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From the Director

The end of classes and the beginning of summer, commencement and Maymester, travel and teaching – whatever you're looking forward to this spring, it is always a time of transition. At ASSETT, we have a lot on tap for you in the coming weeks and months. It's a good time to try out some new tools and ideas for your future classrooms with the summer events we have planned for you (scroll below for details). The staff will also be hard at work planning innovative programs for the Fall, so stay tuned when the newsletter returns in August for new opportunities and support services we'll be offering. In the next phase of our productive partnership with OIT, we are also searching for a **new Faculty Advisor**. I am heading into a sabbatical year, and will be stepping down from the directorship. We are seeking a dynamic faculty member who is passionate about improving education in the college to guide the ASSETT staff, build community with colleagues across A&S, and shape a new faculty fellows program. Interested in helping lead ASSETT & the College around improving teaching, learning and technology? Know someone who you'd like to see in this spot next semester? **See [here](#) for the call for applications and nominations from A&S.** Don't wait too long, though—it closes May 12. I know this is a difficult moment in the year to consider making new commitments, but it is also an opportunity to do some impactful and valuable work. I have been honored and privileged to help ASSETT navigate these transitions, and want to thank all the faculty and staff involved in the organization, the College, and OIT with whom I've been fortunate to collaborate over the past year. I'd be pleased to speak with any of you who might be interested in leading ASSETT into the next chapter, so please feel free to email me. But, speaking of chapters. I have a book that's been patiently waiting for me by simply refusing to write itself. Best wishes for a successful

conclusion to the semester and enjoyable summer adventures of all kinds.

What's Happening @ ASSETT

ASSETT has some really exciting opportunities coming up this Summer! We hope you'll be able to join us for these events!

Tech Camp

May 16 - 20, 2016

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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[RSVP](#) so we know you're coming!

Join us for a weeklong adventure and explore technologies that help facilitate active learning, discussions, group work, feedback, and creating effective presentations. Each day we'll cover a different pedagogical aspect and provide you with tools that can help facilitate this process.

Pick and choose which topics you'd like to attend, as participation is not required for all sessions.

Schedule:

Monday, May 16, 2016: Active Learning

Tuesday, May 17, 2016: Discussion Tools

Wednesday, May 18, 2016: Group work Tools

Thursday, May 19, 2016: Tools for Providing Feedback

Friday, May 20, 2016: Effective Presentation Tools

A full description of each session can be found on ASSETT's [Learning Opportunity](#) page.

Book Club

For our inaugural summer book club, we'll be reading and discussing the book, [How Learning Works: 7 Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching by Susan Ambrose](#). This book will benefit the new instructor, all the way to the highly successful and seasoned professor. If you're interested in learning principles that span across disciplines, applies to all educational levels and pedagogical situations, and are cross culturally relevant, please join our summer book club.

Kick off meeting: June 1, 2016, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., TLC 266

Finale: June 27, 2016, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., TLC 266

All other discussions will take place virtually.

Space is limited to 12 participants and we'll provide the book, so [RSVP](#) soon!

Flipped Classroom Workshop

June 8, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Mackey 230

June 9, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Mackey 230

Space is limited to 8 participants per session so [RSVP](#) soon!

If you find yourself running out of lecture time, covering more remedial material than you'd prefer, or want to increase student engagement then come to one of our ASSETT's Flipped

Classroom workshop sessions. We'll provide participants with pedagogical strategies, technologies, and resources to begin flipping their classroom and increase their students' learning.

This workshop includes lunch, a license for the screencasting software, Snagit, and a professional development award of \$150. The award will be applied to an appropriate departmental speedtype and may not be used toward a salary stipend.

Participation is limited to A&S faculty of all ranks including Lecturers and Sr. Instructors. Workshops will be offered on two different days, with a maximum of 8 participants per day.

Go to ASSETT's [Learning Opportunities](#) page for additional information.

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