Good Morning, Colleagues –

Below please find the next installment of MTSU Online’s weekly resources, tools, and tips for distance education. MTSU Online is happy to support the great work unfolding in your programs and departments, so be sure to let us know if you have specific needs, questions, etc.

A few quick hits for today:

1. Take a quick look at this short *Inside Higher Ed* piece — [Making Online Learning Active](https://www.insidehighered.com/article/2020/07/09/making-online-learning-active) — which showcases twenty (!) **categories** of online resources to facilitate active learning in your courses.

2. Upcoming MTSU workshops:
   a. “Advanced Panopto” with Carlos Coronel, July 9, 10-11 AM
   b. “Understanding by Design: Backward Course Design for the College Classroom” with Kevin Krahenbuhl, July 15, 10-11 AM
   c. “‘A little bit of heart and soul’: Aligning Student Learning Outcomes to Activities and Assessments” with Kim Godwin, July 23, 10-11 AM

3. MTSU Online Instructional Designer drop-ins (attached below) are now included on the Stay on Course Faculty Development calendar [here](#) (along with many other resources). Our designers (Tara Perrin and Kim Godwin) are excellent resources with unique skill-sets and expertise to help support your distance education design processes.

**This week’s e-mail focuses on utilizing D2L rubrics to assess discussions.**

Very special thanks to Dr. Kim Godwin for sharing her outstanding expertise in the virtual presentation linked here: [Grading Made Easier: Utilizing D2L Rubrics to Assess Discussions](#) (supporting materials attached). This insightful workshop is a great resource that will enable you to:
• Explain the benefits of rubrics for student assessment
• Demonstrate the discussion tool process in D2L
• Construct a rubric in D2L
• Integrate a D2L rubric into a course for assistance with grading

Finally, please feel free to contact me or Cindy Adams (Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu) anytime, and be on the lookout for future messages including other useful information. Have a great week!

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**Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Kim Godwin**

- Monday, July 13, 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 15, 9:00 AM
- Monday, July 27, 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 AM
- Monday, Aug 10, 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, Aug 12, 9:00 AM
- Monday, Aug 24, 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, Aug 26, 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/8680531679](https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/8680531679)

**Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Tara Perrin**

- Tuesday, July 21, 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, Aug 4, 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, Aug 18, 9:00 AM

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