OPEN ED UPDATES

KBOR Open Up Learning Kansas OER Newsletter

Open Up Learning KANSAS

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Call for OER Discipline Liaisons

The OER community supports one another through sharing of experience and resources. One way that Open Up Learning Kansas does this is through displine liaisons. The committee maintains a list of Kansas professionals in a variety of academic disciplines who have agreed to make themselves available to assist colleagues with questions about OER in their subject area.

The discipline liaison list is located on the KBOR website at https://www.kansasregents.gov/academic_affairs/open-educational-resources/kbor-discipline-liaison. It includes 23 liaisons for 21 different subject areas, including biology, communication, chemistry, economics, educational leadership, educational technology, English, French, geography, graphic communications, health & nutrition, history, languages, library science, management, mathematics, microbiology, sociology, theatre, and teacher education. But there are still many disciplines for which we lack liaisons.

Discipline liaisons are an important resource for professors

UPCOMING KS OER EVENTS

AI & OER with Nail Axton (KU) and Bruce Miller (FHSU) 9 April 2025 Recording will be posted online.

Concurrent Enrollment Instructors and the Fallout of HLC Credentialing Clarification with Mark Schneider
10 April 2025 1:00pm
https://www.mhec.org/convening/upcoming-events

Navigating Professional and Occupational Licensure Requirements: What Community and Technical Colleges Need to Know
23 April 2025 at 1:00pm CT
https://www.mhec.org/convening/upcoming-events

who are just beginning to learn about and use open educational resources. Access to colleagues who work in their own field and who have relevant experience with OER provides both motivation and assistance in getting started. If you have adopted or adapted OER for courses in your discipline and are willing to share your experiences and assist colleagues in identifying appropriate open texts and resources for courses in your discipline, you would make an excellent liaison. Please contact the steering committee co-chairs or your institutional representative (listed at https://www.kansasregents.gov/academic_affairs/open-educational-resources) to become a discipline liaison.

State & Regional OER Updates

Open Education Group (http://openedgroup.org) are seeking early-career researchers in the United States or Canada for a fellowship to research topics related to open education. OER Research Fellows will receive funding to attend the 2026 Open Education conference. In addition, Research Fellows will receive mentoring in open education research and guidance in identifying, researching, and writing specific open education projects. Stipends will be made available to OER Research Fellows who successfully submit their research for publication by January 15, 2027. Applications due April 30th, application link on Qualtrics (https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9FWKHLTgTZbu8dw)

For additional professional development regarding LibreTexts, a useful resources for faculty adapters and creators is the LibreTexts Academy: A Center for Open Instructional Innovation and Professional Development https://libretexts.org/academy/libretexts-academy-services.

Open Education Conference 2025

The 2025 Open Education Conference will be held in Denver, CO October 28-30 this year and online. If you have not been able to attend in person, this is an excellent opportunity to network with OER advocates across the country, and even across the world. The theme for this year is "Eyes on the Horizon," which encourages participants to consider the long-term impact of open education initiatives and work toward "a more inclusive, responsive, and sustainable" education system. The conference is now open for registration at https://openeducationconference.org/.

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