

## Instructional Technology & Design Newsletter

### Important Updates

#### **My New Role & Fall 2023 Office Hours**

I'm back this semester as Cañada's Instructional Designer and I'm looking forward to chatting with you and dropping into your division meetings, so we can determine what this role will look like for us at Cañada. In the meantime, I'll be holding office hours this semester on Wednesdays from 11 am-12pm. I'll be in the DE Training Room, 13-337, and on Zoom in my Meeting Room: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/4516976442>. **Please drop-in to say hi, chat, ask questions, or just work on something with support nearby.**

#### **Equity Unbound Icebreakers**

As you dive into your courses this semester and start working on building a course community, consider taking a look through [Equity Unbound's Collection of Community Building Activities](#). They offer some great ideas for engaging students and building community in all the different parts of your course, including icebreakers, warm up activities and reflective activities.

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### Reminders

#### **Faculty Resource Repository & Guides**

Our [Faculty Resource Repository & Guides](#) are available on our Online Teaching website. We have a lot of useful resources there, like our course templates, equitable grading strategies and student engagement guides. Please explore those and let me know if there's anything missing that you'd like to see added!

#### **Course Launch Checklist & Student Resources**

Here are a few new and old resources that we have to help you and your students start the semester smoothly:

- Faculty – [Countdown to Course Launch Checklist](#)
- Students – [Cañada Online Learning Guides](#)
- Students – [Canvas Name Change Request Form](#)
- Students – [Cañada Virtual Campus](#)
- Students – [Fall 2023 Hours](#)

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### Upcoming Training

#### **Fall 2023 QOTL 1 & 2 Cohorts**

We have multiple offerings of QOTL 1 and 2 this year. [QOTL 1](#) will be offered this semester from September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>. [QOTL 2](#) will be offered this semester from September 11<sup>th</sup> - October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in completing QOTL this academic year, please email Nada Nekrep, our Online Instruction Coordinator at [nekrepn@smccd.edu](mailto:nekrepn@smccd.edu).

#### **Fall 2023 Workshops**

##### **AI Workshop Series**

- 9/13 2pm-3pm: AI Listening Session; In-Person in 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)
- 10/4 2pm-3:30pm: All About AI – Part One; In-Person in 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)
- 10/11: All About AI – Part Two (Flex Day Session)
- 11/14: AI Strategies Share Out; In-Person in 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)

##### **Instructional Design Workshops**

- 9/12 1pm-2:30pm: 3 Simple Online Engagement Strategies; In-Person 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)
- 9/20 2pm-3pm: What is a Cañada Instructional Designer?: In-Person in 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)
- 10/10 1pm-2:30pm: 5 Tips for Equitizing Grading & Communication; In-Person in 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)
- 10/18 2pm-3:30pm: What Was Your Best First Day of Class?; In-Person in 9-154 or on [Zoom](#)

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