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The Stetson Teacher-Scholar, published by the Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence, is a monthly electronic newsletter that contains important updates about programming and other professional development opportunities for members of the Stetson teaching community.

“Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year.”

—William Edward Burghardt Du Bois

A Message from QEP Director, Megan O’Neill



Colleagues, I’m excited to share this with you: the [QEP website](#) is live! Full disclosure: it is not yet complete, but we get closer every day. Faculty who are interested in learning about the plan, how to join the efforts to “Bridge the G-A-P,” or when to propose a course for QEP enhancement can find all the necessary resources. Make a note to check out the Calendar page for a current listing of all the QEP-focused events coming this semester and next. Finally, I invite you to download the [presentation](#) from last week’s faculty-facing informational sessions.

Faculty will have a chance to voice comments and suggestions about the G-A-P plans in the next week or two, so please keep an eye on your email for more details. I wish you a peaceful and healthy start to spring semester. As always—I’m easy to reach. Don’t hesitate! mboneill@stetson.edu.

Thanks, Megan

Spring Semester and Community Engaged Learning



Thinking about integrating Community Engaged Learning (CEL) into your teaching but not sure how to start? Dr. Pamela Cappas-Toro, Brown Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement, plans to host several sessions/discussions during the semester (February, March, and April) to help those interested in learning more about CEL. Keep an eye out for notifications about upcoming events!

Dr. Rajni Shankar-Brown and members of the ALANA-IA Caucus to host a FAR workshop.



Please join us for our Virtual ALANA-IA Faculty Annual Review (FAR) Workshop from 12PM-1PM on Friday, January 28, 2022. We will gather as a community virtually to provide FAR insights and resources. Faculty members are scheduled to submit the FAR by February 9, 2022; this inclusive support session will offer an overview of the process, suggestions, resources, the opportunity to ask questions and engage in collegial discussion. If you have any questions or we may be of further support, please

contact: rshankar@stetson.edu

Zoom meeting link: Virtual ALANA-IA Faculty Annual Review (FAR) Workshop

<https://stetson-edu.zoom.us/j/91992769886?pwd=ejlpTFBFWFpJMENwdlZaSWlybEd2dz09>

Meeting ID: 919 9276 9886

Passcode: 476269



Faculty Spotlight

The Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence is delighted to host the Spotlight Series, a weekly showcase of research, creative inquiry, and other scholarly engagement of the campus community. Thank you to all of the participants this fall! Visit the Brown Center Spotlight Series page for regular

updates about [Spotlight presentations](#). As a new twist, the presentation given on November 12th, 2021 by Dr. Tony Abbott, Department of Environmental Sciences and Studies, was recorded as a podcast-style conversation with the Brown Center director. You can watch or listen to Dr. Abbott's conversation on the Center's [YouTube Channel](#), along with many other spotlight presentations. Let us know what you think. 😊

Interested in enhancing your teaching but don't have time for workshops? Try microlearning.

What is microlearning? [Microlearning](#) is a skills-based training approach that delivers specific content over a short period of time. Learners can study at their convenience. Content can take many forms, but is should always be short. The education-focused company, OneHE has partnered with the AAC&U to make ONEHE's resources more accessible for faculty. OneHE provides evidence-based courses and resources that enhance teaching practice. Learn more about this [partnership](#) and explore some of the [free resources](#). When viewing the free resources, make sure to scroll to the bottom of the page to see the complete list of activities and free resources. Other courses and resources are available and can be access via a 10-day free trial. If you like the OneHE courses and want to continue, make sure you cancel your free trial and contact the Brown Center director or Program Manager. A limited amount of funds is available to purchase monthly licenses. The Brown Center will support requests on a first come first serve basis until funds run out.

Reconnecting: A Brown Center Sponsored Lunchtime Event



As the spring semester gets underway, we find ourselves working and learning under Safer Stetson [Tier 3](#) guidelines. Keeping with the guidelines, the Brown Center plans to host, beginning in February, monthly lunchtime events in the Faculty and Staff Lounge. Keep an eye out for announcements! Coffee, water, tea and a light snack such hummus with pita chips will be served. Feel free to bring your own lunch too. While not required, please [RSVP](#) if you can so that we have a rough estimate of how much food and drink to order along with notifying us of any dietary needs. So, stop by and say hello, grab a bite to eat and go sit where you feel comfortable (in the lounge or at a table outside). We hope to see there!!!

Always Seeking Input

We need your input to learn if our programming is helpful. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey or provide basic demographic information when feedback is solicited. The information we collect is very important and helps us plan and offer better programming, which in turn helps you become a better educator and scholar. Do you need specific readings? Would you prefer video tutorials when learning about new approaches to teaching? Do you have ideas about workshops or other activities? Do you seek peer mentorship or coaching? Do you want to talk about grants? Is there information you are seeking but cannot find on the Brown Center website? Do you just want to talk about designing or revamping a course? ***Please let us know what you need.*** Send your input to browncenter@stetson.edu and enter "Faculty Development: Seeking Input" on the title line, or contact the director, [Harry Price](#) directly.

Remember, faculty development needs input like plants need water. We can't help you if you don't let us know what you need.

Harry Price, Faculty Director
Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence