Greetings OER advocates! We are looking forward to a productive summer. This newsletter includes an introduction to the OERI’s IDEA Framework Lead, updated information on the Cal OER keynote speakers, and a reminder about the upcoming Cal OER proposal submission deadline. We are also pleased to announce a webinar on ZTC mapping and office hours with our OER Project Facilitators.

• ASCCC OERI IDEA Framework Lead •

The OERI is pleased to share that Tiffany Lanoix, sociology faculty at West Los Angeles College, has joined the OERI as its 1st IDEA Framework Lead. In addition to teaching courses on topics such as racial and ethnic relations, social problems, and social justice, she has facilitated workshops on anti-racism, cultural inclusivity, implicit bias, and equity. Activism and social awareness are core to her professional activities and working to expand and improve OER is another opportunity for her to apply her equity-minded and anti-racist perspectives.

• Cal OER 2023 – Keynotes and General Sessions •

On behalf of the Cal OER 2023 Organizing Committee, the OERI is pleased to share the following preliminary information about the event’s keynote speakers and general sessions. Please visit the Cal OER website for more information.

Cal OER Opening General Session, Welcome, and Keynote Session I
Wednesday, August 2; 9:30 – 10:45
Education as a Right Not a Privilege – How Two Colleges Are Seeing Access, Success, and Teaching and Learning Excellence Through OER and Zero Textbook Cost Initiatives
Andi Adkins Pogue, Librarian and Affordable Educational Resources Committee Chair, Cosumnes River College
James Preston, President, West Hills College Lemoore

Cal OER 9:30 - 10:45 General Session
Thursday, August 3; 9:30 – 10:45
California Higher Education System Updates
Representatives from California's three segments of public higher education, the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, will provide updates on their systems’ OER, zero-textbook-cost, and textbook affordability efforts. Legislation and state goals will be addressed, as appropriate. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.
Cal OER Keynote Session II  
Thursday, August 3; 1:00 – 2:15  
21 Years of Scaling OER
Curt Newton, Director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology OpenCourseWare

Cal OER Keynote Session III  
Friday, August 4; 9:30 – 10:45  
Connections, Collections, and Calculations: Behind the Scenes at a Systemwide OER Initiative
Jeff Gallant, Program Director, Affordable Learning Georgia

• Cal OER 2023 – Proposals Due June 12 •

On behalf of the Cal OER Organizing Committee, you are invited to present at and register for the 2023 Cal OER Conference, held virtually on August 2-4, 2023. The 3rd Cal OER will continue to highlight Open Educational Resources (OER) in California and beyond.

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

- Engaging Students in OER
- Advocating for OER
- Sustainability
- Exploring OER
- Demonstrating the Impact and Efficacy of OER
- Open Pedagogy

We hope you will consider sharing your work during the conference. Detailed information about presentation formats can be found on the Cal OER Proposal page and presentation proposals can be submitted via the Cal OER Proposal Form. Proposals are due by Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Please consider registering for the event today.

• Michelson Spark Grants •

The Michelson 20MM Foundation’s Open Educational Resources (OER) funding cycle is open from Tuesday, May 30th, to Tuesday, June 13th. A copy of the letter of interest (LOI) and full application are available now. LOIs that pass initial grant committee review will be asked to submit a full application.
This funding cycle seeks to support projects that advance systems-level strategies with the potential to create positive impact at scale and inform public policy.

• Summer Events •

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.

Monday, June 12, 2023, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
ZTC Conversation – Mapping and Planning
The upcoming deadline for submitting a workplan for the spending of the $180,000 “ZTC Implementation Grant” funds allotted to all degree-granting California community colleges has resulted in many faculty across the state engaging in ZTC work over the summer. How are you mapping your ZTC data? How do you envision prioritizing ZTC pathways at your college? Who needs to be consulted before submitting your plan by the October 31 deadline? What do we know about the template that will be provided for submitting your plan? Join this conversation to share what you are doing, ask questions, and learn from others.
Register for “ZTC Conversation – Mapping and Planning”

OERI Inquiry/Ask OERI
Visualizing how to start an OER project? Stuck trying to decide on an optimum OER development workflow for you or your colleagues? Come ask the OERI facilitators all your development questions for a successful OER project from start to finish. Designed for the RFP#5 teams, this is an open office hour for all things OER and OER development.
Register for June 14, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm “OERI Inquiry”
Register for July 12, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm “OERI Inquiry”
Register for August 9, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm “OERI Inquiry”