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THE TFF *TATTLER*

Training Future Faculty Monthly Newsletter



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Hello Future Faculty,

As you begin your mini-teachings, we want to share some pointers about good slide design, informed by research about how people process information. While it's very tempting to present information in outline and bulleted list form, this is not necessarily engaging or effective. But not to worry, we're here to save you and your students from the dreaded death by PowerPoint!

Also in this issue: a recap of TFF's recent Fall Social, Upcoming Events, and some Extras to support you on your TFF journey.

Best,

Amy, Brenda, Graciela, Justi, Larry, & Jennifer

P.S. If you missed them, here are links to past newsletters: [Oct/Nov issue](#) [Dec issue](#)

TEACHING TIPS

SLIDE DESIGN BASICS

For inclusive teaching, design your presentation with accessibility in mind from the start. Here is a resource for [Creating Accessible PowerPoints](#).

Slides should be fairly succinct. Use the presentation notes at the bottom for yourself as needed, but keep your actual slide minimal. Consider giving your learners a Handout with more details afterward, instead of putting all the information into the slide deck.

Whenever possible, use a strong visual or infographic instead of written text .

You needn't fill in the entire slide, in fact, empty space is your friend.

Avoid bullet points if you can, or at least keep them to a minimum.

When presenting, refrain from reading your slides. Because people cannot read and listen at the same time, reading your slides aloud will cause poor retention, and bore people - it's not you, it's the slide!

Using stories will help your learners remember. (Check out page 4 for more on the power and importance of storytelling.)

SLIDE DESIGN RESOURCE



Garr Reynolds is a highly regarded teacher and communications consultant.

And if that weren't enough, Garr is also an Oregon native!

Find excellent slide design and presentation advice on his [Presentation Zen Tips](#) webpage

WANT MORE? EXPLORE THE [TEACHING RESOURCES ON SAKAI](#)

PRACTICE AND REFLECTION

Here's a slide Jennifer made for a presentation at an acute rehab unit. Considering what you know about good design, take a moment to critique it. What's not working?

**WHY IS PARTICIPATION IN LEISURE IMPORTANT?
IMPLICATIONS FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL WELL-BEING**

Leisure satisfaction > Life satisfaction

- source of motivation
- brings meaning and purpose
- promotes skill development, sense of competence
- constructive use of time and supports healthy routines
- supports emotional and psychological well-being
- supports development of coping skills



(Amarshi, Artero, & Reid, 2006; Law, 2002; Mitchell, 2009)

For starters, if you said bullet points, too much text, too small font, and a not-so-great image choice, you're right! There's even more we can critique here, but Jennifer's ego can only take so much...

Here is her redo of this slide, using some principles of good slide design. What's working better here, and why? Do you have any slides that could use a makeover?



UPCOMING EVENTS

RECAP, TFF FALL SOCIAL

We came together on December 6 at OHSU for coffee, tea, and treats. Our virtual fireplace and holiday music set the stage for chatting, story swapping and sharing our ugly sweaters. It was so great to see some of you in person! We didn't get photos of everyone but here are some of us - thanks for coming!



COMING UP

TFF Early Career Faculty Panel

Tuesday January 31, 9:00-10:00am on Webex

Advancing Learning Through Evidence-Based STEM Teaching

This is an 8 week course held asynchronously and beginning Sunday January 29.

Assessment Academy: What Critical Pedagogy can tell us about assessment

Thursday February 2, 12:00-1:00pm

Decode a Troublesome Concept or Skill for Your Learners

Wednesday February 8, 9:00-11:00am, PST

Note: Registration will remain open until capacity is reached or until Friday January 27, whichever comes first.

Training Future Faculty Professional Development Group

Tuesday February 14, 9:00am-12:00pm. In-person! OHSU, LBRB 381

All Together Now: Participatory Techniques for Community Engaged Learning

Friday February 24, 9:30am-12:00pm

EXTRAS

TED TALK



Check out Garr Reynold's TED talk: "[Why Storytelling Matters](#)"

In this 15 minute video, Garr explains why storytelling is essential and shares his list of 10 ways to make better presentations.

A LITTLE HUMOR

NOISE TO SIGNAL
Rob Cottingham



Now, on this slide, may I direct your attention to the flashy animation and cool transition effects... because I worked really, really hard on them.