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Embracing a New Academic Year

As we begin this new academic year, our campuses come alive with renewed energy and a shared commitment to lifelong learning. Faculty and students alike are embracing a growth mindset—seeing challenges not as obstacles, but as opportunities to learn, adapt, and thrive. In this edition, we highlight programs where CPD fosters learning community through peer-to-peer collaboration and communities of practice that encourage knowledge sharing and mutual support.

You will find programs that serve a diverse audience, including faculty, librarians, technology professionals, and those that are called to leadership roles or are leading programs/projects from where they are.

At SUNY CPD we are just as excited to welcome everyone back and are looking forward to supporting our colleagues and students through innovative programming, meaningful partnerships, and continued professional development.

Lisa Raposo
Executive Director

2025 SICAS Summit – Register Now!

Dates: October 15th –17th, 2025
Location: Embassy Suites
Saratoga Springs

The SICAS Summit is an annual conference that brings together SUNY campuses and partners to share ideas, learn best practices, and explore tools like Banner, Degree Works, Argos, and more. Hear from peers, SICAS staff, and business partners about how to get the most out of these systems in your daily work.



Early bird rate: \$250 with code 25-EARLYBIRD — ends Aug. 29th, 2025!
(Standard rate: \$275)

Pay by credit card, check, or **CPD General or Technical points** (contact Chelsie Dalton to arrange).

Learn More and
Register

Additional Courses Added! Data Literacy Essentials for Higher Education Professionals

This online, asynchronous Brightspace program helps higher education professionals strengthen their data literacy skills by exploring data creation, analysis, interpretation, and storytelling. Designed for faculty, staff, and administrators **who use data in their work**, the program builds both confidence and practical skills for daily tasks and strategic decision-making.



Course One: Fundamentals of Working with Data

Sept 2th – Oct 13th

Covers the data lifecycle, governance, and foundational analysis concepts essential for understanding and using data in higher ed.

Course Two: Storytelling with Data

Oct 14th – Nov 24th

Focuses on turning data insights into impactful narratives for higher ed audiences. Completion of Course One or equivalent experience is required.

More Info

Registration Open for Fall SUNY New Faculty Open Mic Program

Offered at **no cost to tenure-track faculty** at all 64 SUNY campuses, the New Faculty Open Mic is a biweekly Zoom series designed to support faculty in their first two years (since Fall 2023). Sessions run **every other Monday from 2–3 p.m., September 8th to December 1st**, and are not recorded.



Co-hosted by SUNY Empire State University's Center for Mentoring, Learning and Academic Innovation and the SUNY Center for Professional Development, this informal, participant-led program aims to:

- Build community and connection among new SUNY faculty!
- Provide peer support in navigating teaching, advising, scholarship, service, and more.

More Info

Inclusive Teaching and Learning Certificate 2025

Boost Your Inclusive Teaching Skills!

Join SUNY's Inclusive Teaching & Learning Certificate Program to gain key strategies for

equity and inclusion in higher ed classrooms.

Take **one or both** courses in 2025:

- Critically Reflecting on Diversity (Sept 9th – Oct 13th)
- Design & Deliver Inclusive Courses (Oct 14th – Nov 17th)



[More Info](#)

SUNY CPD Distance Learning Leadership Certificate Program

Introducing the **NEW** SUNY CPD Distance Learning Leadership Certificate Program

This advanced certificate prepares professionals to serve as Chief Online Learning Officers (COLOs) and lead distance learning initiatives in higher ed. Participants will apply theories, instructional design principles, and emerging technologies to strengthen online education at their institutions.



The program also develops skills in collaboration, change management, quality assurance, and compliance—equipping leaders to drive innovation and impact.

Dates:

- Course 1: What You Need to Know to Be a DLL (**September 15th – October 24th**)
- Course 2: Strategy, Structure, and Systems for Online Education (**November 3rd – December 20th**)
- Course 3: Building the Strategic Plan for Online Education (**February 9th – March 20th, 2026**)
- Course 4: Cultivating Leadership, Champions, and Sustainable Innovation (**March 30th – May 8th, 2026**)

[More Info](#)

Constitution Day 2025

What Can You Say on Campus at a Public University or College? Free Speech, The Constitution, and College Life

Date:

Wednesday, September 17th, 2:00pm to 3:30pm (90 minutes) Eastern Time Zone

In addition to fulfilling their research and education mission, public colleges and universities have always had an important role in supporting American democracy. Central to achieving their vision is the open exchange of ideas through civic discourse. Please join us as we explore the civic mission of public higher education, the importance of nurturing students' civic discourse skills, and recent challenges to free speech and civic discourse on



American campuses.

