

Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence

Recommended Resources for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL)

This site was created for faculty and other academics who are interested in getting involved in SOTL.

1. Preparing to do SOTL:

Nelson, C. E. (n.d.). *How Could I Do Scholarship of Teaching & Learning? Selected Examples of Several of the Different Genres of SOTL.* http://mypage.iu.edu/~nelson1/00_Genres.pdf

The groupings and examples in this article represent the SOTL genres as Nelson saw them. They are still one of the best categorizations of the different types of SOTL as they are being practiced today and help practitioners define which category of SOTL they want to engage in.

Williams, K.M. (2015). *Doing Research to Improve Teaching and Learning: A Guide for College and University Faculty.* New York: Routledge.

This is a solid How-To book on how to discover an appropriate research topic, determine which research methods to use, work together throughout the research process, and eventually share your findings with others.

Bishop-Clark, C. & Dietz-Uhler, B. (2012). *Engaging in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: A Guide to the Process, and How to Develop a Project from Start to Finish.* Sterling, VA: Stylus.

Another book that describes the process of conducting a SOTL project. It also provides appendices on related conferences, SOTL as well as disciplinary journals.

University of Central Florida. *Creating SoTL Projects: A Worksheet for Doing SOTL:* <http://www.fctl.ucf.edu/ResearchAndScholarship/SoTL/creatingSoTLProjects/>

This is the most comprehensive online worksheet I know, with step-by-step procedures for everything you have to do as you build your research project.

McKinney, K. (2016). *Designing and Conducting a SoTL Project Using a Worksheet.*

<https://illinoisstateuniversytosotl.wordpress.com/2016/06/20/designing-and-conducting-a-sotl-project-using-a-worksheet-a-bakers-dozen-of-important-sets-of-guiding-questions/>

If you prefer a list of step-by-step questions rather than UCF's long online worksheet, these 23 questions from Kathleen McKinney maybe just what you need.

2. Books on SOTL Research:

McKinney, K. (2013). *The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning In and Across the Disciplines*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Boyer, E.L, Moser, D., Ream, T.C, & Braxton, J.M. (2016). *Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate*. Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching: Jossey-Bass.

Mashek, D. & Yost Hammer, E. (Eds). (2011). *Empirical Research in Teaching and Learning*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

Christensen Hughes, J. & Mighty, J. (Eds). (2010). *Taking Stock: Research on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*. McGill-Queen's University Press. http://www.mqup.ca/taking-stock-products-9781553392712.php?page_id=46

3. Journals for Educational Research:

Kennesaw State University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning:
Teaching Journals Directory: <http://cetl.kennesaw.edu/teaching-journals-directory>
This website lists over 500 journals on teaching!

The University of Central Florida's Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning:
https://search.ucf.edu/#?output=xml_no_dtd&proxystylesheet=UCF_Main&client=UCF_Main&site=UCF_Main&q=teaching%20journals
This website shows 12,000 results for "teaching journals," not all of them are individual journals

4. Videos of SoTL researchers discussing different aspects of SOTL:

Elon University's Center for Engaged Learning recorded many scholars in SOTL:
<http://www.centerforengagedlearning.org/studying-engaged-learning/what-is-sotl/>

The following topics are addressed in those videos:

Key Characteristics of SOTL (12:56)

SOTL vs. Scholarly Teaching (7:48)

Examples of SOTL Projects (4:59)

Reading Recommendations for New SOTL Scholars (14:43)

Future Directions and Emerging Trends in SOTL (17:30)

Strategies for Going Public with SOTL (7:31)

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