



Mark Your Calendars

CET is here to help you prepare for the spring semester

Blackboard Grade Center Setup

December 3, 10am-11:30am Pacific

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/96280371800>

Meeting ID: 962 8037 1800

The Blackboard Grade Center is a powerful tool for faculty that can calculate grades throughout the semester so you, and your students, can follow their progress. This workshop will walk participants through basic setup, dropping lowest grades, implementing grading schemes, and calculating final grades.

Planning your Spring Course

December 8, 10:30am-11:30am Pacific

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/91493237340>

Meeting ID: 914 9323 7340

Thoughtful planning of online courses can foster student success. This workshop will provide a reflective space to consider techniques that can serve as a guide to enhance your spring online courses.

Resources and Support from the USC Libraries

December 10, 10:30am-11:30am Pacific

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/97483921798>

Meeting ID: 974 8392 1798

Learn about the resources and support the USC Libraries can provide for you and your students. Topics will include citation resources, research guides, streaming and audio databases, illustration databases, plagiarism, copyright questions, and inviting a librarian to your class.

Blackboard Grade Center Setup

January 7, 10am-11:30am Pacific

Repeat of December 3 workshop

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/95550289295>

Meeting ID: 955 5028 9295

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Faculty Showcase of Innovative Teaching Techniques

January 12, 1pm-3pm Pacific

Zoom information will follow

A series of demonstrations by USC faculty of creative approaches toward online assessment, active learning, and innovative use of tech tools. The focus will be on practical application and actual use cases.

The Election Series Continues

The following election webinars are organized by USC Dornsife Office of Diversity. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Questions can be directed to [Disha Mahendro](#).

Register

The Election: Bridging the Divide

November 12, 2:00-3:30 pm Pacific

The USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future, USC Human Resources and USC Culture, Ethics & Compliance will be in attendance to share how to bridge the divide this election has created in our communities. The conversation will focus on communication strategies, how to deal with feelings of “othering,” and why bridging the divide matters.

The Election: What Now?

November 19, 1:00-2:00 pm Pacific

USC Rossier, Campus Wellbeing & Education, the USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future, and Civic Engagement will be in attendance to share their insight on what this election and its outcome means for us. This will be a conversation moderated by Dornsife Associate Dean Kimberly Freeman, focusing on what is to come politically and educationally in our communities.

Have You Heard about the Zoom Updates?

Learn more at [USC Keep Teaching](#).

- Participant self-select for breakout rooms – Provides flexibility for meeting participants to engage in topics of their choosing
- Display PowerPoint Slides as Virtual Backgrounds – Improves the experience when presenting slides over Zoom
- Enable a live transcription service

USC's First Slack Day Was A Treat!

More than 140 people joined Information Technology Services (ITS), representatives from Slack and others across the university during USC's first-ever Slack-or-Treat Day. You are encouraged to join your fellow Trojans on the Slack channel **#trojan-slack-champs** (formerly known as #trojan-slack-day channel) to continue to discuss new ways to use Slack, explore new features, and ask experts your burning questions. For video recordings of the learning sessions and for more information, keep-teaching.usc.edu/news.

Plan Your Blackboard Use Over Winter Break

During the upcoming Winter Recess, Blackboard will perform our annual upgrade. Blackboard will be unavailable to faculty and students **starting at 12:01 am. Monday, December 28, 2020 through 11:59 pm, Thursday, December 31, 2020**. Stay tuned for future updates regarding this upgrade and its benefits.

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