

Faculty Workshop Schedule
Thursday, May 1, 2025

8:00am Breakfast is Served – Gibbs Lobby
(Coffee and breakfast food items made available in Gibbs Lobby until lunch)

8:30am Academic Affairs Updates-Gibbs Auditorium

8:50am Break

9:00am Faculty Meeting – Gibbs Auditorium

9:50am Break

10:00am First Morning Sessions

Enhance your Brightspace course with SMC Branding!

Facilitator: Alexandra Seay – Ellis 103

Canva 101: Using Canva for Beginners

Facilitator: Dalicia Raymond - Ellis 104

An Overview of the ViewSonic Interactive Display

Facilitators: Jason Womick & Christian Bryant - Library 3rd Floor

10:50am Break

11:00am Second Morning Sessions

What is Good Teaching?

Facilitator: Kelly Neil – Ellis 103

Title: Bongo as a Proctoring Tool

Facilitator: Alexandra Seay- Ellis 104

NACE Employer Data & Incorporating Career Competencies in the Classroom

Facilitator: Clara Jane Hallar - Ellis 202

12:00pm Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – Bridges Arena
(RSVP to Sharon Wilborn by 4-25-25)
(Book Raffle Winners announced – must be present to win)

Workshop Sessions

10am Sessions

Enhance your Brightspace course with SMC Branding!

Description: Come and join us for the exciting reveal of the brand-new SMC templates now available in Brightspace! These easy-to-use templates (think copy and paste!) will elevate the visual appeal of your course content through customizable images, interactive features, official SMC logos, fonts and colors. Bring your laptop and creativity, and we will create fantastic Brightspace content pages together! No experience needed- everyone is welcome.

Canva 101: Using Canva for Beginners

This workshop will provide an introduction-level overview of how to use Canva (both the free and pro versions) as an educator. We will cover the basic functions of the program, the feature differences between the free version and the pro version, and the potential uses for you and your courses. This workshop will include hands-on practice with Canva as part of learning to navigate its basic features, so please bring your laptop. Canva, which describes itself as “an online design and visual communication platform with a mission to empower everyone in the world to design anything and publish anywhere,” now has over 220 million users each month, including many of our students. In fact, all SMC students have a free Canva Pro account and most of the flyers you see posted around campus were created using Canva. But flyers are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to what Canva is capable of!

An Overview of the ViewSonic Interactive Display

Join us for a workshop introducing you to the ViewSonic Interactive Display (this technology will be in campus classrooms starting in Fall 25). We'll start with the basics of using it as a projector and whiteboard replacement, then explore its touch capabilities, wireless content sharing, and interactive functions that boost classroom interaction and collaboration. We'll also cover advanced features and tips for maximizing the display's potential in various teaching scenarios.

11am Sessions

What is Good Teaching?

This workshop will explore how to define and document “good” teaching. Participants will be able to identify six critical teaching behaviors and create a plan for how address these behaviors in their teaching and document them for the purposes of tenure, promotion, and/or merit review. Additionally, participants will learn how the Teaching Excellence and Collaboration Center (TECC) can assist instructors in this process for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Title: Bongo as a Proctoring Tool

Did you know Bongo, everyone’s favorite video assignment tool, can be used to proctor online exams? Join us for an informative session where we will show you how Bongo can record both the student and their computer screen during exams. You will have the chance to set up proctoring for an exam and experience what it’s like to be proctored as a student. Whether you teach online or on-ground, this session provides a quick and easy solution to ensuring academic integrity.

NACE Employer Data & Incorporating Career Competencies in the Classroom

Participants will learn about the NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) organization while understanding current employer data and what is expected from current graduates on the job. Participants will also engage in one activity using the design thinking Ideate phase to create a Mindmap to explore possibilities of how they can connect career readiness in their classrooms. The workshop will conclude with handouts on NACE, current data, and how faculty members could potentially incorporate the NACE career readiness competencies in their courses.