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ALG provides a variety of events that give USG faculty and staff opportunities to acquaint themselves with affordable and open resources and their implementation in the classroom.

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http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/events/heroes_preconference

Affordable Learning Georgia Preconference Symposium and Reception for the USG Teaching and Learning Conference
Tuesday, April 12, 1-5 and 5-9
University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education

Description: We Can Be Textbook Heroes: Courageous New Learning Models and Materials is a free half-day symposium on the day before the USG Teaching and Learning Conference, intended to inspire faculty, librarians, instructional designers, administrators, and teaching and learning staff through a showcase of workshops, bold projects, and success stories featuring Open Educational Resources (OER). Topics include success stories and new research plans from USG faculty, managing open copyright for faculty, campus OER transformation, and using OER in new learning models such as competency-based education (CBE).

An evening reception will feature a special presentation on competency-based education and OER by Mark Jenkins, Director of eLearning and Open Education for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Agenda: Click here to view agenda.

Price: There is no cost to register and attend; however, cancellations of less than 48 hours and no-shows may result in a $35.00 charge to the registrant.

Location: University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Room K

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KU Libraries sponsors Open Textbook Workshop for Faculty

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Sarah Cohen and David Ernst of the University of Minnesota’s Open Textbook Network (OTN) will be at KU Libraries to lead a workshop for faculty regarding open textbooks and open educational resources on Friday, April 29, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., room 450 in Watson Library.

In this two-hour session, faculty will learn the pedagogical benefits of open textbooks and discover open textbooks in their field. Faculty who attend and write a short review of an open textbook will receive a stipend of up to $500 (final amount distributed based on the number of faculty who complete reviews). These reviews will benefit other faculty considering open textbooks.

Faculty may apply for a slot at the workshop by Friday, April 15, at 5 p.m. Space is limited.

The Open Textbook Network (OTN) is a consortium of higher education institutions committed to improving access, affordability, and academic success by helping faculty overcome barriers to open textbook adoption; increasing institutional capacity to support adoption and use of open textbooks; and collaboratively developing new understandings of open textbook adoption and use. KU Libraries joined the OTN in Summer 2015.

David Ernst (@dembers) is director of the Center for Open Education and executive director of OTN. He created and manages the Open Textbook Library, a single source for faculty to find quality openly licensed textbooks.

Sarah Cohen (@theshebook) is managing director of OTN. Formerly the associate university librarian at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Cohen joined OTN to foster libraries’ strategic role in advancing access, discovery and engagement with open textbooks.

Please see KU Libraries’ OER libguide for more information and resources. Additional information that provides some background reading about OER and Open Textbooks:


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- KU Libraries
- Scholarly Communication & Copyright Services at KU Libraries
- Copyrighr Resources guide
- KU One University Open Access Author Fund
- Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions (COAR)
- The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)

Why KU

26 prestigious Rhodes Scholars — more than all other Kansas colleges combined
OpenStax Presentation
Nicole Finkbeiner, OpenStax, Institutional Relations
Monday, March 7 @ 4pm
Ellis Library room 114-A

Students have requested that MU faculty utilize Open Educational Resources (see Resolution-1415-08). Come learn more about how OpenStax Textbooks can be used in your classroom at no cost to your students. OpenStax representative Nicole Finkbeiner will be able to answer all of your questions about how to adopt open source, peer-reviewed, high-quality textbooks.

OER Workshop
Grace Atkins, User Engagement Librarian, MU Libraries
Friday, March 11 @ 1pm
Ellis Library room 213 & live online

Are your students struggling with high textbook costs? Consider using free and openly licensed educational materials. Open Educational Resources are an accessible and equitable alternative to traditional instructional materials. Learn more about where and how you can find high-quality OERs to use in your courses. Part of our semester long "Fridays @ the Library" workshop series. Register online.
The agenda for Penn State’s first Open Educational Resources (OER) Summit, held at Foster Auditorium and online via Mediasite Live on March 23, includes opening remarks at 8:45 a.m. by Dean Barbara I. Dewey, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications, and a keynote presentation by Nicole Allen, director of Open Education at SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition.

