Open Educational Resources Initiatives

Spring Update 5/5/25

ASCCC OERI Regional Meetings - Introduction to Remixing and Open Homework Systems

- The OERI, in collaboration with De Anza College and East Los Angeles College, is pleased to announce regional professional development opportunities for those who intend to remix open educational resources in the LibreTexts platform and create openly-licensed assessments. Those who support this work are also invited to attend.

- Attendees of these in-person events will be introduced to - and actively interact with - LibreTexts, the LibreTexts Remixer, and the ADAPT Open Homework System.

- **Registration will close on Friday, May 9, 2025, for De Anza and Saturday, May 10, 2025, for East Los Angeles College.** A light breakfast will be served, and lunch will be provided. To defray costs, a registration fee of $25 will be charged. Space is limited.

- Register for Friday, May 16, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm OERI Regional at De Anza College

- Register for Saturday, May 17, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm OERI Regional at East Los Angeles College

Project Leadership Webinar Series

- The ASCCC OERI is pleased to announce a webinar series to provide support and training for individuals who will be leading OER development projects.

- In this series, participants will be introduced to the basics of project management including the key elements of starting, facilitating, and completing an OER project.

- This webinar series will occur on **Thursdays from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm** throughout the month of May and into the first week of June

CAL OER Virtual Conference

- The fifth annual Cal OER Conference, held virtually on August 6 – 8, 2025. This event is open to everyone, so we hope you will attend and consider presenting. The theme for the 2025 conference is ***Beyond the Horizon: Challenges and Opportunities in Scaling Open Education.***

- Keynotes for day 1 and day 2 are as follows:

- Day 1 – *"Where the Technical Power of Generative AI Meets the Participatory Power of OER"*
    - David Wiley, Chief Academic Officer and Co-founder of Lumen Learning

- Day 2 – *"The Future of Equity in OER"*
    - Abbey Elder, Open Access and Scholarly Communication Librarian | Iowa State University
    - Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Director of Digital Services and OER | Florida Virtual Campus Library Services
    - Deborah Baker, Instructional Designer | Maricopa Center for Learning and Innovation and OER Coordinator of Open Maricopa
    - Cal OER will focus on OER efforts and impact, broadly defined, across the state of California and especially across the state's three public higher education systems, the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.
    - Registration for the event is now open. We hope to see you there!
    - Interested in presenting? Presentation proposals are due at 5:00 pm on June 2, 2025. Access the 2025 Cal OER Conference: Presentation Proposal Submission Form.

OPEN OER Images

- The ASCCC OERI Flickr account is currently populated with over 500 openly-licensed images. We are looking to expand the number of disciplines and variety of images featured.

- Do you have openly licensed images that you are willing to share?

- Consider contributing not only the images you use in your classes but also event, travel, pets, and any other photos that may be of use to faculty. Please share your files with us using this Google Drive Folder.

- Please make sure to read the upload instructions so that we have all the needed information to add them to the collection.

Seeking Discipline Leads

- The ASCCC OERI is recruiting faculty to support our OER advocacy efforts by serving as Discipline Leads the 2025-2026 academic year. All Discipline Leads will serve as a resource for their discipline colleagues and will typically host at least one virtual event each term. Additional tasks for each Discipline Lead will be determined by the status of the discipline. New Discipline Leads may have the option of starting their work over the summer.

- For the Fall 2025 term, Discipline Leads receive a stipend of $600 at the end of the term upon completion of their specified tasks. Please direct any questions about this opportunity to our general OERI e-mail. (oeri@asccc.org) While we are actively recruiting for the listed disciplines, the OERI encourages faculty in other disciplines to submit an application. The ASCCC OERI is currently seeking a Discipline Lead for each of the following:

Lifting Up

- Any Questions or things you would like me to lift up about OER to the state level?