

Good morning, my dear colleagues,

As last week's changes unfolded, our spring recess dates contracted and then expanded, making the past three days and the next three vacation time for faculty and students. In light of these schedule changes, please set this email aside until Thursday if you are protecting this time. Valuing our personal lives takes on extra importance during the pandemic.

This morning, I invite you to join me in honoring the losses, the suffering, and the courage of those we know and don't know who are at the eye of the coronavirus storm. Please use the space below as a visual silence while counting 30 seconds of audible silence.

Thank you. We are grieving. We need consolation. And we are needed.

When the Chancellor first announced the Recalibration pause, he seemed to indicate we would be improving our asynchronous teaching and learning skills as part of the break. In response, several offices designed events to assist with these revisions. Although we later learned that the days would be considered non-working days for faculty and students, we retained some of these events for those who might be interested. Participation is entirely optional, and if interest is expressed, these or similar activities may be offered again.

Last Friday's open conversation drew a dozen participants and was filled with questions and assertions. The TLC will offer weekly open conversations starting this Thursday afternoon at 3 pm, as opportunities to share and check in with each other. Please join us if you feel the need to connect and be with your peers.

As you have seen, DOES continues to design webinars and discussions rich in content and expertise. This week, starting today and continuing through Wednesday, there are multiple opportunities to join sessions on asynchronous learning with our excellent instructional designers.

**Monday, March 30-Wednesday, April 1 (all three days)**

### **Asynchronous Learning on Blackboard: Open Conversations**

The hour-long sessions are available 3x each day, offered at 10:00am, 1:00pm, and 4:30pm, featuring different topics.

To Join: <https://jjay-cuny.zoom.us/j/2124841193>

**Monday Topic:** Uploading Documents, Activities, Course Materials and Setting up Discussions

**Tuesday Topic:** Assessments and Checks for Understanding

**Wednesday Topic:** Grading and Feedback

### **TLC Weekly Open Conversation**

**Thursday, April 2, 3pm**

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/393922152>

Be well. Be safe. Honor the present.

Respectfully,

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