

HAPPY Halloween

CTLE Newsletter

October 2025

Now Open! CTL 240: Assessment Strategies in the Age of AI

AI is transforming how we teach and assess learning. This practical, hands-on course will help you design assessments that either minimize AI use or harness its potential—while keeping student learning and critical thinking at the center.

Register Today

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Teaching Tip:

Recorded Debate Podcast

Instead of a traditional presentation, have students pair up for a short recorded debate. Using just their phones, they can take opposing sides on a topic and record a “debate podcast.” This format sharpens critical thinking, encourages evidence-based arguments, and lets students practice presenting ideas dynamically in a conversational style. Faculty can assess these debates with a simple rubric—evaluating depth of content knowledge, quality of sources cited, and logical reasoning.

Reminder:
Faculty Book Club
Meeting Dates:
Oct 7, Oct 21
Time: 3:00 PM

Faculty Voices

How do you make a biology lab unforgettable? Dr. Sergiy Borysov turned a lesson on bacterial transformation into a spooky, sound-filled experience:

Emotional engagement with learning material expands and enhances how the brain perceives it, making it ‘interesting.’ ... Just today, my students were learning

how to use heat shock to transform bacteria. So why not add an emotional element ... with scary Halloween music and sounds from YouTube? ... The lesson learned: it is the shock that enables bacteria to transform.

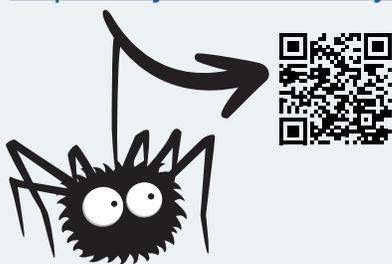
Read more about Dr. Borysov’s teaching and research stories on **CTLE’s LinkedIn and social channels.**

Your turn! Do you have a story, lesson, or discovery that left a lasting impact on you and your students? Share your Voice with us—we’d love to feature you!

<https://tinyurl.com/facultyvoicesctle>



Dr. Sergiy Borysov
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Remaining Fall 2025 AI Webinar Series

Session Lineup: Join us Thursdays at 2pm Live on Zoom

Date	Session Title	Presenter
Oct 2	Prompt Writing for Faculty	Candyce Nelson, MSID
Oct 9	Creating Assessments in the Age of AI	Candyce Nelson, MSID