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In February 2024, Academic Senate approved the use of a new tool to be used to collect end of semester student feedback from each of their courses. You may remember these being referred to as *Student Evaluation of Faculty* or *course evaluations* but going forward they will be called the “**Student Course Feedback Survey**.”

Faculty, staff, and student representatives of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee worked together to revise questions to focus on concrete behaviors and actions in the classroom that align with YSU teaching expectations – guided by the [Reciprocal Responsibilities for Students and Instructors](#) and [Principles of Good Practice in Teaching](#). Questions were also added to ask students to reflect on their own behaviors in the classroom, to help give context to interpreting and acting on responses.

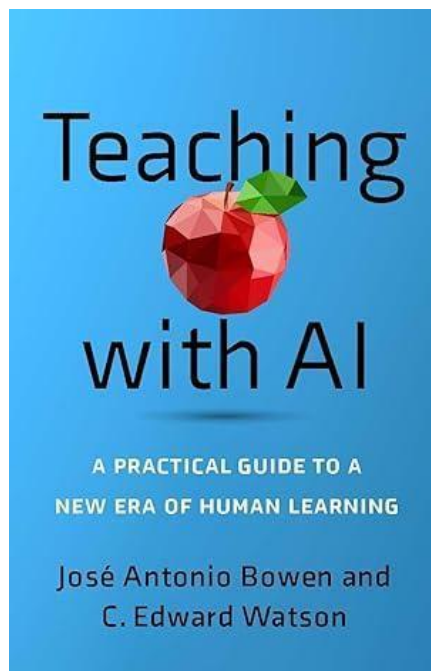
[Student Course Feedback Surveys](#) will continue to be delivered to students via the Watermark Course Evaluation system. You can review questions [here](#). We are hopeful this new tool helps provide actionable feedback and continues to support effective teaching and student learning at YSU! The Institute for Teaching and Learning will be providing a series of upcoming workshops on administering this new tool and using the data to continuously improve teaching. Stay tuned to a future ITL Update for dates.

ITL Fall Book Group: Teaching with AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming education by integrating into classrooms and workplaces, challenging traditional ideas about creativity and authorship. José Antonio Bowen and C. Edward Watson’s guide helps educators harness AI as a teaching tool, offering strategies for interactive learning and addressing issues like academic integrity, while emphasizing critical thinking and information literacy to prepare students for an AI-driven future.

Join ITL and your colleagues this fall to read and discuss this hot topic in higher education. ITL will provide all participants the book, and you can attend sessions in person in Jones Hall 3049 or virtually via Webex.

Here is the fall schedule:



RSVP HERE!

- Monday, October 7th, 2-3p - **Part 1: Thinking with AI**
- Monday, November 4th, 2-3p - **Part 2: Teaching with AI**
- Monday, December 2nd - **Part 3: Learning with AI**

For more on *Teaching with AI*, click [here](#).

Around Campus: Faculty Led Study Abroad (FLSA) Training

Considering leading a group of students on a Faculty Led Study Abroad experience? The Honors College is offering a live in-person option to engage with training materials as an alternative to working through the asynchronous Blackboard course. Faculty members who attend the training will receive a certificate of completion and access to the FLSA proposal form and budget spreadsheet. Light breakfast will be provided.

When: Tuesday, September 24, 8-9:30am

Where: Jones Room, Kilcawley Center

RSVP [here](#) by September 17

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