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Faculty and TLC Staff grab a “red carpet” photo at the February 2020 meeting of Spirit “Ed” Conversations.

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Professional Development Totals At-a-Glance >>>

Summer 2020

Total Participants: 2,175

FT Faculty: 1,382

Adjunct Faculty: 573

First Month of Fall 2020

Total Participants: 963

FT Faculty: 463

Adjunct Faculty: 311

TLC Times Editorial Board >>>

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Embracing Change

A Message from the TLC Interim Director Dr. Sarah Lublink

Dr. Lublink joined the Teaching and Learning Center in March 2020 as the Interim Director of Professional Development and Faculty Engagement. Sarah has taught full-time as a Philosophy Professor at FSW since 2011.

Dr. Lublink's rare leadership combines humor, fearless hard work, sincerity and care for others, and attention to detail, all of which have allowed the TLC to flourish



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first ever issue of the Teaching and Learning Center newsletter, the *TLC Times*. At a time when the professional development opportunities we are supporting are being offered in a virtual format, we hope that this will be one more way for us to connect with one another.

“I have gained a newfound appreciation for the work that our staff and administrators do at FSW.”

the work done behind the scenes, not just by the TLC staff, but staff all over the College. Thank you for making what faculty do possible! This month, we are welcoming a new full-time TLC Director, and I look forward to working with her to continue to develop and

As most of you know, I have been overseeing the Teaching and Learning Center in an interim capacity since Professor Myra Walters retired in February. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how unlike my expectations the last six months have been! This is my tenth year as FSW faculty, but it was only this year that I really began to see “behind the curtain” and to experience the College in an entirely new way. I am so appreciative of all

expand the work of the TLC. I'm sure you'll hear from her in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy reading through this edition; I hope you will be inspired to participate in some of the many professional development opportunities you have available to you right here at FSW!

Sarah

A New Role, A New View

Professor Terri Housley Professor Terri Housley joined the TLC in Summer 2020 as a Ground-to-Remote Coordinator, a temporary role made possible by funding through the CARES Act Institutional Funds. Terri embraced her role and was instrumental in organizing key PD events, including the Summer Faculty and Adjunct Institutes. With her contagious enthusiasm, positivity, and wealth of experience, Terri has already contributed to enriching the TLC virtual workplace for all.



This summer and fall I've had the opportunity to work with some of FSW's finest folks on a small team we affectionately refer to as the TLC Squad.

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I now know that all the workshops on the professional development calendar don't just magically appear or organize themselves, and numerous other programs and trainings don't originate out of thin air.

Who knew that lengthy weekly Zoom meetings could be so enjoyable and a sweet reprieve from the daily grind? I must admit, prior to working with the TLC crew, I had no idea how much they were involved with planning and executing the professional development culture here at FSW.

I suppose the TLC could be described as a beast of burden, but in my short experience working with these remarkable humans, they are simply a group of staunch powerhouses.

Your TLC Ground-to-Remote Coordinators >>>

ANNE ANGSTROM

Education

TERRI HOUSLEY

Psychology

MONICA KRUPINSKI

Humanities

KATIE O'CONNOR

Communication

SCOTT ORTOLANO

English

KELLY ROY

Education

SANDRA SEIFERT

Mathematics



Nashali Rivera Cruz
Operations Associate

Get to Know the TLC Staff

Nashali Rivera Cruz joined the TLC in Summer 2020 as the new Operations Associate. Nashali quickly adapted to her new role, learning how to operate the TLC's Training Management System, the software used for the TLC Calendar, registrations, and certificates, at the speed of lightning. Nashali's educational background contributes to her excellent communication skills, which have already made her an exceptional member of the TLC Staff. Nashali is an alumni of Arizona State University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, with minors in Spanish and Family and Human Development. She moved to Southwest Florida this year and enjoys the outdoors, music, gardening, and going to the beach. We are so glad to have Nashali on board with us!

Kelly Westfield joined the TLC as the Coordinator for Marketing and Technology in 2019. From 2010 to 2016, she served FSW as the Instructional Assistant for the Oral Communication Center. Kelly holds a master's degree in history from Georgia Southern University with a focus in public history and is completing her PhD in history at Liberty University. Among her many other responsibilities in the TLC, Kelly created the *Ten Questions for Faculty* series this summer, which continues to be an excellent tool for fostering community, as well as this newsletter. This Fall, Kelly also began teaching history part-time in the Department of Social Sciences. Kelly continues to be an invaluable presence in the TLC in a year full of transition and I (Sarah) will very much miss working closely with her!



Kelly Westfield
Coordinator, Marketing &

What's Next?

Dr. Eileen DeLuca has served as the FSW Provost since April 2019 and has been a stalwart supporter of faculty professional development. Throughout the uncertainty and the transition to alternative learning modalities brought about by COVID-19 earlier this year, Dr. DeLuca has provided a constant supportive presence to faculty through weekly email updates and the launching of the Provost's Office digital newsletter, *Connect, Collaborate, Innovate*. Dr. DeLuca has also provided invaluable support and leadership to the TLC and the movement to fully virtual professional development.



