

**Session C:
Breathing New Life into Online Classes: Novel Approaches to What
Teaching Online Is (and Can Be)**

Sullivan University faculty change lives. At a time when more and more students are taking classes online, it's essential for faculty to build connections with students on the other side of the screen. This session will focus on techniques for bringing new ideas into online classes.

Presentations:

LaVena Wilkin: These Are Not Your Mother's Pearls

As more classes are taught online and more students are taking online classes, it is important to create a positive learning atmosphere that engages students and helps them succeed in the virtual classroom. Making connections and creating relevant assignments are two ways to reach those goals. Dr. Wilkin will present lessons learned from my own teaching experiences, share what worked for me, and discuss what did not work as well.

Tiffany Evans: Synchronous Learning: Bringing the Classroom to the Home

This presentation will focus on best practices for helping students get more out of synchronous online classes. Topics will include scheduling, preparing students in advance, setting clear expectations, formatting the session and using whiteboards and breakout rooms.

Josh Simpson: Dated Assignments? Introducing the Blackboard Calendar in Ultra

A Blackboard feature which can significantly enhance the student experience is the calendar. This allows students, at a glance, to tell *exactly* what is due each week...and when. In addition, it notifies them when they miss a deadline. So why is this tool so underutilized? This presentation will explore the benefits of using the calendar for each class and offer an overview of how the calendar looks and functions in Ultra.