

Fall Flex 2021

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We are excited to report that Fall Flex 2021 pages have been updated with recordings and materials. The Ventura College Professional Development Coordination Council planned a 3-Day extravaganza of highly relevant topics and the President's office organized the final kick off day. For an official schedule of events, please visit the SharePoint pages for

- **Tuesday: [August 10th](#),**
- **Wednesday: [August 11th](#)**
- **Thursday: [August 12th](#)**
- **Friday: [August 13th](#)**

The days focused on Inclusion, Wellness, COVID safety, and Microsoft workshops. They demonstrated some best practices in how to reach every student. You were also updated on the new LRC Training Studio.

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FLEX DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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<p>August 10, 2021 Bridges to Inclusion 9am - 10:30am</p> <p>Guest Speakers: Dr. Sofia Vergara and Dr. Kimberly Austin</p> <p>In this presentation Dr. Vergara and Dr. Austin will facilitate an interactive discussion focused on disability awareness and building partnerships between faculty and students to promote inclusivity and enhance the learning environment.</p> <p>This session will allow participants to reflect and engage in scenarios through the use of an interactive discussion board, the chat feature, Q&A, and other methods that will highlight and model practical applications of inclusive teaching strategies for the college classroom.</p>	<p>August 10, 2021 Authentic Assessments 2pm - 3pm</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Holly Schiefelbein</p> <p>Holly Schiefelbein is a faculty member in the biology departments at Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, and Golden West College. Holly approaches her teaching with a passion for making science relevant to student's lives and future careers. As a distance education facilitator for Long Beach City College, she assists faculty in developing engaging and humanized curricula for their online classes. Holly is devoted to creatively reimagining the paradigm of STEM education through the adoption of equitable practices that allow more students to be successful.</p>	<p>MOONPARK COLLEGE TWMOCAs August 10, 2021 TWMOCAs Creating a Sense of Belonging 3:15pm - 4:15pm</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Tamarra Coleman</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of Teaching Women and Men of Color Advocates (TWMOCAs) and discuss WHY this group is necessary at Ventura College. We will also provide the participants practical tools that will help answer the HOW question. Our discussion will be rooted in the work of Frank Harris and Luke Wood and their book, Teaching Men of Color. Professor of English and TWMOCA at Moonpark College, Tamarra Coleman, will discuss the importance of creating a space where students of color feel a sense of "belonging."</p>	<p>August 11, 2021 Re-Framing Disability: Promoting Equity on Campus 9am - 10:30am</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Amanda Kraus</p> <p>This interactive workshop will explore "what we think we know" about disability. By analyzing language, media and design, we will problematize the dominant narrative on disability. We will discuss prevalent models used to frame disability as well as emerging thinking that challenges the idea that disability is a personal tragedy or problem, but a phenomenon created by the design of our environments with far-reaching political, social and economic implications. We will end with a discussion of Universal Design and practical strategies to create more inclusive and welcoming spaces, processes and experiences for all.</p>	<p>August 11, 2021 Mindfulness Workshop 3pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Kathleen S. Yap</p> <p>In this experiential session, we will learn about <i>Qi Gong</i> as an anti-racist practice and framework. Chronic stress related to racism and other oppressions impact how long we live, how well we live, and the life-course of future generations. <i>Qi Gong</i> is an ancient and contemporary mindfulness practice that involves breath, awareness, and movement. In addition to being a <i>Qi Gong</i> practitioner for almost 30 years, Dr. Yap is a tenured full time professor of Asian American Studies at the Sacramento College who has spoken at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. A certified Mindfulness Awareness Practice teacher through UCLA, she was a visiting scholar at UCLA's Sami Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior and a Sami Foundation Faculty Fellow at Harvard University. Session includes movement accessible to all bodies.</p>
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