

# LTC Newsletter

FEB 2019



## G-13 Still Hall

Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online!  
Call x1848 or [email ltcsupport](#) to schedule.

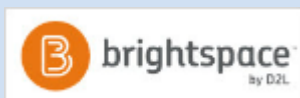
## VENANGO Schedule:

MAR: 11, 25

APR: 1, 15, 29

And by appointment, call x1848

Next meeting:  
Partners in Teaching,  
Learning, and Assessment  
will meet Friday, March 22,  
at 3:30pm at Michelle's Cafe



## D2L NEWS AND TIPS

### • CU ONLINE COURSE

TEMPLATE: Don't forget to request a sandbox for your summer course

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

D2L will be switching to a new data center in on Saturday May 12, 2019. The update will BEGIN at 2:00 a.m. and CONCLUDE at NOON. During this time, D2L Brightspace will be unavailable to faculty, staff, and students. Note that D2L is a PASSHE-wide service so one upgrade date had to be selected for all PASSHE universities.

The downtime schedule will be communicated via email to Announce and S\_Announce as well as various LTC communication platforms.

## Faculty First Friday Series - Spring 2019

**THIS FRIDAY - MAR. 1**, Join with LTC and Clarion University faculty at **noon in 102 Still** to connect, share, and learn! First Friday events offer dedicated space and time for faculty to drop-in and share experiences with other faculty.

All "First Fridays" feature a theme related to teaching. The **Mar. 1** session will highlight *Stephanie Pergantis* from Rehab Sciences and *Gustavo Barboza* sharing their experience with Zoom.

The session will include a virtual option if you can't attend in person. Please [Email LTC Support](#) for the link. Cookies and coffee are provided; please feel free to bring your lunch. See additional Faculty First Friday sessions below.

**(Below) Seven faculty at February First Friday group focus on Terry Latour while he demonstrates the Open Access lib guide.**



## Zoom Reminder

**Faculty teaching online** - please note that the Zoom link in the D2L Communication menu is **only relevant and visible to faculty**. Zoom is not integrated within D2L;



development using the ADA compliant CU Online Template. Please use the link in the Faculty Announcement widget in D2L to request a course sandbox.

• **IMPORTANT D2L DATES:**

Summer shells will be created on or about **Mar. 5** ; Student loads will occur **Apr. 22**; **Summer I and 7W1 start May 6**

• **TEACHING ONLINE COURSE-**

The *Spring session* of the collaborative [Teaching Online Certification Course](#) began Feb. 19. The next offering will begin in **May**.

• **CONTINUOUS DELIVERY**

**MONTHLY UPDATES** - Notice something different in D2L? Check the [monthly updates web page](#) to preview what's coming. Clarion University's D2L instance is updated about the third week of every month between 9 pm Thursday and 9 am Friday.

• **JOIN THE D2L COMMUNITY -**

Since approximately 30% of D2L's product development comes directly from the [D2L Product Idea Exchange \(PIE\)](#), become a member of the [D2L Community](#) to add your product ideas or comment and up-vote others.

## ABOUT

The LTC newsletter is devoted to the support of instructional technology in teaching and learning at Clarion University. The LTC provides instructional design ideas and

faculty must add session or recording links to their D2L courses for students to join online meetings or view recordings.

Please be reminded that Zoom Video Conferencing was installed on all faculty and staff computers in November. Those interested in using Zoom can find a wealth of resources including getting started instructions how-to videos, and scheduled training at [www.clarion.edu/zoom](http://www.clarion.edu/zoom). Individual and group training sessions may also be scheduled.

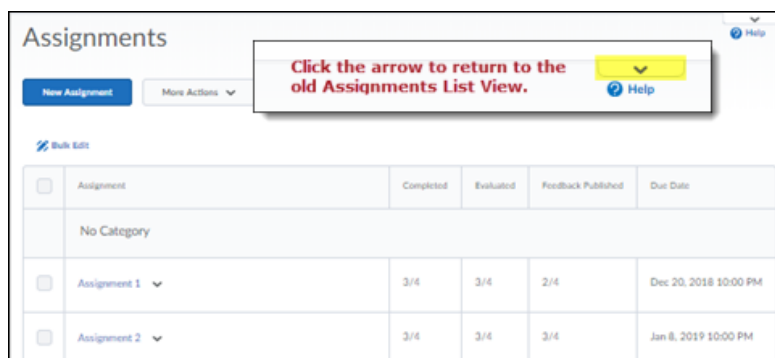
**Please contact the LTC at x1848 or [Email LTC Support](#) for more information.**

## D2L Update Notes

~ **FYI - Regarding January's "Improvements to Assignments List View"** - Last month, we reported about the new "opt-in" Assignments experience which allows users the option to "Turn On" the new experience, or "Leave it Off" to continue with the old/current list view.

