

ACADEMY  
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## Welcome Back!

The Academy would like to welcome you to the Fall 2018 semester! We look forward to seeing you during Orientation Week. In addition to our regular meetings, there are many engaging sessions to choose from. Your leadership and participation are what makes this week meaningful to your colleagues and students.

[View Orientation Week Schedule](#)



## Register Now for Fall Workshops

[Blackboard Bootcamp](#)  
[Blackboard ePortfolios](#)  
[Harry Potter: Harper Mystery](#)  
[Making Your Course Materials Accessible](#)  
[OSCQR Rubric \(online\)](#)  
[Step-Back Consulting](#)



## Register Now for Fall GECs

[Constructing Difference: Let's Talk about Gender, Sex and Society](#) (register by 8/29)  
[Creating an Accessible Learning Environment for Students with Disabilities](#) (register by 9/3)  
[Teaching Online Successfully: Create](#) (register by 8/20)  
[Teaching Online Successfully: Facilitate](#) (register by 9/10)  
[Teaching Online Successfully: Enhance](#) (register by 10/8)



## Apply for the OER Transformation Grant

To reduce textbook and course material costs primarily through the adoption, adaptation and creation of free Open Educational Resources (OER), Harper College has allocated \$45,000 of strategic plan funding for OER Transformation Grants. These grants are intended to support faculty efforts to reduce the costs associate with textbooks and course materials while maintaining high quality course design and instruction. If you are interested in replacing costly textbooks and course materials for your course(s) with OER or low-cost/no-cost alternatives for students, this grant opportunity is for you.

[Complete the Grant Proposal Form](#)



## Reminder: Update Your Syllabus

The Library and Success Services are now located in Building F. Please update your syllabi to reflect the new locations. The Harper College Syllabus Template and all

related resources on the Harper College [Syllabus webpage](#) have been updated to reflect these location changes.

Not familiar with the Harper College Syllabus Template? [Read more about it.](#)



## New! Blackboard Drop-in Sessions

The Academy is offering drop-in training and technical support in Blackboard on selected Tuesdays (12 p.m.-2 p.m.) and Thursdays (4 p.m.-6 p.m.) during the fall semester, facilitated by Karen Herold. Each session will begin with a short training on a specific topic, but feel free to bring any questions and issues you would like resolved. No registration required.

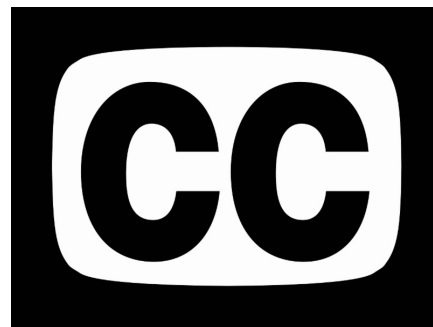
[Learn more.](#)



## Submit Your Video(s) for Captioning

Access & Disability Services provides in-class speech-to-text captioning and video captioning as part of their disability and accommodation services. The Academy is complementing this critical service by supporting captioning and transcription for online videos ahead of an accommodation request. This effort seeks to help faculty move their courses towards complete accessibility while also providing universal benefits for all learners.

[Learn more about this service](#) and submit your video(s) for captioning before your next class begins.



## The Faculty Lounge

### Planning Opportunities to Develop Resilience

*Written by Stephanie Whalen, Academy Chair & Associate Professor, English & Interdisciplinary Studies*

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Academy staff will continue to work with faculty to offer programming and services to enhance teaching and learning across campus with a focus on helping students successfully complete courses to advance in their education plans.

As we enter into a new semester, we may want to consider research exploring the relationship between empathy and success from Dr. Katherine R. Rowell of Sinclair College.

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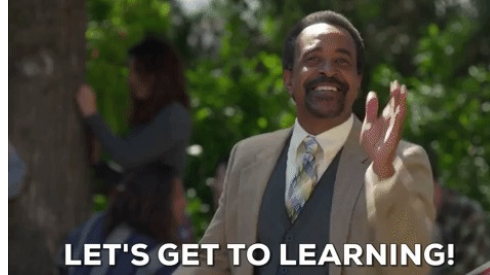


## Student Learning Showcase

**Love Helping Students? Let's Get to Learning!**

We can help your students learn! Stop by these fun student learning events this semester!

- Creating Savvy Researchers: Teaching Information Literacy to Students
- Critical Thinking is Critical
- Quiz Booth at Hullabaloo
- 10th Annual Assessment Conference & Share Fair: A Decathlon Event
- Harry Potter: Harper Mystery



### [Continue reading...](#)

Do you love helping students learn, but you can't attend any of the events? Join the Learning Assessment Committee or a work group! Contact [Faon Grandinetti](#) for details (847.925.6356).

## Upcoming Programs & Workshops

### [Blackboard Bootcamp](#)

Monday, August 13, 2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, August 18, 12:45 p.m.

### [Adjunct Faculty Teaching & Learning Conference](#)

Wednesday, August 15, 4 p.m.

### [Blackboard Drop-in Session: Attendance Tool](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, August 30, 4 p.m.

### [Blackboard Drop-in Session: Creating a Learning Module](#)

Tuesday, September 4, 12 p.m.  
Thursday, September 6, 4 p.m.



[View Calendar](#)

## Faculty Photos



## What's Happening @ Harper?

- [Access & Disability Services FAQs](#)
- [Building M, Health & Recreation Center Opening](#)
- [Community Resources for Students](#)
- [Hawks Care Services for Students](#)
- [Job Placement Resource Center](#)
- [Mindfulness Sitings](#)
- [Presidential Search](#)
- [ReUseIt Room](#)
- [Setting Up Harper Employee Email on a Mobile Device](#)
- [Starfish](#)
- [Title IX: It's on Us](#)
- [Use the Campus Map to Find Classrooms & Offices](#)
- [Veterans and Military-Connected Students](#)



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Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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