

# Online Faculty Update

From the Center for Instructional Technology

Fall 2018

## Hello from Lynn Zayac!



Welcome back! We have had a very busy summer here in the CIT! Need assistance with the development of hybrid or online courses, minors, degrees and programs? Contact Lynn Zayac, Director, Center for Instructional Technology, Wilson 114, at 413-572-8142 or [lzayac@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:lzayac@westfield.ma.edu).

## WSU Online Courses of Distinction

Once again, two of WSU's awesome online instructors received the 2018 Massachusetts Colleges Online (MCO) Course of Distinction (COD) Award. The award is given to state faculty who develop and teach innovative online and blended courses that represent the best uses of eLearning instructional tools to enhance student success.

The awards were presented during MCO's 13th Annual Conference on eLearning "Sharing Best Practices" at Framingham State University, held on June 5th. MCO is a consortium of the 15 community colleges and 9 state colleges of Massachusetts. The institutions have joined to share their convenient and flexible online courses and programs with students throughout the state and beyond.

WSU's 2018 MCO Course of Distinction winner for an online course is Dr. Melissa Goldsmith of the Music Department. She was awarded the Online COD Award for her "Music Appreciation" course. Congratulations to Dr. Goldsmith for creating this award winning online course!



WSU's 2018 MCO Course of Distinction winner for a hybrid course is Professor Rose Sullivan of the Social Work Department. She was awarded the Hybrid COD Award for her "Human Behavior and the Social Environment" course. Congratulations to Professor Sullivan for creating this award winning hybrid course!

## Massachusetts Colleges Online Conference News!

13th Annual Conference on eLearning  
Sharing Best Practices

Massachusetts  
Colleges **Online**  
one click. zero commute.



Framingham State University  
Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Once again, the MCO 13th Annual Conference on eLearning was a success! Over 240 attendees spent the day exploring and discussing how colleges and universities in Massachusetts are using online education to improve teaching, learning, interacting, and communicating with our students.

It was a day loaded with interesting breakout sessions covering everything to do with teaching & learning, new and exciting technology and academic and administrative support in online learning.

Be sure to keep your eyes open for information on the 2019 MCO conference next June!

**For more information about Mass Colleges Online, please contact  
Lynn Zayac at [lzayac@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:lzayac@westfield.ma.edu)**

## Online Program and Web Camp Awards

- U.S. News & World Report - "Best Online Bachelor's Programs" (6 yrs in a row)
- Affordable Colleges Online - "Best Online Psychology Degree"
- Board of Higher Education - "Program of Distinction" (Web Camp)
- The Best Schools - "The 20 Best Online Bachelor in History Degree Programs"
- University Continuing Education Association Award (UCEAA) - "Innovative & Creative Programing" (Web Camp)
- The 30 Most Technologically Saavy Online Schools (2018)



MASSACHUSETTS  
Board of Higher Education



## Interested in putting your Program or Course Online?

Our award winning Web Camp will teach faculty how to migrate face-to-face classes to an online format using the Plato Learning Management System. Virtual Web Camp is also an option!

Fall 2018 will be held Mondays from 3:30-6:30pm  
October 22, 29, November 5, 19, 26 and December 3  
Application Deadline: October 15th, by noon

SPRING 2019 will be held Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30 pm  
February 26, March 5, 19, 26, April 2 and 9  
Application Deadline: February 15, by noon

SUMMER 2019 will be held June 7, 10, 12, 14, and 17 from 9 am-1 pm  
Application Deadline: May 23, by noon

For questions about the application process, please contact Lynn Zayac at [lzayac@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:lzayac@westfield.ma.edu)

[Click here for details and instructions on how to apply.](#)

## Schedule a Plato Quick Start Session or Tune Up with Lisa Clark

**Haven't used PLATO? Schedule a PLATO Quick Start session with Lisa!** Learn how to upload your syllabus and readings, hold threaded discussions, create assignment dropboxes, and much more. Lisa will show you how to supplement your face-to-face courses with these great tools!

**Current PLATO Users! Schedule a Course Tune-Up with Lisa.** Learn how to enhance your courses with great tools like VoiceThread, SafeAssign and hoonuit! Learn how to voice over PowerPoints or give a tour of your online course with various screen capture options or add sound file lectures to your class using Audacity. Get more familiar with the Grade Center and learn how to use the new Box tool when grading assignments. You can even set up a virtual office using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra to meet with students online, in real time.

For more information or to set up an appointment contact:

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