In a world where we are constantly inundated with new information and ideas, the ability to predict “what’s next” is useful and necessary to navigate our path. If you asked me that question about teaching and learning in fall 2019, I could have never given you an answer that looks *anything* like what we are doing in fall 2020. Our accelerated leap into defining and implementing new teaching modalities was facilitated by the work of many great minds and many brave souls!

As our understanding of how “time and space” can be malleable in the teaching and learning sphere, the “just-in-time” professional development offered by the Teaching and Learning Center has been invaluable in supporting faculty in their efforts to employ the best methodologies and strategies to achieve course learning objectives.

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Two successful summer institutes, an outstanding array of fall PD days workshops, an enhanced virtual New Faculty Seminar schedule, and timely and relevant PD Friday sessions have provided support and comfort in a world that seems otherwise *unpredictable*. With the leadership of Dr. Sarah Lublink, the TLC staff, and the “squad” of Ground-to-Remote PD Coordinators, it has also been *unpredictable* in the exciting new formats, methods, and topics that allow us to think about professional development and faculty learning communities in new ways. Since its inception, the Teaching and Learning Center has been the heart and soul of this college. It has been not just a welcoming physical space; it has been the representation of an “idea” that we all continue to shape together. The challenge of remote engagement provided no threat to this idea. It only provided the background music to the work of many who can’t wait to see “what’s next.”



A Sneak Peak at October PD Friday >>>

- Portfolium for ePortfolios
- Mentoring Matters
- Cornerstone
- Mental Health First Aid
- Safe Zone Ally
- Tech Tryout Time (new!)
- Advice from the Front (new!)
- and more....

Ten Questions for Faculty Series Participants >>>

Scott Ortolano
Katie O'Connor
Alessandro Cesarano
Cara Minardi-Power
Dani Peterson
Mark Massaro
Camille Drake-Brassfield
Brandon Jett
Terri Housley
Kelly Roy
Monica Krupinski
Daniel Marulanda
Jane Charles
Gerald Anzalone
Duval Zephirin
Arenthia Herren
Sandra Seifert
Tina Churchill
Sonji Nicholas

Thank You!!

Important Deadlines >>>

FPD Travel Funding: **November 27**
ARC Grant Applications: **November 6**
FEE/PRCCE Grants: **October 15**
Sabbatical Application: **February 12**
Research Reassignment: **January 15**
FEA Nominations: **November 30**

Conferences & Webinars >>>

43rd Annual Fulbright Conference

October 21-23

AAC&U Conference on Global Learning

October 8-10

TAA Webinar Series

Fall & Spring

NISOD Virtual Events

Fall & Spring



Navigating Portfolium

Professor Katie O'Connor joined the TLC in Summer 2020 as a Ground-to-Remote Coordinator in the Teaching and Learning Center, a temporary role made possible by funding through the CARES Act Institutional Funds. Katie has been an instrumental presence in the TLC, particularly with her exceptional work in the launching of Portfolium, the new full-time faculty ePortfolio platform. Professor O'Connor's adept presentations skills, devotion to supporting faculty, and uncanny ability to collaborate with colleagues make her a valuable addition to the TLC.

Hello FSW Bucs! Over the past few months, you have probably seen quite a few emails regarding the new ePortfolio system, Portfolium. You may be wondering... as a full-time faculty member, is this relevant for me? The answer is yes! Regardless of where you are in your ePortfolio submission process, Portfolium is for you!

Using feedback from various stakeholders, the TLC has utilized Portfolium to develop a streamlined system that provides faculty with usability, organization, and trackability of their ePortfolio documentation. Portfolium provides a pre-configured structure that allows faculty to simply deposit portfolio items while working towards comprehensive review. This eliminates the need to build the portfolio's framework, which was required in Canvas. Portfolium also provides space for creativity and autonomy while still allowing faculty to meet all of the requirements as outlined in the Faculty Evaluation Plan. My favorite part about working on this project has been collaborating

detailed way of looking at things, and as a "concept" person, it really inspires me! I have also really enjoyed working one-on-one with faculty members to provide support for this system! Some have shared projects with me in order to brainstorm ways to best display them within Portfolium... and let me say that we have some amazing faculty members here!

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To date, we have trained over 90 faculty members! The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive with many commenting on the value of the detailed organization and structure that Portfolium provides. The TLC will be holding additional training for faculty in October as well as Q & A sessions. I look forward to sharing this exciting new program with you in more detail!

In The Next Issue >>>

- A Message from the new TLC Director Gloria Kitchen
- More Faculty Reflections
- Special Guest Interviews
- PD Opportunities
- And More...

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This inaugural issue is dedicated to Professor Myra Walters, former Director of the TLC and Professor of Speech Communication at FSW from 1983-2020. Professor Walters retired in February 2020.