

THE ADJUNCT ARGOSY

Newsletter of the Clark College Adjunct Faculty Council

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FEATURE:

BUILDING AN ADJUNCT FACULTY PORTAL

By Justin Allen

For the past few years, the Adjunct Faculty Council has been working to obtain a more accessible and robust web site that could offer much needed information and resources to both new and veteran adjunct faculty.

As we worked through different iterations of this project, a certain reality became clear. We need a website that is dynamic, reflective of adjuncts current and future needs, highly accessible, and able to be updated and maintained fluidly.

The purpose of this article is to acknowledge and thank the students and faculty who've worked on this project.

While the initial ideas and research began a few years ago and was spearheaded by faculty member James "Ron" Powers, we (the AFC) were gifted with a spark of innovation when faculty member Robert LaCrosse joined our team.

With a background in web design, Robert immediately brought to the table an assortment of ideas and questions that empowered us to move forward on designing something immediately. Robert also had the vision to involve his students, which gave this project its uniquely collaborative and student-led dynamic.

Robert has worked with various groups of students from his CTEC 271: Web Interface Design II class to realize this project.

Last term, students performed a SWOT analysis, interviewed Clark adjuncts about what content and resources they would want to see in an adjunct faculty web portal, researched existing sites, and proposed an initial outline of what this site should include. That initial leg work was picked up this term by another group of students who built the site's wireframe, continued seeking feedback from adjuncts, and are now in the process of building the living draft version of our Adjunct Faculty Portal.

This term's group performed the following roles:

- Account Manager/Project Lead: Peter Doherty
- Project Manager: Han Pham
- User Experience Researcher: Broedy Chase
- Visual Designer: Loc Hoang
- Developer: Dennis Vakulyuk
- Quality Assurance Tester: Jessica Sassmanshausen

This project is intended to offer a practical resource that all adjuncts will benefit from, but it is so much greater to know that it is a product of teacher-student collaboration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adjunct Faculty Council Meeting

Drop in for our final meeting of the term:

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85139239239?pwd=T1U3WEpPQTRFRUzWGdFN0w0MmlUQT09>

Meeting ID: 851 3923 9239

Adjunct Social Hour

Meet some fellow adjuncts for a virtual coffee/tea hour.

Stay tuned for an email invite from Jennifer Ward.

Adjunct Faculty Portal – Draft Review

Meet the dynamic team of students developing our Adjunct Faculty Portal, see the draft of the project, and offer any feedback you might have.

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88086982209?pwd=TE1hTEY1a2kzMlFZV3hrSnhtK3pSdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 8698 2209

Adjunct Faculty Portal – Draft follow-up and Final Draft Review

Dates: Friday, May 27 and Friday, June 3rd

Times: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Stay tuned for Zoom invites from the AFC!

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Backwards Course Design Workshop (hosted by Clark College Teaching and Learning Center)

The TLC (Teaching & Learning Center) and Clark's 2022 OER/ZTC (Open Educational Resources/Zero Textbook Cost) Community of Practice invite you to a [Backward Course Design workshop](#) next week Thursday, May 19th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. In this workshop led by **Deena Godwin**, participants will learn Backward Course Design theory and practice designing courses and lesson plans by first identifying desired outcomes. No pre-requisites necessary.

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2522659848Links>

Creating Gender Inclusive Spaces – Understanding pronouns and gender neutral language

This workshop is ideal for anyone who is just beginning to understand the importance of using pronouns and gender neutral language respectfully. Those who are eager to increase their allyship skills for transgender and nonbinary identified colleagues will benefit from the interactive and reflective process of the workshop.

Date: Thursday, May 19th, 2022

Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

Location: Foster Hall, Room 126 – Classroom Auditorium

Questions? Contact Cara Cocchiarella at CCocchiarella@clark.edu

OUTREACH & RECRUITMENT

Are you seeking greater community with your fellow adjuncts at Clark? Do you have questions about the college, how to access information, or who to contact when questions do arise? Are you interested in serving on the Adjunct Faculty Council next year or attending future meetings?

We want to hear from you. Contact us at afc20-21@clarkcoll.onmicrosoft.com