



ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

• OERI Newsletter – January/February 2021 •

Greetings OER Advocates! Welcome to the new year and a new term. The OERI has a lot happening in the month ahead – we look forward to supporting the work of your OER Liaison and sharing OER with our faculty colleagues across the state.

• 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. Not sure who your OERL is? Please consult the [ASCCC Directory](#) to confirm that your OERL has been identified. If it appears to need updating, [please email us at oeri@asccc.org](mailto:oeri@asccc.org).

• 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](#)