



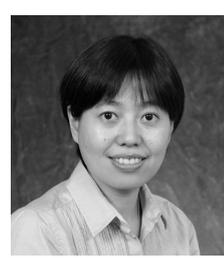
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A note from the editors

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester. Whether you are zooming from afar or settled in Tallahassee, PIE (Program for Instructional Excellence) wishes you a productive and healthy new year. Don't forget that we are here to help. Every month our newsletter will highlight upcoming events including professional development workshops, teaching tips, and other services. If you have questions about PIE, please contact us at pie-info@fsu.edu.

PIE workshops



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Enhancing teaching in virtual reality

October 16th
2-3:30PM EST

Learn about virtual-reality-based teaching training program designed for TAs.



[read more about our workshops >>](#)

Other PIE services

- **Peer Teaching Observations:** fill out this form for a personalized teaching peer feedback https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vRg47IjQjbYmix
- **The TA Community Support Site on Canvas** where TAs can log on to Zoom calls with our associates to trouble-shoot their courses <https://canvas.fsu.edu/courses/130419>
- **Partnership with Preparing Future Faculty:** <https://gradschool.fsu.edu/professional-development/preparing-future-faculty-pff>



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TA SPOTLIGHT



"Your worldview and life experiences make you unique; connect to your students by talking about your own personal experiences with the course material and by helping students see the opportunities available to them."

Aaron Ridall Biological Science Department

Aaron is a second year PhD student and the BIO Lab 2 Honcho, which means that he supports a team of TAs and guides their teaching and models effective teaching practices and pedagogies before they teach their undergraduates.

Aaron was one of ten TAs nominated for the 2019-2020 OTAA within his department. Great job Aaron!

Aaron is very passionate about both education and science. He hopes to use his work to teach local communities about how pollution is shaping marine environments and the ways in which we can modify our ecological impact through small changes to our lifestyles.

Thank you!

[Visit Aaron's Website](#)

TEACHING TIPS

Equity in the classroom: many students may not have access to the internet or a device - or will have inconsistent access. Keep in mind that other devices are available, students may access your online course from phones or tablets. Try your best to understand circumstances may be different for each student.

Teaching tip: we all make mistakes. The key is how we learn from these mistakes! As teachers, embrace the errors that might pop up in the classroom, acknowledge, discuss, and move on from those mistakes. Students will appreciate how to get to the right answer.



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