



ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

• OER Liaison Newsletter – May 2021 •

Greetings OER Liaisons! The term – and academic year – are almost over. We hope to see you in our final events of the term. Please note the May 14 deadline for completing your OERL activities.

• OER Liaison Activity Tracking •

Please remember to use the [Spring 2021 OER Liaison Tracking Spreadsheet](https://tinyurl.com/Spring21OERL) (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.

Be sure to complete – and document – your Spring 2021 OER Liaison “attendance” activities by Friday, May 14.

• May 2021 OERL Events •

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 contact us by e-mail](#) at least 10 business days in advance.

Tuesday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

OERL Conversation - What is on the horizon for summer?

The summer is a time to reflect on the year that has passed, recuperate from unprecedented challenges, and plan for the future. Join us for a discussion of upcoming conferences, institutes, and other professional development in the OER world over the summer.

[Register for the OERL Conversation - What is on the horizon for summer? Webinar](#)

Monday, May 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

OERL Conversation - OER and the Emergency Shift to Remote Instruction

How has OER affected instruction during the pandemic? Share the ways in which OER has helped you and/or your colleagues through this past year and any OER-related challenges you've encountered – or overcome.

[Register for the OERL Conversation - OER and the Emergency Shift to Remote Instruction Webinar](#)

Tuesday, May 18, 9:00-10:00 am

OERL Webinar - Faculty Incentives and OER Grants

How do you incentivize faculty to consider or convert to OER? Have you wanted to ask for funding from administration but don't know where to start? In this webinar, we will explore the methods and structures that your college may use to fund faculty to investigate, remix, or convert to OER. We will also examine ways to track success and support faculty in their OER journey.

[Register for the OERL Webinar - Faculty Incentives and OER Grants Webinar](#)

Thursday, May 27, 10:30 - 11:30 am

OERL Webinar - Walking Through the OER Adoption Process

What kinds of support do faculty need when adopting OER? What improvements can be made for a smoother process? This webinar will showcase successful strategies and examples from local CCCs.

[Register for the OERL Webinar - Walking Through the OER Adoption Process Webinar](#)

• 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.

• Cal OER – Now Accepting Proposals •

The 2021 Cal OER Conference will be held virtually on August 4 - 6. The [Cal OER website](#) is now live, the keynote speakers for the conference have been secured, and presentation proposals will be accepted until June 4, 5:00pm. Registration information is coming soon.

Cal OER Conference will focus on OER efforts and impact, broadly defined, across the state of California and especially across the state's three public higher education systems, the California Community Colleges, California State

University, and University of California. Individuals submitting proposals will be asked to identify which of the following tracks is most aligned with their proposal:

- Students in OER
- Advocating for OER
- Sustaining OER
- Exploring OER
- OER Impact and Efficacy
- Open Pedagogy

More information on each of the themes may be found under Proposals on the Cal OER website.

• OER and Counseling, May 14, 2021 •

The ASCCC OERI is pleased to announce its first OER event designed exclusively for counselors. The Blueprint for Counseling Success Conference will provide an introduction to OER, showcase the Blueprint for Success OER text series and other OER for counseling, and provide an opportunity for counselors to share OER specific to their discipline. The [Blueprint for Counseling Success Conference Preliminary Program](#) is now available.

The Blueprint for Counseling Success Conference will be held virtually on Friday, May 14th from 9:00 am – 3:00pm. This conference is free, but space is limited so don't delay. [Register for Blueprint for Counseling Success.](#)

• LibreFest, May 25, 2021 •

[LibreTexts](#) is a powerful platform for all things OER, allowing for the easy adoption (and printing) of an existing OER text, the remixing of existing OER, and the developing you own OER. Learn more about LibreTexts at the upcoming LibreFest, a free virtual event on May 25. The primary goal of LibreFest is to introduce potential users to LibreTexts and offer some hands-on experience with creating and/or adapting OER using the platform's powerful editing and remixing tools. [Register for LibreFest.](#)

• OER for Your Consideration •

Last month the OERI hosted sixteen discipline webinars and we have still more of these webinars scheduled in May. Faculty who were not able to attend the webinar for their discipline can [access an archive on the OERI website](#) or [review the discipline's curated collection](#). Are you using OER – or looking for OER – in a discipline that we are not yet working with? [Please let us know](#) – we are in the process of identifying disciplines – and discipline leads – for Fall 2021.

• OERI Weekly Webinars – May 2021 •

OERI Weekly Webinars are usually scheduled for Fridays at 10:30 am. This month, we have two additional discipline webinars as we continue to showcase OER for a wide array of disciplines – hopefully in time to inform text selections for the summer and fall terms. 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 least 10 business days in advance.

OERI Webinars are intended for a diverse audience. We hope you will all join us! Please share this information with your colleagues so that they may join us as well.

Discipline Webinars – Each of our Discipline Webinars is intended to provide an overview of the available OER in the discipline, focusing on text-equivalents, when available. Hosted by OERI Discipline Leads, each webinar is also intended to provide a forum for discipline faculty to share their needs and wants for instructional resources.

OER and Child Development/Early Childhood Education

Friday, May 7, 9:15 am – 10:15 am

[Register for OER and Child Development/Early Childhood Education](#)

Friday, May 7, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

LibGuides, Discovery Tools, and Websites: How to Make OER Discoverable

How do you help find and locate OER? In this webinar, we will look at three different ways to search and find OER: through a LibGuide, through a library catalog, and through a designated campus OER website. You'll come away with different examples and inspiration for improving search and discoverability on your own campus.

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OER and Biology

Friday, May 14, 10:30am - 11:30 am

[Register for OER and Biology](#)

Friday, May 14, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

OER for English and Literature

In the [April OER and English webinar](#), many OER resources for English were introduced, but there was not sufficient time for questions and discussion. This webinar will provide an opportunity for further discussion of English OER and literature materials. The [OER and English archive](#) is available for viewing and the OER and English resources page has been updated.

[Register for OER for English and Literature](#)

OER and Geography/Physical Sciences

Friday, May 21, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Register for OER and Geography/Physical Sciences](#)

Friday, May 28, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Open Forum

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

[Register for Open Forum](#)