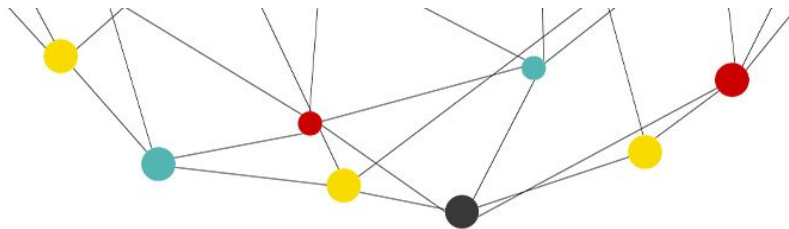




BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Happy fall to you all. We have a number of exciting events, initiatives, and resources to share with you relating to the BU Hub in this issue of the Spotlight, including online teaching portfolios developed by the 2020-2021 Hub Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellows. These have been assembled and curated by faculty colleagues with ideas on Hub course development and teaching strategies. In addition, we are pleased to draw your attention to opportunities through the Cross-College Challenge and Hub cocurricular programs.

Warm regards,

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Teaching Across the Disciplines

2020-21 Hub Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellows Complete Teaching Portfolios

More [Hub Teaching Portfolios](#) are now available for viewing on the BU Center for Teaching & Learning website! These portfolios, which include reflections on Hub teaching, syllabi, assignments, and other resources, were developed by the 2020-2021 Hub Teaching

Excellence Faculty Fellows Program cohort. We hope that they serve as helpful and inspiring resources for faculty members interested in thinking about Hub course development and teaching strategies.



Have you explored the BU Hub Pathway in [Social & Racial Justice](#)? This Hub Pathway allows students to engage with the historical grounding of various forms of social and racial inequality, themes of intercultural understanding, and contemporary activism aimed at making the world more equitable and inclusive. Hub Pathways are an optional way for undergraduates to fulfill general education requirements by taking Hub courses focused on an interdisciplinary topic of global significance. To learn more, please visit the [Hub website](#).

Hub Course/Cocurricular Proposal Deadlines for AY 2022-2023

BU Hub course and cocurricular proposal submission deadlines for Hub offerings beginning in AY 2022-2023 are **November 15, 2021** (fall, fall/spring, summer) and **March 15, 2022** (spring only). For more details, please visit the [Approval Process & Deadlines section](#) in the Faculty & Staff area of the BU Hub website.



Did You Know?

To date, over 1,000 students have enrolled in

the Hub cocurricular program!

Cross-College Challenge (XCC)

XCC Faculty Information Session

The Cross-College Challenge (XCC) welcomes interested faculty to join an online information session on **Wednesday, December 1, 2021, from 4-5 pm**. This session will cover a program overview, the faculty experience, and Q&A. New faculty interested in teaching in AY 2022-23 are strongly encouraged to attend this discussion. Register for this event at [this link](#) or visit bu.edu/xcc-faculty for more general information about faculty participation in XCC. **Fall proposal deadline: January 31, 2022.**

SAVE THE DATE: [XCC Showcase](#) - December 11, 2021 - 9 am -12 pm - GSU Metcalf Ballroom



Teaching Resources

Hub Course Enhancement Fund

The [Hub Course Enhancement Fund](#) provides funding so that faculty can experiment with innovative approaches to teaching one or more of the BU Hub areas or take advantage of special opportunities for exciting general education learning experiences in Hub courses.

All BU faculty teaching Hub classes may apply for funding. Expenses might include those associated with attending cultural events, engaging with local communities, or materials needed to incorporate more experiential, collaborative, or project-based pedagogy into a Hub course. Awards are capped at \$500 and approved on a rolling basis. For more

information and the application, please see the [BU Center for Teaching & Learning website](#).

Communications

The Hub in the News

- The XCC Spring 2021 course *XCC Worldwide: The Intersection of Gender, Race, Media, and COVID-19* was recently featured in the [Global Programs fall newsletter](#)
- XCC instructor and College of General Studies Senior Lecturer of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Leonard Andres was recently profiled in a [BU Today article](#)
- The *BU Daily Free Press* recently did a [feature story on the BU Hub Pathways](#)

Upcoming Events

Teaching within a Social Justice Framework

Friday, December 3, 2021

12:15-1:15 pm

Join the BU Center for Teaching & Learning and BU Digital Learning & Innovation for the Teaching within a Social Justice Framework Lightning Talk. This series of talks by Boston University faculty will provide examples of how a social justice lens can transform our teaching practices. Learn more and register [here](#).

About the format: The Lightning Talks format is fast, peer-driven, and information-rich. The talks showcase 4-5 presenters—each exploring innovations in teaching and technology at BU.

BU Spark! Demo Day

Friday, December 10, 2021

5-7 pm

Join BU Spark! for Demo Day, a celebratory event where students share the projects they have been working on all semester long. Register [here](#).

Stay in the Loop with the BU Hub

Our hope is that the BU Hub lives up to its name as a central node on campus that helps to keep us all connected. We would love to hear from you about your Hub courses and experiences! Please share your Hub stories and resources with us by sending a note to thehub@bu.edu.

Want to learn more about the Hub? Please visit our website at www.bu.edu/hub.

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