10:15-11:15 a.m.
Showcase of OER Champions: Five early adopters describe efforts to reduce costs and make course materials more available.

11:45 a.m.-noon
Penn State’s Task Force Update and Futurecasting
optional lunch and facilitated conversation in Mann Assembly Room, first floor Paterno Library (with prior registration)

Knowledge Commons, first floor Paterno Library
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Hands-on Workshops: Julie-Ann Lang, Instructional Designer with Educational Technology Services, will conduct a hands-on workshop to illustrate a variety of resources, tools, and techniques available to help get you started.

Additional information about the event, including a registration link for all participants, regardless of location, is available at http://tinyurl.com/OERsummit16.
Are you concerned about the impact of rising textbook costs on your students?

This workshop is designed to help USC faculty and graduate students discover and evaluate free and low cost materials for use in their instruction.

January 29, 1 - 2 PM,
March 10, 11 - 12 PM,
April 25, 2 - 3 PM,
TCL 4th, Classroom 412
Free Textbooks and Resources, Access on Day One for You and Your Students

“Free Textbooks and Resources, Access on Day One for You and Your Students,” webinar with Nicole Finkbeiner, Associate Director, Institutional Relations at OpenStax College, Rice University.

The University of South Carolina is partnering with Rice University’s free textbook initiative, OpenStax College, for a webinar on their free textbooks. Come see why USC faculty, as well as thousands of other faculty across the county are using the books. This session will cover how using free textbooks contribute to student success, the positive impact of Open Educational Resources on academic freedom, the OpenStax College development model, how you and your students access and use the free books, and more. They have free textbooks available in Physics, Sociology, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Statistics, Math, Economics, Chemistry, US History, and Psychology. They are developing additional books in Math, Sciences, and Government.

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Open Education Week 2016: Access and Affordability in Learning

Posted on March 7, 2016 by rdashiell

The week of March 7th is Open Education Week, a global event coordinated by the Open Education Consortium to raise awareness around free and open sharing in education. This movement advocates for free and open access for learners and teachers to a variety of resources, including platforms, course and learning materials, and textbooks.

Temple University Libraries is joining the conversation around textbook access and affordability by hosting an Open Education Week event titled “Ditch the Textbook: Exploring Options for Textbook Affordability” on Wednesday, March 9 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM in the Paley Library Lecture Hall. The panel will feature students and faculty advocates (listed below) for open educational resources and will be moderated by Annie Johnson, Library Publishing and Scholarly Communications Specialist at Temple Libraries. The event will also provide information about Temple Libraries’ Alternate Textbook Project, which will soon be open to proposals.

Panelists for the Libraries’ March 9th event include:

Eitan Laurence is a Temple University student who is an advocate for Open Educational Resources (OER). He is currently a member of the Provost’s Task Force on Textbook Affordability.

Gerard Brown, Associate Professor, Tyler School of Art, is the Chair of the school’s Foundations Department. His senior Visual Studies seminar students are currently engaged in a project looking at the way textbooks affect learning.
Wesley Roehl is a Professor in the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management. He is a recent participant in Temple Libraries’ Alternate Textbook Project.

Kristine Weatherston is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Media Studies and Production. She is a two-time recipient of the Alternate Textbook Project award. Kristine utilizes web-based and open source textbooks, software, and videos in her scriptwriting, documentary production, and media courses.

We invite you to join us! Please contact Annie Johnson (annie.johnson@temple.edu) with questions.

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Library Workshop

Exploring Innovative & Open Educational Resources: Three Current Projects

Join several Virginia Tech and Radford University faculty members as they discuss their current work of developing innovative or open educational resources for use in their teaching. Panel themes will be further explored in the after-panel hands-on workshop. Events begin with a pre-panel multimedia tour of innovative and open educational resources from Virginia Tech, Radford, and beyond.

