REINERT CENTER

2024 - 2025 Annual Report

Who We Are

The Paul C. Reinert, S.J. Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning is Saint Louis University's comprehensive teaching center. Rather than being created by administrative dictate as many teaching centers around the country are, the Reinert Center enjoys a somewhat unusual beginning by being formally established in 1997 by a group of faculty committed to scholarship *and* teaching. We serve all SLU faculty members, graduate students, academic leaders, and others who design and facilitate formal learning experiences for SLU students. We provide instructional and curriculum development programs and services, for individual instructors and for academic programs and departments.

Vision

The Reinert Center envisions Saint Louis University as a transformative learning community where all teachers and learners have access to meaningful, equitable, and engaging learning experiences.

Mission

The mission of the Reinert Center is to develop, encourage, and sustain Saint Louis University faculty, graduate students, and academic units as they create meaningful, inclusive learning experiences that serve the intellectual, spiritual, and socio-cultural needs of all learners.

To fulfill this mission, the Center:

- Partners with faculty and graduate students as they seek to find their own direction, meaning, and pedagogical style in the context of Jesuit educational traditions
- Partners with academic units as they seek to (re)design curricula and promote evidence-based practices in the context of Jesuit educational traditions
- Fosters communities of scholars across all career stages
- Provides leadership on educational initiatives at the University
- Promotes effective and accessible design for physical and virtual learning spaces
- Advances Ignatian, reflective, and evidence-based approaches to teaching, curriculum design, and the integration of technology into teaching

2024-2025 Highlights

The Reinert Center offers a variety of programs and services for all faculty, instructors, and graduate students at Saint Louis University, in St. Louis and Madrid.

Programs include, but are not limited to: University Teaching Skills certificates, Ignatian Pedagogy Institute, Culturally Responsive Teaching Institute, Course Design Institute, Ignatian Teaching Fellowship, Inclusive Practice Grants, Communities of Practice, and more.

Services include, but are not limited to: teaching consultations, small group instructional feedback sessions (SGIFs), teaching observations, feedback on course materials, instructional design for distance courses, curriculum (re)design support, customized workshop services, and more.

Programming Highlights:

101

Participants Served

University Teaching Skills certificates

We offered four different certificates: Foundations, Principles, Online, and Practices to serve a variety of teaching needs and interests. Across these certificates, we served 101 participants and awarded 14 certificates of completion.

Online Courses in Distance Teaching

We facilitated 15 online courses on different facets of effective distance teaching, impacting 220 faculty and graduate instructor participants, including 67 completions of the Introduction to Distance Teaching, which provides a pedagogical foundation for faculty who are new to the online teaching environment.

220

Course Participants

10

New Workshops

Workshop Series

In 2024-2025 we offered three new series, for a total of 10 workshops.

- **Winter Institute Wednesdays** took our traditional day of pedagogical development and broke it down into three workshops over the course of January and February to help accommodate faculty schedules.
- The **Fire Drill** series offered instructors the opportunity to think about how academic disruptions would impact their course and prepare for scenarios before they happened.
- **Technology for Teaching** addressed four specific technologies offered at SLU and looked at some effective practices instructors could implement when using each.

Service and Resource Highlights:

- Invited into academic departments/schools/colleges to facilitate workshops or conversations on more than **10** occasions
- Conducted 8 Small Group Instructional Feedback Sessions, which served 10 instructors and collected direct information from over **300** students
- Hosted and/or facilitated **60** events over the academic year, which brought in over **600** attendees from 66 different departments
- Published **21** blog posts and added **24** new or updated resources on teaching to our website

How to Reach Us

To learn more about the Reinert Center, check out our website:

https://www.slu.edu/cttl/

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