However, the new Assignments list view does not include a "new submissions" column, which appears in the current view. Now, when the updates widget on your course home page reflects there are new Assignment submissions, it may be more difficult to identify which folders have "new submissions". D2L has been made aware of this issue.

You can easily "Turn Off" the new assignment experience, by clicking the tab in the Assignments list view. (see image below). However, please be aware that the "Opt-in" selection will be retired in May 2019, and all users will be using the NEW Assignments List View.



~**February Update - Improvements to Rubrics - Instructors** - The February update introduced a more streamlined approach to authoring rubric levels and criteria via the new **opt-in** rubric creation experience during the Spring 2019 term. Beginning Summer 2019, instructors will no longer have the option: "opt-in" will be retired and the new experience will become the default. *For a list of specific enhancements to the new rubrics creation process, [please see the February update document](#).*

teaching strategies to assist faculty in course development.

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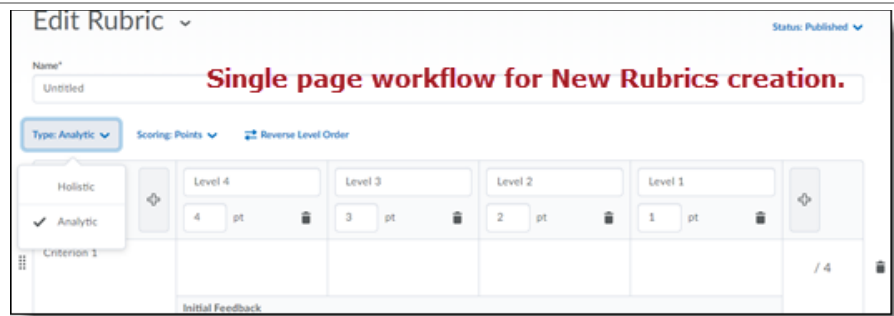
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## Spring Workshop Series

Want to re-design your online course? Develop a D2L structure for your face-2-face course? Collaborate on a special course project? Increase engagement? Stop in and discuss your project or instructional needs...

- **Tech Tuesdays - Started Jan. 22** - held every Tuesday during spring semester. Drop-in Still 103 between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for assistance.

- **Faculty First Friday series** - Dedicated space and time for faculty to drop in and share experiences with other faculty. Monthly focus topics get the conversation started. See the Spring lineup below:

---> **FEB. 1 topic:** *Open Educational Resources* - [Recorded session](#)

OER can help to ease the financial burden on students. Several faculty are already using OER resources; Terry Latour and Jim Lyle shared their knowledge of OER resources.

---> **Mar. 1 topic:** *Zooming in Clarion* - People are using Zoom all across campus. Haven't tried it yet? See a demo and learn how you can set up virtual office hours, host a guest speaker, and much more! Stephanie Pergantis and Gustavo Barboza will share their experiences.

---> **Apr. 12 topic:** *Transparent Assignment Activity* - Having a hard time getting students to grasp or even complete assignments? Lets talk about transparent assignments. *Curious?*

- **Zoom Video Conferencing** - Training sessions will cover 'getting started' and basic/most common use of Zoom. Face-to-face training will be conducted in 103 Still by LTC staff. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed for virtual (web-based) sessions.

**Mar. 5 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Mar. 6 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM**

**Mar. 7 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM (virtual)**

**Mar. 8 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM (virtual)**

[Email LTC Support to register.](#) Please indicate session date and time. Participants will receive an email confirmation. Custom Zoom training sessions can also be scheduled for individual use case scenarios or for departments/groups. To request a 1:1 or department/group custom Zoom session, please email your requirements to [LTC Support](#) or call the LTC at (814)393-1848 to discuss your needs.