OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INITIATIVE

ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

• OER Liaison Newsletter – January/February 2021 •

Greetings OER Liaisons! Welcome to the new year and a new term. We're excited to share our plans for the future with you – and to support your work.

You should be receiving two newsletters at about the same time each month, the general OERI newsletter that we hope you will share with your college community and the OER Liaison Newsletter. If you are no longer the OER Liaison at your college, email us at oeri@asccc.org so that we can confirm the change with your local academic senate president and update our records.

• Who is Your OER Liaison? •

When anyone at any college wonders who their OER Liaison (OERL) is, they should be able to quickly find this information in the ASCCC Directory. Please take a moment to check the ASCCC Directory to confirm that your college's posted information is correct. If it needs updating, email us at oeri@asccc.org.

• ASCCC OERI Regional Leads •

The ASCCC divides the state into 4 geographic regions. Consequently, the OERI has 4 Regional Leads who are tasked with supporting the OERLs in their region. Please note that the entire OERI faculty leadership team is here to help you – but your Regional Lead is your designated point of contact. This term we are pleased to welcome a new OERI Regional Lead for Area A, Sally Potter from Fresno City College. Sally is faculty in the English for Multi-Lingual Students/Linguistics Department and a former OERL. Read about the entire team on our website.

A former OERI Regional Lead for Area A, Amanda Taintor of Reedley college, has returned to her college where she will continue to be lead of their OER and ZTC efforts. We look forward to continuing to work with her in that new capacity – but she will be sorely missed.

• OER Liaison Activity Tracking •

Please use the Spring 2021 OER Liaison Tracking Spreadsheet (tinyurl.com/Spring21OERL) to record your liaison activities throughout the term.

Please review the [Spring 2021 OER Liaison Expectations](#) to familiarize yourself with the anticipated activities. Your entries in the tracking spreadsheet are used by your Regional Lead to confirm your participation and verify your eligibility for the OERL stipend at the end of the term. If you're a new OERL, tracking and expectations will be covered in the OER Liaison Orientation.

• Spring 2021 OERI Update/OERL Orientation Schedule •

As has been our past practice, we kick-off the term with an orientation and update to prepare you for your OER Liaison role. This semester we are trying something new. While we still have a full orientation for new OERLs, returning OERLs can attend a Spring OERI Update and Kickoff. New OERLs are strongly encouraged to attend the OERI Update and OERL Orientation. If you are not able to attend live, it will be archived for review. We look forward to seeing you at one of the following Spring 2021 OERL events:

[Register for the Friday, February 5, 3:00 – 4:00 pm Spring OERI Update and OERL Orientation (for new OERLs)](#)

[Register for the Thursday, February 11, 1:00 – 2:00 pm Spring OERI Update and OERL Kick-off](#)

[Register for the Friday, February 19, 1:30 – 2:30 pm Spring OERI Update and OERL Kick-off](#)

[Register for the Tuesday, March 9, 9:30 – 10:30 am Spring OERI Update and OERL Kick-off](#)

• February 2021 OERL Conversations and Webinars •

As we're all focusing on the beginning of the term, we're offering just two "conversations" in February. OERL Conversations are informal discussions of a selected topic and are generally not archived. The ASCCC OERI will provide automated captioning for all webinars and OER Liaison events (i.e., conversations, orientations, and webinars). If you would like to request live human closed-captioning for any of our offerings, [please email us at oeri@asccc.org](mailto:oeri@asccc.org) at least 10 business days in advance.

Monday February 8, 12 pm – 1 pm
OERL Conversation: Embracing Open Education Week at Your College
Would you like to have your college participate in [Open Education Week](#) (3/1-3/5), but aren't sure what to do? Join our conversation for ideas and proven successes.
[Register for OERL Conversation: Embracing Open Education Week at Your College](#)

Note: The OERI will not be hosting any events during Open Education Week. [Please email us at oeri@asccc.org](mailto:oeri@asccc.org) if you would like the OERI to share an event you will be hosting as part of Open Education Week.

Thursday February 18, 9 am – 10 am
OERL Conversation: Inclusive Access and Automatic Billing
What is "inclusive access"? How is it being used in the California Community Colleges? How does it affect our students? Join us for an overview and discussion of this complex topic.
[Register for OERL Conversation: Inclusive Access and Automatic Billing](#)

• Sample Cover Message to Send to Your College •

Greetings college community! As the Open Educational Resources Liaison, it is my role to share communications from the ASCCC Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) with you. Please read on to learn about upcoming events that are open to all and an opportunity for faculty to play a role in increasing OER consideration and adoption by others in their discipline.

