



Collaboration and Connection: Building Community

CELT Spring Semester 2025

*Welcome Back! This spring we continue the CELT theme of **Collaboration and Connection: Building Community**. How can we collaborate in our classes, with our students and colleagues, and across the disciplines? How can we help our students to connect and build community to support their learning? Join our program of **in-person workshops** throughout the semester for the sharing of Best Practices to help all of our students learn.*

*Please register for all events at: www.middlesexcollege.edu/celt and sign up by clicking the registration link **CELT Workshops for Spring 2025** and using your Middlesex Outlook email. **All events start at 2 PM unless otherwise noted.***

For All Faculty:

Thursday, January 23: CELT Open House Join CELT in person in **The ACE Space** (JLC 230) for our open house and catch up with your Middlesex colleagues. Enjoy us for community, conversation, and snacks as we start off the spring semester.

February 13: Tech Thursday Poll Everywhere and Other Tech to Engage Your Students Katalin Gyurian-Toth *CB – Raritan Bay Room*

Join us to explore how **Poll Everywhere** and other tech tools can transform the classroom experience for your students — whether you're using them for icebreakers, competitive games, realtime student feedback, or formative assessments. This workshop will help you to discover creative ways to increase student engagement, enhance participation, and foster a more dynamic learning environment.

February 25: CELT Tuesday Putting Culture at the Center: Culturally Responsive Teaching Susan Altman and Sheri-Rose Rubin *CB – Raritan Bay Room*

Culturally responsive teaching recognizes that students bring diverse cultural experiences to their classroom learning and a one-size-fits-all method of teaching is often ineffective. As educators, we need to affirm and validate our student's unique perspectives to help students learn. Join us for teaching strategies to support all students and help build partnerships that create agency, center student voices, and increase engagement in the classroom.

March 6: Tech Thursday Triple T: Tech, Tips and Tricks: Artificial Intelligence Michael Sullivan and Megan Elliot, eLearning *CB – Raritan Bay Room*

Join your colleagues in sharing **Tech, Tips and Tricks** specific to **AI (Artificial Intelligence)** in your classroom. AI continues to evolve and it is hard to decide how, why, and when to use it in your classes. Have you tried something new? What worked well and was engaging for your students? Join us to share innovative strategies for using AI and leave with new ideas to try.

Monday, March 17: Rutgers Online Learning Conference (Online on Zoom)

Join your Middlesex colleagues and faculty from around the country at this day long virtual conference on Online Learning sponsored by *Rutgers Teaching and Learning with Technology*. Registration is limited so please sign up on the CELT website. Instructions on how to attend will be sent to all registered faculty. (this workshop is held the week after our spring break and you can attend virtual sessions as your schedule allows)

March 25: CELT Tuesday Pedagogy Potluck: Innovative Classroom Strategies CB – Raritan Bay Room

Let's dish! Join us for a pedagogy potluck on **Innovative Classroom Strategies**. This session will enhance your knowledge, network with peers, and develop actionable plans to implement in your classes. Discuss your repertoire of innovative classroom strategies with peers across the disciplines as we discuss experiences, activities, research, or ask questions about changing your practice and how it can help you move forward as an educator. We encourage participants to share and reflect on new pedagogical approaches and determine if these strategies would enhance their own content. Bring an open mind to the potluck and leave with a dish full of new ideas!

April 10: Tech Thursday Triple T: Tech, Tips and Tricks CB – Raritan Bay Room

Join your colleagues in sharing **Tech, Tips and Tricks** to use in your classroom. There are so many new ways to use technology that it is hard to know what works. Have you tried something new over the past year? What worked well and was engaging for your students? What technology do you want to learn more about and try in the future? Join us to share innovative strategies and leave with new ideas to try.

April 22: CELT Tuesday Walkabout: Reflections of the Semester Shannon Pullaro CB - Raritan Bay Room to start, and we will finish in JLC 230

As the Spring weather emerges, this session will continue our tradition of walking around campus with our colleagues. Use this session to take in some fresh air and physical movement, notice the beautiful spring flowers, and take a true break from the classroom setting. During our walk and talk, we will share our reflections from the semester and how we have worked to build community over the past year. Discuss the highs and lows that you experienced; offer what worked and solicit ideas to improve on what didn't work as well.