Join us for a moderated panel discussion followed by breakout sessions.

Intended Audience: SUNY campuses and Massachusetts public higher education system faculty and staff, but students are welcome!

[More Info](#)

Library Leadership & Management Certificate Returns This Fall!

Designed for **current and aspiring** library leaders, this fully **online** SUNY CPD program offers practical training in leadership and management. Complete **any 3 courses** to earn the certificate and a Credly badge for each—plus a **bonus badge** for completing the full program. Courses are asynchronous, instructor-led, and can also be taken individually.

Pricing:

SUNY CPD members: from \$260/course

Non-members: from \$310–\$360/course



Next courses start Oct 7th, 2025.

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Connect with other SUNY Faculty Developers in Your Area this Fall!

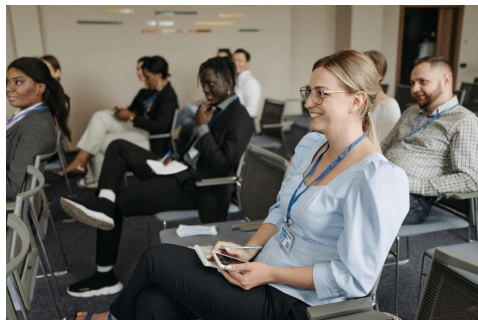
The SUNY Center for Professional Development is hosting a series of in-person meetings this fall designed for faculty and educational developers across the system. These highly interactive sessions will focus on sharing ideas, building connections, and providing practical strategies participants can bring back to their campuses.

Dates:

- October 24th – University at Albany
- October 31st – Genesee Community College
- November 7th – Fashion Institute of Technology

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration: \$30 CPD member fee (includes coffee and lunch)



[More Info](#)

Project Management Fundamentals

Live Online via Zoom

Dates:

- November 6th & 7th

- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST

*Please note September dates have been filled

Learn the essentials of project management using the NYS PM Guidebook, V2. This 2-day workshop is ideal for SUNY staff new to managing projects or leading teams - no prior experience required.

Cost:

- SUNY CPD Members: \$150
- SUNY Campuses: \$180
- Others: \$250



[More Info](#)

Universal Design for Learning – Access for All Webinar Series Fall 2025



Virtual via Zoom – All sessions will be recorded and captioned

The SUNY CPD's Universal Design for Learning (UDL) initiative continues the [Access for All Webinar Series](#), a set of one-hour sessions focused on practical strategies for making course materials more accessible and inclusive.

Dates:

- Designing Accessible Course Documents – Oct. 1st, 12–1 PM
- Creating Clear and Inclusive Presentations – Oct. 22nd, 12–1 PM
- Improving Accessibility in Audio and Video – Nov. 5th, 12–1 PM
- Developing Accessible and Inclusive PDFs – Nov. 19th, 12–1 PM

These sessions will explore ways to improve readability, engagement, and equity through better design of documents, presentations, media, and PDFs. Participants should have basic knowledge of creating accessible documents and slide decks.

For more information and other UDL offerings, visit the [Universal Design for Learning at SUNY website](#).

Questions? Contact cpdinfo@suny.edu

SAIL Digest: Grow Your Leadership This Fall

What will you do to develop your leadership mindset and skills this semester?

Explore opportunities to learn, connect, and earn a digital badge through SAIL's

leadership programs:

- **NEW:** Emerging Leaders Academy
- Mindful Leadership
- Crucial Learning courses (Crucial Conversations, Accountability, Influence, Getting Things Done, The Power of Habit)
- CIO Leadership Academy
- Department Chair Academy
- Summer Leadership Program



Center for Professional Development
SAIL Leadership Programs

View the full program list & register below!

[More Info](#)

Get to Know SUNY FACT2

As part of our mission to **support innovative teaching, learning, and faculty development**, SUNY CPD serves on and supports the SUNY Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology (FACT2).