9:30 am - 10:00 am — Refreshments and Multimedia tour
10:00 am - 11:00 am — Panel Discussion
11:00 am - 12:00 pm — Hands on Collaboration

Panelists:

Dr. Clifford A. Shaffer
Professor of Computer Science
Virginia Tech

Dr. Benjamin Jantzen
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Virginia Tech

Dr. Bruce Mahin
Professor of Composition and Music Theory
Radford University

Friday, March 28 ● 9:30 am - 12 noon ● 1st Floor Multipurpose Room
RSVP: Anita Walz arwalz@vt.edu by March 25th
Open Education Week 2016 is an event that promotes the use of open educational resources in higher education. The event aims to raise awareness about the benefits of using open educational resources, which can include materials such as open educational materials (OER) and open textbooks. The event is organized by the Virginia Tech Libraries and takes place from March 14-18, 2016, at the Newman Library on the Virginia Tech campus.

Keynote Presentation

Robert Biswas-Diener, PhD, presents the keynote presentation titled "NOSA: The Next Step in Open Education." The presentation focuses on the Northern Virginia Open Standards Alliance (NOSA), a project that brings together a group of experts to create open learning modules in the field of psychology. The presentation aims to highlight the benefits of using open educational resources in higher education.

Open Education Week Schedule of Events

Tuesday 3/15

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.  Introduction to Open Education Week
11:10 - 12:15 p.m.  Research Presentation: Are textbooks too expensive for students? A look at a survey of 300 Virginia Tech students in national context

Description: National surveys suggest that rising textbook costs have a negative impact on student learning. How do VT students respond to rising costs in their course selections? How do they perceive the cost of academic performance? How do they use materials in different courses? What impact does this have on academic performance? The presenter, Virginia Tech assistant professor Anna M. Wiltz, will discuss the results of this survey as part of the presentation.
Thursday 3/17 9:30am-4pm

Location: Newman Library (1st floor) Multipurpose Room

9:30 a.m.
Opening Reception (light refreshments)

What we mean (and don't mean) when we say "Open Education"

**Description:** This session will introduce the concepts of open education and open educational resources within the overall context of openness. The term Open Education broadly means resources and practices which reduce barriers to learning.

Two of the most popular applications include: teaching openly or open pedagogy – the idea of letting the public into your classroom — and the re-use/adaptation/innovation of open educational resources which allow for greater academic freedom and pedagogical flexibility.

By the end of this interactive session participants should be able to articulate explain several ways one can engage in open education, list benefits and potential drawbacks to open educational activities, and explain whether one might engage in open educational activities in the future.

**Live Streaming:** https://virginiatech.webex.com/meetlansitz

**NLI registration for faculty, staff, and students:** VT NLI
General registration: http://goo.gl/forms/1C23DjI65Z

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Open Education practitioners "Speed Networking"

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch on your own (a list of walking-distance lunch options will be provided)

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Keynote Presentation: Expert authored, free, and reproducible educational resources: Meet the inventors of NOBA

**Speaker:** Dr. Robert Biswas-Diener is senior editor of NOBA, an open education resource providing free materials to students and instructors of psychology. Each year, NOBA earns students more than 1 million dollars in textbook fees. When not working on NOBA, Robert researches positive psychological topics and has more than 50 academic publications. He is author of The Courage Quotient and The Upside of Your Dark Side. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

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2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Project Showcases

**Description:** 10-minute lightening round presentations on various Open Education projects

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General public registration: http://goo.gl/forms/1C23DjI65Z

3:15 - 4:00 p.m.
Discussion & Wrap Up

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Thursday 3/17 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Newman Library 2nd floor

**SGA Open Education Awareness Campaign**

**Description:** Join the Student Government Association to learn more about Open Educational Resources, how you can cut your textbook costs in half, and how you can make a difference. Food and prizes available!