, TILT

**Presentation Description:** The Teaching Effective Initiative (TEI) is a CSU effort to provide recognition for faculty invested in growing their teaching practice. The TEI is a reward structure for faculty engaging in professional development aligned with the CSU Teaching Effectiveness Framework.

**TEF Alignment:** Instructional Strategies

**Bridge Session Link:**

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**Teams Link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/271772479588092?p=S7EzDNnP28VbPT3kLX>

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**Time:** 2:00-2:50 pm

**Presentation:** Set a Teaching Goal for Annual Review

**Presenter Name and Title:** Jen Todd, Senior Faculty Developer, TILT

**Presentation Description:** This workshop will walk you through a goal-setting process based on the CSU Teaching Effectiveness Framework (TEF). You will leave this session with a teaching goal that you can focus on for the semester and can be used for annual review of teaching.

**Bridge Session Link:**

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