If I can assist you in your considering OER– or answer any OER-related questions, please let me know.

• ASCCC OERI Wants You •

The ASCCC OERI is still seeking faculty for various roles. While faculty with OER experience are preferred, we are prepared to support faculty who are new to OER and interested in playing a leadership role.

The OERI is currently seeking faculty to review OER in a number of disciplines and Discipline Leads for Spring 2021. If you are interested in any of these opportunities - or in OER work more generally - [please submit an application](#). If your discipline is one that we are not currently focusing on, your application lets us know not only that you are interested, but that faculty in your discipline are interested.

[Additional information about the Discipline Lead role is available on the application page](#).

• OER for Your Consideration – Gatsby, Witchcraft, and More •

Each month the OERI plans to highlight OER for your consideration. As we're at the beginning of a calendar year, it's the perfect time to call your attention to those items that recently entered the public domain. Even before we had Creative Commons, copyrighted resources became "open" after a period of time. [On January 1, 2021, resources from 1925 entered the public domain](#). This includes books, films, and musical compositions. The Great Gatsby joins a long list of well-known works that have long been in the public domain, including Moby Dick and The Scarlet Letter. [Project Gutenberg](#) is a great resource to find literary works in the public domain.

In December, the OERI hosted a [webinar for anthropology faculty](#) that featured authors showcasing their OER. In addition to sharing available OER for all of the required courses in an anthropology ADT, a recently developed text and [Canvas shell](#) was shared for "[Beliefs: An Open Invitation to the Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion](#)", developed by Amanda Zunner-Keating for Los Angeles Valley College. Looking for OER for anthropology? Visit [the ASCCC OERI Resource Page for Anthropology](#).

Although it is still undergoing review, it's not too soon to have a look at one of the products from this last RFP, [ASCCC OERI Statistics for Social Justice](#). Described by the development team as a "Workbook for introductory statistics class containing activities and exercises with a social-justice focus", this Canvas resource integrates social justice concepts into a commonly used OpenStax text.

• Editing, Curating, Re-Mixing, Printing, and Moving OER to Canvas Using LibreTexts •

The ASCCC OERI is pleased to offer the following webinars that serve as an introduction to the use of [LibreTexts](#). Basic knowledge of OER is presumed.

I Found an OER Textbook—What Now? Editing, Curating, Re-Mixing, Printing, and Moving OER to Canvas Using LibreTexts

[Register for I Found an OER Textbook on Wednesday, 2/17/21 3:00 - 4:30 pm](#)
Or
[Register for I Found an OER Textbook on Friday, 2/19/21 11:30 am - 1:00 pm](#)

Finding a useable OER for your course is the first step in moving to OER and freeing yourself from the constraints of a commercial text. Adopting an OER is the ultimate in academic freedom, allowing you to customize that OER to meet your needs. Join this webinar for an overview on the use of LibreTexts, an OER

platform that facilitates OER editing, re-mixing, and printing. Learn how easy it is to not only perfect an OER, but to move it into Canvas.

• OERI Weekly Webinars – February 2021 •

Starting February 5, 2021, OERI Weekly Webinars are scheduled for Fridays at 10:30 am. The ASCCC OERI will provide automated captioning for all webinars. If you would like to request live human closed-captioning for any of our offerings, [please contact us by e-mail at oeri@asccc.org](mailto:oeri@asccc.org) at least 10 business days in advance.

OERI Webinars are intended for a diverse audience. We hope you will all join us! Please share with your colleagues.

Friday, February 5, 10:30am – 11:30 am
ASCCC OERI Update
Join us for an overview of recently completed OER, the latest on our OERI-facilitated projects, and OERI's plans for 2021. Learn about a proposed intersegmental California OER conference, our latest findings related to the implementation of a no-cost logo, and our vision for our next Request for Proposals.
[Register for ASCCC OERI Update](#)

Friday, February 12, No Webinar
Happy Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and President's Day

Friday, February 19, 10:30am – 11:30 am
OER and Philosophy
Which OER are available for philosophy courses and in use at California community colleges and other colleges/universities? In this presentation, you will learn about the available resources and share your philosophy OER feedback and needs.
[Register for OER and Philosophy](#)

Friday, February 26, 10:30am – 11:30 am
Open Forum
Questions? Ideas? Join us in this Open Forum where you direct the conversation.
[Register for Open Forum](#)