FACT2 has evolved over **more than two decades** to become a well-established venue to foster collaboration and consensus within a highly diverse university community. Each SUNY Campus has FACT2 Representation, made up of **up to two people from each SUNY campus**, one from the teaching faculty and one from professional staff. Reporting to the SUNY Provost, FACT2 serves as an umbrella organization, distributing information from other system-wide governance and advisory organizations.



Through Task Groups, Symposia, and the [Conference on Instruction and Technology](#) (SUNY CIT), FACT2 provides a forum for **addressing forward-thinking teaching and learning issues**. Task groups have focused on artificial intelligence, experiential education, innovations in assessment, virtual reality, online accessibility and more.

Review Task Group reports and find your campus representative by visiting the SUNY FACT2 website below!

[More Info](#)

Celebrating Nancy Montondo's Retirement!

The CPD team had a wonderful time celebrating Nancy's retirement with a baseball outing!

Staff, family, and friends came together to cheer, laugh, and share memories as we honored Nancy's incredible contributions. It was a perfect day to celebrate her next chapter, and the lasting impact she's made.



Instructor Spotlight: Christopher Hromalik

We're excited to shine a spotlight on **Christopher Hromalik**, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Distance Learning Instruction & Design at SUNY Oswego—and a driving force behind Universal Design for Learning (UDL) across SUNY!

Christopher has taught 15 cohorts of Introduction to Universal Design for Learning and now leads [Universal Design in Higher Education: Beyond the Basics](#), a course for more advanced practitioners.

Why UDL? Why now?

"These courses prepare faculty to design instruction using the UDL framework to provide access to students with disabilities. With upcoming ADA Title II changes, it's more important than ever to learn how to build inclusive, accessible courses."



Participants in Christopher's courses can expect:

- A fast-paced, intensive experience
- Real-world applications of UDL principles
- Engaging peer conversations and idea-sharing

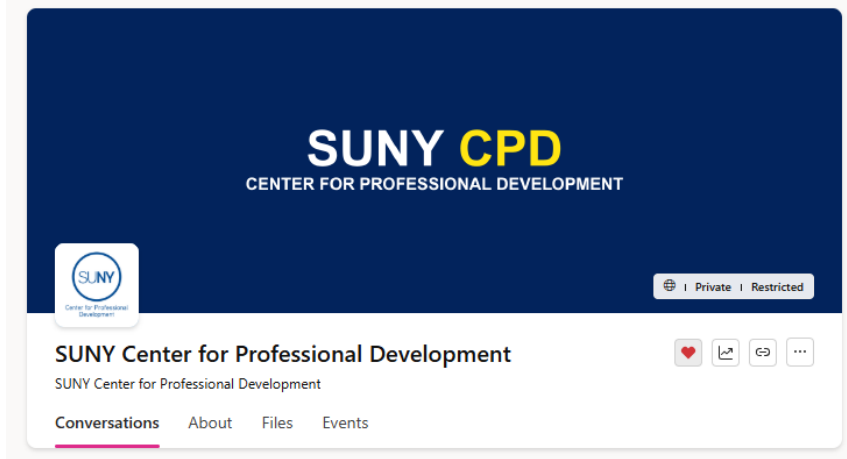
"I always leave each cohort inspired by participants' creativity and commitment to inclusive teaching," says Christopher.

In addition to teaching, Christopher serves as **Program Manager of Universal Design for Learning at SUNY**, where he collaborates closely with SUNY CPD on instructional design and program development.

Learn more about [UDL at SUNY](http://www.suny.edu/udl) (www.suny.edu/udl)

Thank you, Christopher, for your leadership in making higher education more inclusive for all learners!

Connect, Share, and Collaborate on Viva Engage!



Did you know? The SUNY Learning Commons on Viva Engage is your members-only space to connect with colleagues from across the SUNY system!

In the Commons, you'll find:

- Communities of Practice and Groups focused on shared interests or professional roles
- Topic-based groups where you can dive into specialized discussions
- Spaces to share photos, updates, and event highlights
- And the option to request new groups for projects, initiatives, or emerging topics

We already have an active SUNY CPD group—and there are many other channels where you can:

- Ask questions
- Share resources and best practices
- Celebrate successes and milestones

Access is open to **anyone with a Microsoft email**, but to keep groups focused and relevant, you'll just need to fill out a short form to be added.

Ready to get involved? Click the button below to see our active communities.

Let's keep building our SUNY community together—one conversation at a time!

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