



OER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES



Join us as we focus on in-depth training to Engage, Educate and Empower on three aspects of OER:

- STRATEGIES FOR BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR OER ON YOUR CAMPUS AND HOW TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES
- STRATEGIES FOR FINDING QUALITY OPEN TEXTBOOKS
- CUSTOMIZING AND CREATING OER CONTENT

All sessions will begin at 2pm EST. Click on Register to reserve your spot for each webinar! We look forward to having you join us.



Daniel Williamson, Managing Director
OpenStax | Rice University
Houston, Texas

OCT. 22, 2020 2pm EST "FINDING QUALITY OPEN TEXTBOOKS: OPENSTAX"

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Open educational resources have become more widely available, and they can now be found for many courses at all levels of education. Educators' awareness of these free and adaptable resources is also growing. Switching to an open textbook is proven to not just save students money, but afford students and instructors greater flexibility than traditional textbooks. Navigating the landscape of open educational resources and finding a quality, free, openly-licensed textbook doesn't have to be a burden on instructors, librarians, or administrators. Managing director of OpenStax, the leading publisher of free, openly-licensed textbooks, Daniel Williamson will share his expertise on developing quality textbooks, meeting the needs of educators and students, and what the organization has learned about identifying great open textbooks.



Katie Miller, Library Director
Aiken Technical College
Aiken, South Carolina

NOV. 12, 2020 2pm EST "OER AS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE"

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"Higher education shall be equally accessible to all" – United Nations, 1948
Ensuring that higher education is equally accessible is not a new issue, but it is quickly becoming a bigger challenge in the United States. There are few things that faculty have direct control over when it comes to the cost of a college student's education, other than textbooks. The cost of a textbook can have a huge impact on a student's success in a course. This presentation will talk about how using Open Educational Resources (OER) is actually a social justice issue and how all of us can help level the playing field for our students.



Melinda Boland, Director
OER Services
ISKME | OER Commons
Half Moon Bay, CA

JAN. 21, 2021 2pm EST "CUSTOMIZING AND CREATING OER CONTENT"

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When faculty use OER, one of the most exciting opportunities that is extended is for faculty to customize their courses to fit the needs of their students. In this presentation, Melinda Boland will explore how using OER can enable faculty to create flexible learning experiences to embrace good design principles for student-centered instruction. The presenter will also share highlights regarding OER licensing and will explore best practices and tools for effective search, quality evaluation, organization, and sharing of resources.



Mary Jo Fayoyin, Retired
Former Dean of Library
Savannah State University
Savannah, Georgia

FEB. 18, 2021
2pm EST "FROM LEMONS TO LEMONADE: HOW LIBRARIANS CAN USE LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC TO POSITION THEMSELVES AS ADVOCATES FOR OER"

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How librarians can be advocates for OER initiatives on their campuses with an honest discussion about the challenges librarians face at HBCUs. More importantly, the presenter will discuss how librarians must position themselves to overcome these challenges if they are to be successful advocates for OER at their respective institutions.

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