

# Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning

2024-2025 Annual Report Summary

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The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) supports faculty in student-centered, evidence-based, and engaging teaching and learning practices. Staff expertise includes college teaching, instructional design and curriculum development, adult learning principles, online and hybrid learning, instructional technology, and professional development for educators.

## FCTL Staff

- Dr. Nancy Gordon; Director FCTL
- Dr. Tracy Gross; Coordinator of Faculty Professional Development
- Dr. Stacy Rice; Senior Instructional Designer
- Eric Taylor; Instructional Designer/Instructional Technology
- Serena Whorton; Administrative Assistant III

## FCTL Faculty Fellow(s)

- Dr. Nicole West; Faculty Fellow of Scholarly Productivity & Faculty Development

## FCTL Advisory Council

- Dr. Amy Artman; Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Humanities
- Dr. Nicole West; College of Education
- Dr. Ashley Houston; McQueary College of Health & Human Services
- Shianne Moreland; Darr College of Agriculture
- Dr. Gawon Yun; College of Business
- Dr. Avery Russell; College of Natural & Applied Sciences

## Annual Highlights

- **40<sup>th</sup> Showcase on Teaching and Learning**
  - **Morning Workshop & Keynote Lunch:** Dr. Sid Dobrin (University of Florida) led a 90-minute workshop on *Integrating AI into Instruction* for a packed audience (>100). He presented a keynote session at lunch on *Navigating Technology, Knowledge, and Human Interaction*. There was an estimated 240 in attendance.
  - **Faculty Sessions:** There were 14 sessions led by 24 faculty representing 5 colleges and professional staff from 8 different academic support units.
  - **Drop-in Brightspace Help:** FCTL instructional designers offered Brightspace assistance throughout the morning.
- **Spring Scholarship Summit**

The FCTL hosted their first summit providing an interdisciplinary venue for faculty to showcase their research.

  - There were 13 poster sessions and 22 faculty presenters.
  - There were 89 faculty and guests in attendance.

- **Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs)**

Faculty may submit an idea for leading a FLC. Faculty are paid \$1,500 for leading a year-long FLC or \$750 for a semester long group. The majority of FLC topics have centered around AI in teaching.

	2024-2025	2025-2026*
#FLCs	3	7
#Facilitators	4	8
#Participants	29	54

\*Faculty can still submit FLC ideas for Spring 2026

- **Faculty Writing Groups**

- Led by FCTL Faculty Fellow Dr. Nicole West.
- Groups include the *Wednesday Writing Circle*, *Faculty Writing Retreats*, and *Semi-Annual Writing Summits*.
- Dedicated time to focus on writing.
- Productivity includes NSF grant proposals, book proposals, national conference presentations, scholarly publications, and textbook chapters.
- More than 120 faculty have engaged in one or more of these groups.

- **Teaching & Learning Grants**

- Grants of up to \$3,000
- Focus on self-study of teaching and achieving optimal outcomes for student success.
- Proposals reviewed and selected by FCTL Advisory Council.
- Last year 4 grants awarded & recognized at All Faculty Reception:

Faculty(s)	College	Proposal
Suzette Kelly-Williams & Sarah Baker	COE	<i>Developing teacher inquire</i>
Sarah Murray	MCHHS	<i>Leadership experience for students</i>
Sun Xiaoning	COE	<i>Bridging pre-service and in-service teaching</i>
Keith McShan	MCHHS	<i>DISC profiles to enhance student learning</i>

- Partnering with Education Abroad to offer grant on impact of study abroad experience on student learning outcomes.
- Deadline to apply February 1, 2026

- **Teaching Excellence Awards**

- Recognizes exceptional teaching and commitment to student success.
- Applications reviewed and selected by FCTL Council.
- Receive plaque award and \$1,000 stipend.
- Last year 5 faculty were recognized at All Faculty Reception:

Teaching Excellence Awards	College
Sarah Baker	COE
Amy Artman	RCASH
Katy Jessee	COB
Ginney Norton	COE
Alicia Walker	RCASH

- Peer-nominations due November 30, 2025
- Application packets due February 1, 2026