

REGISTER FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL CAFE CONFERENCE

Reimagine, Reinvest, Reinvigorate

Location: School of Education, 2nd floor
Date: May 18, 2022
Time: 8:00am – Noon
8:00am-8:30am Registration



18 May 2022
8:30 am- 12:00 pm
UMKC School of Education
1st and 2nd floors



Conference Schedule

Session One: 8:30am-9:30am

Mid Career Malaise – Where Do We Go from Here?	This panel discussion will facilitate conversation on issues faced by mid-career faculty in various disciplines. The panel aims to advance understanding of mid-career faculty experiences, facilitate sharing of best professional development practices for mid-career faculty and identify gaps in the current support infrastructure.
UMKC Adjunct Faculty Focus	In this session, we will share the results of our first UMKC Adjunct Faculty survey and series of focus groups. A panel will also share their experiences as adjunct faculty, including highlights of their work and suggestions for improving their experience at UMKC.
Applying a Gap Analysis for Assessment Data	This presentation will provide an overview of the Data Outcomes Labs that is part of the Service and Learning pillar of the inaugural CAFE (Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence) Faculty Fellows for academic year 2021-22. This project's focus is to assist Deans and Chairs with utilizing student outcome data. For this project, a gap analysis has been applied to several academic programs across the university.
Leveraging Public Engagement for Research and Recruitment	This session will address ways in which faculty can use public engagement and public facing scholarship – including social media, media interviews, policy briefs, and academic blog posts – to enhance their research agendas, expand research networks, and reach communities and families for recruitment.

Session Two: 9:45am-10:45am

Recognizing and Helping Students in Crisis	The COVID-19 pandemic, racial tensions, economic distress and more all converge to produce unprecedented levels of stress, hardship and uncertainty for many. Concerned about a student in crisis? Don't let uncertainty stop you from taking action. In this session we will explore strategies for faculty to support students to survive and thrive in times of crisis.
"But I'm Not a Writing Teacher": Helping Students Grow as Writers	Helping students improve their writing is challenging, but research shows that effective response from instructors is crucial to this process. To learn more about how to provide productive feedback to the writing of students in any class at UMKC, join Dr. Amy Mecklenburg-Faenger, director of ParkWrites, the writing across the curriculum program at Park University, for an interactive workshop facilitated by Henrietta Rix Wood, the CAFE Faculty Fellow for Teaching Writing.

Session Two: 9:45am-10:45am (continued)

Flash Talks: Adventures of Innovation & Creativity

Now seeking five eight-ten minute presentations about innovation or creativity. The presentations can be creative expression, scholarly presentation, or a hybrid. Contact Dr. Alexis Petri with your ideas: petria@umkc.edu.

Session Three: 11:00am-12:00pm

Empathy for Self-Care

Literature on “burnout” indicates that relevant components include feelings of detachment and a sense of ineffectiveness (Malesic, 2022). One proactive response to burnout is to strengthen personal empathy skills. In this session we will explore the importance of presence and connection as they relate to empathy and healing.

An Introduction to Shared Governance for Junior Faculty and Other Inquiring Minds

Shared-governance is the preferred leadership style in higher education. It promotes collaboration, transparency, and accountability. In this panel, we will discuss shared-governance principles and practices. If you've ever wondered about the ways that faculty participate in university decision-making and/or have considered running for election to the faculty senate but haven't been sure what to expect, this session is for you. Panelists will include current senate leaders and the Provost.

Developing Our Culture of Inclusion on Campus: FITIC Past, Present and Future

The Faculty Institute for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogies (FITIC) has a long history at UMKC. This panel will highlight recent updates, including its transition onto Canvas as a permanent faculty training certificate, much like our Online Teaching programs. A panel discussion with FITIC alumni Crystal Doss, Andrew Heise and Meg Reuter, and hosted by CAFE Fellow and FITIC co-facilitator, Matthew Edwards, will discuss the program's structure and the impact left by its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-centered mission.

WeListen: AI Facilitated Focus Group

WeListen is an AI and machine learning assisted platform that has multiple capabilities from running focus groups that are completely anonymous to answering student questions in the middle of the night. Yugi Lee and Ye Wang discuss the design, development and uses of WeListen.

The Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar program offers a world of opportunity for UMKC faculty interested in teaching, researching or leading professional projects abroad. Jordanna Enrich, Director of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program will review Fulbright awards available to UMKC Faculty. Fulbright Scholar alumni Drs. Ted Davis (Chicago) and Peter Morello (UMKC) will discuss their Fulbright experiences in Africa. Prof. Tom Rosenkranz, (Conservatory) 2022-23 award winner, will describe the process and upcoming Fulbright service in Taiwan.

Register for the Afternoon Events on May 18th

- 4:00pm - Faculty Awards & Recognitions
- 4:30pm - Keynote Presentation with Todd Zakrajsek, Ph.D.
- 5:30pm - Faculty Reception