

## Looking for resources to improve your distance education courses?

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Good Afternoon, Faculty 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.

### **This week's e-mail focuses on transformational pedagogies.**

In the article [linked here](#), Steven Mintz describes several developments driving shifts in our instructional methods, and then examines strategies that can make a big difference in:

- Student motivation and persistence
- Skills acquisition
- Ability to understand, apply, analyze, evaluate, synthesize, and create
- Shifting teaching away from direct instruction and rote memorization
- Bridging theory and practice
- Requiring students to process information and make sense of what they learn
- Helping students better absorb, retain, and apply knowledge and skills

Using a constructivist approach to teaching and learning, this article describes **fourteen teaching and learning strategies** and ways that you can deploy them successfully in your courses.

As a follow-up to Mintz's discussion of transforming innovative pedagogies, check out this EDUCAUSE piece on [Engaging Students Through Asynchronous Video-Based Discussions in Online Courses](#).

And don't forget about these upcoming workshops!

1. ***D2L Awards: Incentivizing Behavior & Recognizing Achievement*** with Layne Bryant, September 9 (today), 300-400 PM (register [here](#))
2. ***Want to Be More Effective? Be Reflective*** with Lando Carter, September 17, 100-200 PM (register [here](#))

As always, please feel free to contact me or Cindy Adams ([Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu](mailto:Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu)) anytime, and be on the lookout for future messages including other useful information. Best wishes for a great semester!

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

Wednesday, Sept 23, 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/8680531679>

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

Tuesday, Sept 15, 9:00 AM

Tuesday, Sept 29, 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/2115420004>

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