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# Welcome!

Welcome to the Inaugural Newsletter of the LSUA E.F. Mulder Center for Teaching Excellence! This newsletter highlights key updates and resources in the areas of Faculty Services, Scholarship of Teaching, Teaching Conferences, and Innovative Teaching. Thank you for supporting our mission to promote student success through excellent teaching and learning resources!

**Crystal Smith, MSN, RN**

**Director, E.F. Mulder Center for Teaching Excellence**



## CTE Updates

The LSUA CTE Advisory Board for the Spring 2025-Spring 2026 academic years has been appointed.

### College of Social Sciences

Tomesha Farris, PhD  
Beth Whittington, MA

### College of Natural Science, Technology, and Mathematics

Amanda DuBois, PhD  
Purujit Gurjar, PhD

### College of Business

Rafael Romero Moreno LL.M, MA  
Jennifer Wright, MBA

### College of Health and Human Services

Alisha Trisler, MSRS, RT  
Emily Weeks, M.Ed.

### College of Liberal Arts

William Cole Franklin, PhD  
Carli Smith, MA

### LSUA Faculty

Ethan Lipsey, MA

### LSUA Engaged Teaching and Learning Representative

Nathan Sammons, PhD

### Previous CTE Director

Susan Bowers, PhD



## Under Construction

CTE currently has a few things “under construction.” Be on the lookout for some fresh updates!

- New Website Coming Soon
- Updated CTE Funds Application
- Quarterly Newsletter

"Excellence in education is when we do everything we can to make sure they can become everything they can."

*Carol Ann Tomlinson*

## Faculty Services

### New Faculty Orientation

Beginning Spring 2025, New Faculty Orientation will occur in both the Fall and Spring semesters.

### Tenure-Track Faculty Mentoring Program

If you are interested in participating in the development of a Faculty Tenure-Track Mentoring Program, please email [cte@lsua.edu](mailto:cte@lsua.edu) by March 1, 2025.

### Spring Staff & Faculty Workshops

Professional Development Workshops on AI and Canva to begin this Spring. Check out [www.lsua.edu/cte](http://www.lsua.edu/cte) for further details.

### LSUA Professional Development Survey

A survey was sent to each department/college requesting feedback from both faculty and staff regarding professional development needs that can be supported by CTE. Please submit back by March 1, 2025.

[Survey QR Code](#)



## Career Champions Corner

**Empower Student Career Readiness: Become a Career Champion for LSUA**

Elevate your impact as a faculty member by joining the Career Champion Institute.

As a Career Champion, you will participate in workshops, seminars, and networking events where you will learn to guide and inspire students toward successful careers.

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The next cohort will begin in Fall 2025.



# Scholarship of Teaching & Teaching Conferences

## Faculty & Staff Conferences

The CTE strongly promotes LSUA faculty attendance at teaching-centered conferences, and we send participants to a variety of these conferences each year. Not only will you learn about the latest innovations in teaching, but you will also have the opportunity to connect with other faculty from all over the world and share ideas. To apply for funds to attend conferences please contact [cte@lsua.edu](mailto:cte@lsua.edu) or visit [www.lsua.edu/cte](http://www.lsua.edu/cte).

A few faculty conference options to investigate:

### SoTL Commons Conference

February 26, 2025 - February 28, 2025

### The Teaching Professor Conference

June 6, 2025 - June 8, 2025

### The Lilly Conference Series

## CTE Funds Update

All McCann funds have been distributed for the 2024-2025 academic year. Beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year, applications for conference funds will no longer be available through McCann funds. The E.F. Mulder Center for Teaching Excellence will award applicants through the general CTE funds utilizing the updated application which can be located at [www.lsua.edu/cte](http://www.lsua.edu/cte). For any questions, please contact [cte@lsua.edu](mailto:cte@lsua.edu).



## Spring 2025 Workshop Corner

### AI Workshops For LSUA Faculty & Staff

February 7

February 21

March 14

March 28

April 11

April 25

Visit [www.lsua.edu/cte](http://www.lsua.edu/cte) for details



**“The first step in teaching students to innovate is making sure that educators have opportunities to be innovators themselves.”**

*Suzie Boss*

## Innovative Teaching

### CTE Awards

The E.F. Mulder Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Innovation Award and Grant are given to showcase and reward innovative teaching in the classroom.

Applications are now being accepted for the Innovation Teaching Grant and Innovation Teaching Award. Please visit [www.lsua.edu/cte](http://www.lsua.edu/cte) or contact [cte@lsua.edu](mailto:cte@lsua.edu) for further information.

#### Innovation Teaching Grant - \$5000

Applications are considered for financial support from faculty, instructors or staff that teach a course/courses routinely.

Amount Awarded: \$1000 stipend and up to \$4000 for materials/equipment with possibility of a one-year renewal.

#### Innovation Teaching Award - \$500

The E.F. Mulder Center for Teaching Excellence once again would like to present a Teaching Innovation Award to a faculty member who is impacting their students' educational endeavors in an innovative way in the classroom. We are asking faculty to consider nominating a peer or themselves for this award.

All full-time faculty members are eligible for these awards.

## Spring 2024 Winners

### Teaching Innovation Award

Jennifer Wright, MBA  
Instructor of Marketing

### Teaching Innovation Grant

Jeremy Simmons, M.F.A.  
Associate Professor of Fine Arts

