



Greetings Psychology faculty!

The [ASCCC OER Initiative](#) is actively working to increase faculty awareness, consideration, and use of OER. While most faculty recognize the value of OER as a means of reducing costs for our students, many may not realize that true OER allows for customization. In other words, instead of wishing the chapters in your text were in a different order, hating the sloppy use of terminology in the chapter that is most near and dear to you, lamenting the lack of diverse examples, and/or wishing that that study you love so much was in your text, you can take charge and make these things happen. After years of making my intro psych students jump from Chapter 2 (Brains, Bodies, and Behavior) to Chapter 6 (Learning) and then Chapter 7 (Memory), I finally re-ordered the chapters and swapped out the states of consciousness chapter for one that accurately explained the stages of sleep.

If you have not considered the available OER recently, I want to encourage you to do so. The options available are always changing and the ease of remixing OER will surprise you. And in these challenging times, the use of a digital OER means no one must trek to the bookstore or the library to access their text.

In order to facilitate your review of the OER currently being used by colleagues in California, we have developed a collection of [OER associated with the Psychology TMC](#) and we have mapped available [OER by C-ID and potential CSU GE](#). If you are using OER to teach a lower division course that we have not identified in our curated collections, [please share that resource with us](#).

It is also my pleasure to share that one of OER development projects that is currently underway is focusing on resources for teaching methods. A team of faculty is developing resources to accompany [Research Methods in Psychology \(Jhangiani, Chiang, Cuttler, and Leighton\)](#). We anticipate making these resources available in early 2021.

The ASCCC OERI is here to support all California Community College faculty who are interested in making the move to OER. If we can help, [please let us know](#).

Sincerely,

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