**Teaching during an Election Year: Opportunities and Challenges**

**Concurrent Sessions**

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|  | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Option 4 |
| Concurrent Session I  2:15-3:15 | Planning With the End in Mind: Assignment Design Charrette I | Teaching Civic Engagement: Informing the Journey to Citizen Leadership | Elect to align: Effective whole course design | Teaching Debate Analysis: Pedagogical Strategies for Critical Engagement |
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| Concurrent Session II  3:25-4:25 | Planning With the End in Mind: Assignment Design Charrette II | Contesting Conventions: Meaningful Integrative Learning | Elect to align: Effective whole course design | A Tool Kit for Navigating Difficult Dialogue in the College Classroom |
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**Concurrent Sessions Summary**

**Concurrent Session I**

**2:15-3:15**

**Planning With the End in Mind: Assignment Design Charrette I**

Presenters: Linda Townsend, Sharon Emerson-Stonnell, Pamela Tracy, Longwood University

Prince Edward Room

Whether planning for incorporation of the upcoming Presidential election or reflecting on changes to enhance our courses, how are we thinking of the end (student learning objectives) and how will we know if students have achieved the desired results (course assignments)? How might we design or refine assignments to be clear, engaging, and connected? Join your colleagues in an Assignment Design Charrette process. A charrette is an intense and creative design effort within a short period of time. Interacting in small groups and guided by a facilitator, you will have the opportunity to share and receive peer feedback on your course assignment. **This is a two-part workshop that requires pre-registration.**

**Teaching Civic Engagement: Informing the Journey to Citizen Leadership**

Presenters: Jonathan Page, Courtney Addison, Jordan Bynum, Longwood University

115 Ruffner

Civic Engagement provides us with a unique opportunity to impact the lives of students in a very real and practical way. Our workshop will introduce participants to the ideas of Civic Engagement, how its principles can be applied in the classroom curriculum, and how it can be used as a tool to help form the lens of social justice.

**Elect to align: Effective whole course design**

Presenter: Jenny Quarles, Longwood University

116 Ruffner

In Backwards Design faculty start the development of a course with a consideration of the intended outcome or goals. In other words, what do you want the students to be able to demonstrate at the conclusion of the course? From there, you work backwards to design opportunities to demonstrate learning or assessment, learning activities and readings, and finally teaching strategies for reaching the intended outcomes. During this hands-on workshop, participants will define specific and measurable learning outcomes and practice the process of designing a course from the end all the way back to the beginning.

**Teaching Debate Analysis: Pedagogical Strategies for Critical Engagement**

Presenters: Kris Paal and Ryan Stouffer, Longwood University

Virginia Room

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Presenter: Quentin Alexander, Longwood University

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