"Make It Stick: the Science of Successful Learning" by Peter C. Brown, Henry L. Roediger (III), Mark A. McDaniel

This book challenges the popular idea that the goal of good teaching is to make learning "easy." Using research from cognitive psychology, Make it Stick provides suggestions for how to become more productive learners so that we can share these best practices with our students.

Teaching Tip: "Message Students Who"

For a quick way to message students who have failed to submit an assignment, congratulate top scorers on an exam, or touch base with under-performing students, consider using the "Message Students Who..." option in the Canvas gradebook. https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-12690-415255001

PIE Hotline

Dear PIE,
I am a first time TA and I am really worried about getting a question from a student in class that I won't be able to answer. What should I do if this situation arises? Sincerely, Afraid to not have all of the answers

Dear (don’t be) Afraid,
Here are a few options for how to handle the situation which will inevitably arise: BE HONEST! You’re human! It’s OK to not have all of the answers! Tell the students you are not sure but you will get back to them. Start the next class discussing what you were able to learn about their question. Make it an extra credit opportunity. Tell the students that if they go home and research the question, you will give extra credit to the students who bring back an answer. Turn the question into an in-class discussion. Have students pair-up and think about possible answers.

*Email your TA questions to PIE Hotline at PIE-info@fsu.edu

Rachel Flemming, a Doctoral student from FSU’s Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, is our PIE 'TA of the Month' for October/November! Rachel currently teaches three sections of SPN1121 (Elementary Spanish II). Rachel was nominated for the 2017-2018 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award at FSU. Rachel emphasizes (1) a language-rich and communication-oriented learning environment, (2) room for vulnerability and mistakes, and (3) connections between subject matter and the real world. One of her students had this to say about her: “Mrs. Flemming was one of the best teachers I've had at FSU. She truly cares about her students and we all notice that. She wants us to do well and that is shown in her teaching methods. I wish she was teaching Spanish 3”

Thank you, Rachel, for all you do for our students at FSU!

To nominate a TA to highlight in our PIE Newsletter, please email us at PIE-info@fsu.edu

For more tips and resources, go to https://pie.fsu.edu/resources

Letter from the Editor

PIE (Program for Instructional Excellence) at FSU is very excited to announce the launch of our bi-monthly newsletter. PIE strives to promote FSU nationally and internationally as a leading research university dedicated to student learning. Through the PIE conference, various workshops and book groups, we strive to help graduate students improve in their quality of undergraduate instruction. We will continue to provide opportunities to foster a sense of collaboration and community among all graduate student teaching assistants at FSU. Please join fellow FSU TAs and instructors as we promote pedagogical practices, skills and techniques to make a positive and long-lasting impact on teaching here at FSU!

Resources

Want to stay current on topics related to pedagogy and teaching at the college level? The "Teaching in Higher Ed" Podcast hosted by Bonnie Stachowski features interviews with college teachers and experts in assessment, diversity and inclusion, instructional design, innovative teaching methods, and educational technology.
Rescheduled Date* Mon. 10/22 - Tips and Techniques for Efficient Grading
The Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall, 4th Floor, HSF House (*all PIE Workshops located here)
Grading can be a daunting and time-consuming affair, but there are ways you can make the process smoother while still maintaining accurate and fair grading practices. Discover how you can save time grading across all disciplines with tips and techniques from seasoned TAs.

DIRECTO Book Group Meetings
Fridays, 3-5pm
HSF House, 3009
Join us for our upcoming University wide Diversity & Inclusion in Research & Teaching book club. This book club will provide an opportunity to "continue the conversations" started at the Symposium on Diversity & Inclusion in Research & Teaching. Participants for the book club and symposium are welcome from all areas of the university: faculty, staff, undergraduate students, graduate students & alumni!

PROGRAM FOR INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE (PIE)
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE EVENT DETAILS & REGISTRATION LINKS: PIE.FSU.EDU
OFFICES LOCATED ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF THE HONORS, SCHOLARS, AND FELLOWS (HSF) HOUSE
DIRECTOR - DR. LISA LISENO - LLISENO@FSU.EDU

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