



ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

• OERI Newsletter – September 2020 •

Welcome back OER advocates!

As we start the 2020-2021 academic year, OERI is looking forward to increasing the use of free and open resources in classes throughout our system as we continue to navigate this unprecedented and challenging time. Please share your questions, needs, and concerns with your OER Liaison to inform our work as we strive to support your OER efforts.

• Who is your OER Liaison? •

We've made every effort to work with your local senate president to secure the appointment of an OER Liaison for your college. As we start the new academic year, we are preparing your OER Liaison to not only be your connection to OERI, but to be your local OER resource. If you do not know who your OER Liaison is, [please check the ASCCC Directory](#) to see who has been identified to serve in this capacity.

• OERI Team Updates •

As we look to the future, we continue to explore how best to serve the OER Liaisons and all of our colleagues across the state. With that in mind, we have created new roles to meet new needs. Effective this term, two of our former OERI Regional Leads are primarily dedicating their time to supporting projects funded by our 2nd Request For Proposals (RFP) by assuming the role of "OERI Project Monitor". In addition, we now have an OERI Communications Lead who will assist us in our outreach and communications. We're very pleased to welcome Heather Dodge from Berkeley City College as our Area B OERI Regional Lead and Julie Bruno of Sierra College as the OERI Communications Lead

The Fall 2020 OERI Team is as follows:

Faculty Coordinator – Michelle Pilati, Rio Hondo College
Regional Leads ([CCCs by ASCCC Areas](#))

- Area A – Suzanne Wakim, Butte College
- Area B – Heather Dodge, Berkeley City College
- Area C – Jennifer Paris, College of the Canyons

- Area D – Dave Dillon, Grossmont College
- Project Monitors
- Shagun Kaur, DeAnza College
 - Amanda Taintor, Reedley College
 - Suzanne Wakim, Butte College
- Communications Lead - Julie Bruno, Sierra College

ASCCC Academic Academy – Redefining Distance Education

• A Virtual Event – October 8 – 9, 2020 •

The ASCCC OERI is partnering with the CVC OEI to bring you the 2020 ASCCC Academic Academy, focusing on the intersection of OER and distance education and the impact of COVID 19 on instruction, as well as our continuing efforts to ensure equitable opportunities and a supportive learning environment for all students.

Deadline for Early Registration Pricing: Friday, September 18, 2020 - 5:00pm

[Register for the 2020 ASCCC Academic Academy](#)

Interruptions in education are not new. Snow days, extreme heat, floods, and earthquakes can all lead to temporary school closures. In addition, California's students may experience the extended disruption and devastating impact of fires. But a global pandemic requiring social distancing and the sudden cessation of traditional classroom instruction for an undefined time period is a force so impactful that our evolution is forced – is it education's Big Bang, where we will emerge anew? Or is it our Ice Age, leading to the extinction of select species and the rapid evolution of the survivors? This year's ASCCC Academic Academy will explore the impact of our recent history on the future of education. Join us as we explore the use of open and online approaches to finding ways to redefine instruction and assessment, create more equitable learning environments, address long-standing inequities exacerbated by reliance on technology, and improve the success of all students.

• OERI Opportunities •

OERI is seeking new and additional Discipline Leads for the current term as well as a new Area A Regional Lead for spring 2021. Also, we need reviewers for our RFP 2 projects and we will be coordinating OER development work by discipline teams in the near future.

If you previously submitted an application, we have your information and you will be considered for any available roles you indicated an interest in. If you submitted an application previously and are uncertain as to what you indicated, you may either resubmit the application or submit a letter describing your interests and qualifications to the [ASCCC OERI](#).

Both the [ASCCC OERI Application](#) and the [ASCCC Faculty Application for Statewide Service](#) need to be completed if you are a faculty member. We accept applications on an on-going basis but encourage those who are interested to submit as soon as possible to ensure consideration.

If you are interested in the Area A Regional Lead position, please prepare and [submit a letter of interest to us](#) (oeri@asccc.org) by September 14.

• OERI Weekly Webinars – September 2020 •

During the fall 2020 term, our Weekly OER Webinars have been scheduled for Fridays at 3:00 pm beginning September 11. While late Friday afternoon is normally not the best time for any event, these are not normal times. If we find that this is not a workable time, we may revisit it for the future. OERI Webinars are intended for a diverse audience. We hope you will all join us! Please share with your colleagues.

Friday, September 11, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

How to Find OER

Open Educational Resources (OER) provide you with a means of providing no-cost, adaptable, and digital course resources to your students. Whether you are looking for supplements to augment your selected text or you are ready to adopt an OER as your text, finding the resource you need should not be a barrier to your move to OER. Join us to learn about existing curated OER collections, search strategies, and OER repositories.

[Register for How to Find OER](#)

Friday, September 18, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

New OER

The universe of Open Educational Resources (OER) is ever-expanding and the OERI is pleased to share the products developed by your colleagues in 2019 and other new resources that our faculty are integrating into their teaching. Join us to learn about new OER, progress made with respect to homework systems, and plans for the future.

[Register for New OER](#)

Friday, September 25, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Open Forum

Questions? Ideas? Join us in this Open Forum where you direct the conversation.

[Register for Open Forum](#)