

Tech Snacks: Upcoming Events with OTLE

OTLE offers a variety of faculty trainings, workshops, and events each semester. To kick off Fall 2022, we'll provide an overview of the activities we have planned and ask for feedback about topics and potential additions!

Faculty Learning Community (FLC)

Each semester, OTLE hosts three Faculty Learning Community (FLC) workshops with our advisory committee and faculty. These workshops help build a stronger community of faculty to collaborate with each other, and it allows newer faculty the opportunity to make connections and ask senior faculty any questions they might have regarding processes at MSUN. This semester, OTLE is planning the following:

Thursday, Sept. 22 — Promotion & Tenure Process (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Thursday, Oct. 27 — TBD

Thursday, Nov. 17 — Coffee Check-in

Brown Bag Lecture Series

The Brown Bag Lecture Series is organized by MSU-Northern's Instruction, Research, & Faculty Development committee, in partnership with OTLE, and sponsored by the Provost. This series is a venue for faculty across all disciplines at MSU-Northern to showcase their research and to build a sense of community inquiry and interest around that work. Lectures are open to campus and community members. Fall 2022 dates are tentative:

Thursday, Sept. 29 — Presenter TBD (12:00pm-1:00pm, Hagener Science Center 101)

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Presenter TBD (12:00pm-1:00pm, Hagener Science Center 101)

Thursday, Nov. 15 — Presenter TBD (12:00pm-1:00pm, Hagener Science Center 101)

If you are interested in presenting this year, contact Samantha Balemba-Brownlee or Keith Jensen.

Faculty Reading Group (aka “Book Club”)

Every semester (mostly), the OTLE plans and facilitates a faculty and staff reading group related to teaching and learning, diversity, and/or technology and society. Past choices have included: Lori Arviso Alvord’s *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear*, Peter Brown’s *Make it Stick*, James Loewen’s *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, Tim Wu’s *The Attention Merchants*, Martin Ford’s *Rise of the Robots*, Understanding by Design, Wiggins and McTighe’s *Understanding by Design*, Joshua Eyer’s *How Humans Learn*.

OTLE provides the books, and we meet weekly on Mondays from 4-5pm to discuss the readings (typically for 4-6 weeks, depending on the length of the book and pace of reading).

If you have title suggestions for Fall 2022, contact Lindsey Brandt-Bennett.

Innovative Teaching & Learning Festival

Every spring, OTLE hosts the annual Innovative Teaching & Learning Festival (formerly the Media Festival). This is a venue where faculty from across campus come together to present about innovative and exciting things happening in their classes. This event has been successful and well-attended for five years, and we look forward to seeing what you all have in store for us this coming spring.

If you think you might want to present at the Spring 2023 Festival, contact Jason Geer or Brittany Garden.

Tech Snacks

Tech Snacks are short, focused professional development sessions covering instructional technology, pedagogical techniques, online learning, and more—delivered in 30-minute chunks. You can download PDF handouts from past Tech Snacks sessions on our [webpage](#). Tech Snacks is held every Friday of the semester in three sessions:

9:00am-10:00am in Brockmann Center

11:00am-12:00pm in Cowan Hall

1:30pm-2:30pm in Brockmann Center

If you have any suggestions for Tech Snacks topics, let OTLE know.