

KU CET PRESENTATION SERIES - Fall 2020

Humanizing the Online Experience

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Abstract: Like many of you, the pedagogical experience I most miss is interacting with my students while sharing space. Recognizing that I am not getting everything out of the courses that I would like due to distance and modality, let us also recognize that the students are missing out on the same opportunities. They are missing the experience of sitting in classrooms with peers, sharing moments of conversation before and after class, connecting directly over course related ideas, and frankly just meeting and getting to know new people in person. In this session we will discuss ways to continuously put students first in our pedagogy, how to meet them where they are in the midst of everything 2020 has brought us, and to see yet another tool that may be useful in your classroom. This discussion is inspired by trauma-informed pedagogy research.

About the speaker: Dr. Megan O'Byrne is an assistant professor in Communication Studies. Her research focuses on the rhetoric of social movements including environmental crises, women's movements, and civil rights struggle. Another branch of her current research is in developing and adapting a theory typically used in therapy and social work to communication contexts using rhetorical and content analysis methods. Next month she will be presenting research on Top Paper Panels in both areas at the National Communication Association conference. She teaches a variety of courses from general education classes in Public Speaking and Business & Professional Presentations, to topics courses including Persuasion and Gender Communication, as well as upper division core courses in the major focusing on research methods and senior capstone research.