



Hello Communication Studies faculty!

The [ASCCC OER Initiative](#) is working to increase faculty awareness and use of Open Educational Resources (OER). OER are teaching and learning materials that are openly licensed, digitally available, and FREE for instructors and students, thereby offering a useful corrective to the rising costs of textbooks.

Students welcome these cost savings, especially amid the current economic stressors of the pandemic and recession. In addition, OER often allows for customization: instructors can reorganize, modify, and supplement the resources to better fit their courses and pedagogy.

If you have not considered OER recently, I encourage you to do so, especially in light of the following new communication studies resources:

- The first edition of [Arguing Using Critical Thinking](#) a 12-chapter OER text-equivalent for Argumentation and Debate (C-ID COMM 120) by Jim Marteney has just been published, with assistance from an ASCCC-OERI grant.
- The first edition of [Exploring Intercultural Communication](#) by Tom Grothe is now available.

These textbooks offer peer-reviewed, comprehensive introductions to two of the ten courses in the discipline. To further facilitate your review of existing OER, we developed an annotated list of [Communication Studies OER](#) used by colleagues in California. If you are using any OER (for lower division courses) that are not included on this list, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me with questions about Communication Studies OER or the ASCCC-OER Initiative.

Best,
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