

Program for Instructional Excellence

The Florida State University

PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series—Summer 2018



Come join fellow TAs and instructors to discuss strategies and techniques that promote excellence in teaching and learning -- bring your questions, concerns, and ideas! As always, coffee & pie will be provided!

All workshops qualify for PFF, PFP, and PIE credit. Location and Time (All events):

3:30-5:00pm in the Great Hall (4th floor) of the *Honors, Scholars, & Fellows House* (All workshops)

Learning How to Teach Problem Solving through a VR Training Session:

Monday, 6/4/18

A central portion of education is to teach people to be better problem solvers. In this workshop, you will learn and practice strategies of teaching problem solving to students in a Virtual Reality (VR) environment. For beginning TAs and whoever is interested in improving teaching skills, this workshop would provide great opportunities to interact with virtual students and practice teaching anonymously in a simulated classroom. This workshop also gives you an opportunity to experience educational VR, which has been applied in multiple departments at FSU. (Note: The VR intervention is designed as a part of an NSF-funded research project).

Presenter: Dr. Fengfeng Ke, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology & Learning Systems



Screenshot from 3D VR firestorm viewer



Creating Multiple Choice Questions that Test Critical Thinking:

Monday, 6/25/18

Using multiple choice questions on exams helps make grading quicker. However the worry is whether this type of question can adequately test students' knowledge and critical thinking skills. Come join us at this workshop to discuss and practice techniques to create multiple choice questions that aim to evaluate students' deeper understanding.

Presenters: Kate Pierson, School of Theatre, PIE Program Graduate Assistant, & Dr. Lisa Liseno, Director of the Program for Instructional Excellence

The Art of Leading Discussions:

Wednesday, 7/25/18

When it comes to leading a lively discussion, it isn't just a matter of posing a question and hoping the conversation takes off from there. A good classroom discussion requires preparation. This workshop will focus on preparing for discussions that meet course objectives, asking strong questions, and facilitating the direction of the conversation.

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The Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) strives to enrich the learning experience for undergraduate students at FSU by supporting the teaching efforts of graduate student teaching assistants through its various services. PIE offers professional development programs that create opportunities to foster a sense of collaboration and community among all graduate student teaching assistants at FSU.

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