Samford University

SAMFORD ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Samford
Approved Online Course

RECOGNITIONS

INTRODUCING CANVAS COACHES

Canvas Coaches are a resource for faculty and instructors at Samford. According to Canvas, "The role of a Canvas Coach is to serve, encourage, and advance the Canvas Community." As resident Canvas mentors, Coaches seek to encourage and inspire Canvas users within their respective schools. These Coaches are trained in Course Basics, Course Communications, Course Design Considerations, Assignments, & Assessments. Keep in mind that Canvas Coaches are not intended to be technical support for users. Canvas provides 24/7 technical support.

YOUR CANVAS COACHES

Katherine Jarnigan	Charlotte Brammer	Lisa Baker
Joe Zellner	David Robbins	Angela Brooks
Chad Owens	Vicki Rochester	Lisa Battaglia
Laura Tomlin	Ahinee Amamoo	Lori Harrison
Katie Coate	Cynthia Lohrke	Joe Cory
Cami Tinsley	Mandy Hilsmier	Celeste Hill

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNERS

Bernadette Forrest, M.S.Ed.

Bernadette has worked at Samford as a graduate assistant and part time instructional designer since 2017 following a 20-year career in corporate human resources. She recently completed her M.S.Ed. in Instructional Design & Technology at Samford. Bernadette's other interests include playing golf and traveling with her family.

Taylor Kendrick, M.S.Ed., M.Div.

Taylor has worked at Samford since 2017 as a graduate assistant and part time instructional designer. He holds an M.Div. and M.S.Ed. in Instructional Design & Technology from Samford. Previously, he was a pastor and owned a media consulting company. Taylor's three biggest interests are family, international missions, and golf.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

CANVAS IMPLEMENTATION IS UNDERWAY!

Here are the latest Canvas developments:

- Initial Canvas training was a great success with 14 training sessions and 238 registrations! Wow! Thank you to all the pioneers who participated in this training. We hope to have Canvas back in the fall for another series of training. Stay tuned.
- Courses for summer and fall are currently available in Moodle and Canvas. As a reminder, Canvas pilot groups will begin this summer. Course priority for participation in the pilot program include courses in online programs with new student cohorts. This prioritization will ensure sufficient support is available throughout the course development process.

- Other courses will be considered on a case by case basis (factors include Samford Approved Online Courses, faculty previously trained in Quality Matters / Canvas, and student need). All faculty are encouraged to utilize Canvas for fall courses. You may access Canvas by clicking here or by visiting samford.instructure.com.
- Course blueprints for Canvas are now complete. The online blueprint mirrors the Quality Matters shell utilized in Moodle for "W80" courses. Face to face courses will have a "continuity of instruction" blueprint.
- Visit the Canvas Community for ideas and open training opportunities now.
- All Jan term / Spring 2019 courses will use Canvas.

CANVAS TRAINING

3 DAYS   **14** SESSIONS   **238** REGISTRATIONS

24/7 Canvas support for faculty & students!

We are very excited to announce we are moving to a 24/7 Canvas support system for faculty and students. While Katherine Jarnigan and Joe Zellner will continue to provide Moodle support through December 2018, they have officially transitioned to full-time instructional design status. This new support system will provide faculty and students with the assistance needed at any time of the day! You will have three ways to contact Canvas support: email, chat, and phone. Detailed information to come!

QUALITY MATTERS QM

QM Standard Spotlight

Quality Matters (QM) General Standard 8 focuses on designing a course that reflects a commitment to accessibility and usability for all learners

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DID YOU KNOW?

Creating video content in Kaltura enables instructors to order captions with the click of a button for free! Instructors are encouraged to utilize Kaltura with captions for micro-lectures and lengthy blocks of content to show a commitment to accessibility. For video feedback on grades and discussion boards, Canvas offers a recording option in the rich text editor (the word processor-like interface).

Samford Approved Checklist

To meet Samford Approved Standard 8:
1. Use Samford's LMS (Moodle or Canvas)
2. Use the QM syllabus template
3. Check all PDFs and Word documents for accessibility
4. Provide a transcript or enable captions on all instructional videos

During my teaching career, I have used Canvas, Moodle and Blackboard and found Canvas to be user friendly. Also, it enhanced my teaching without challenging my limited technology skills. I am so excited!

DR. MELISSA LUMPKIN

Professor and Chair
Department of Public Health

Next Steps

Instructors teaching a summer course should be working with Instructional Designers by now. The first three modules of each course will be reviewed beginning three weeks prior to the start of the course.

Save the Dates

4/17/18, 11:30 - 1:00

Lunch & Learn: Assessments & Materials. DBH 416 (Limit 20)

4/26/18, 11:30 - 1:00

Lunch & Learn: Activities & Technology. DBH 416 (Limit 20)

Click the dates to register!

Open Design Sessions
DBH 423

4/27, 1:00-3:00
5/11, 9:00-11:00
5/18, 1:00-3:00
No Registration Necessary

CUP OF JOE

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE YOUR ONLINE CLASSROOM

By Joe Zellner

Both Moodle and Canvas allow for the inclusion of multimedia content, most commonly audio and video microlectures in online courses. While it is possible to simply upload or embed a media file directly into a course page, both platforms offer specialized media tools that allow for advanced features.

The Arc media library in Canvas allows users to upload pre-existing content in a variety of formats. Once uploaded, users can request machine-generated closed captions, which average around 85% accuracy. A built-in caption editor allows for fine-tuning and correction of captioning errors. Arc is a relatively new product, and is under continual development by Canvas. It is possible that Samford will discontinue use of the Kaltura media system when and if Arc achieves parity of features.

Until then, Kaltura provides the same functions in both Canvas and Moodle including a new caption editing feature, as well as advanced content creation tools such as narrated PowerPoint presentations and multistream "picture in picture" videos. Kaltura media that has been added within Moodle is simultaneously available in Canvas, as both platforms use the same media library.