

DePeters Family Center for Innovation and Teaching Excellence

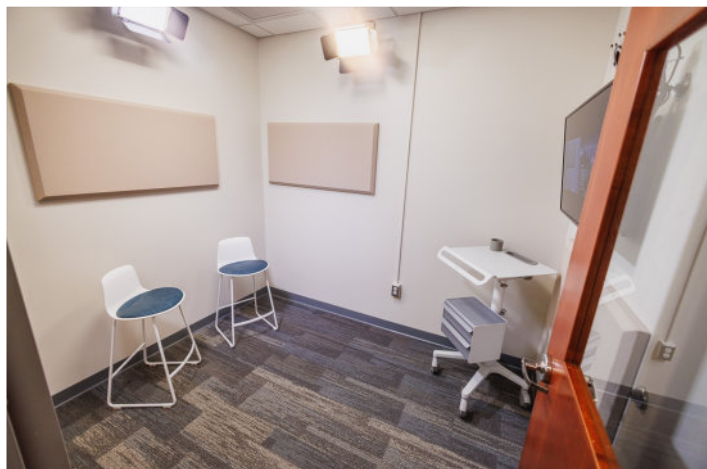


Dedication Ceremony - June 3, 2022

The physical Center space construction was completed in January 2022 with staff moving into the new space and workshops and events held there throughout the spring 2022 semester. The official dedication of the space was held on June 3, 2022 with members of the DePeters family present. "Today, we dedicate this space but also celebrate the DePeters family's outstanding support of the College and the impact it has already made and will continue to make on our institution," said President Gerard J. Rooney, during the ceremony. "The establishment of this Center furthers our commitment to teaching and learning in a student-centered educational environment in state-of-the-market active learning spaces that utilize the latest technology, design elements, and furnishings."



DePeters Family Center Recording Studio



One special area within the DePeters Family Center is the recording studio suite. The recording studio is a state-of-the-art audio and video studio used by faculty and staff to create high-quality course materials. The studio includes a PC, a Mac, cameras, microphones, and a green screen. After an orientation to the space, faculty and staff can utilize the room independently to create professional course content. The popularity of the space has taken off, with over **32** reservations for the space since it became available in May, 2022.

Evolving Technology

Part of the role of the Center is to ensure the campus community has access to the best suite of educational technologies to meet our specific needs and goals across campus. This means the staff are continuously evaluating the fit of the suite of supported technologies and looking for opportunities for improvement. Two big changes as a result of this work include:

Ensemble → Yuja

After a company buyout of Ensemble by a competitor, Fisher was required to switch video management platforms. This became an opportunity to evaluate alternative vendors as well. It was decided to move to Yuja as the new video management tool and this transition took place over the spring and summer of 22, including the migration of a large quantity of video content from one tool to the next.



Blackboard → Brightspace

A CMS Evaluation Task Force was formed in fall 2021 to launch the in-depth review of the CMS tool used at Fisher. After gathering feedback from campus stakeholders and evaluating a number of vendor options, the Task Force made the final recommendation to transition from Blackboard to Brightspace by D2L. This transition will begin in the fall 2022 semester with all courses taught in the new CMS by summer 2023.

Educational Technology & Pedagogical Support

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WORKSHOPS

offered on a variety of topics such as Blackboard, Zoom, and Fundamentals of Online Teaching

580+

ATTENDEES

including faculty, staff, and students who participated in the events offered by the Center

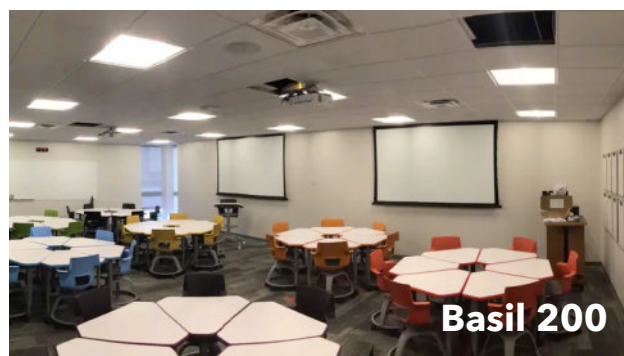
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1-ON-1 CONSULTATIONS

with Center staff and fellows on topics such as active learning or a technological question

Innovative Learning Spaces

The summer of 2022 was another busy time for renovation for the DePeters Family Center. Following the renovation of three active learning classrooms the previous summer, six additional classroom renovations were completed and opened for students and faculty for fall 2022 courses. These innovative learning spaces have been outfitted with active learning furniture that allows for flexible classroom configurations, as well as enhanced technology including multiple screens, cameras and microphones, and easy projection from mobile devices. The rooms also include power throughout the floor, so any seat can quickly connect to a power source at any time. Feedback from the renovation of the first three rooms was used in the design of these spaces. Just like the first three, these rooms have been well received by faculty and students for their comfort, versatility, and energy. To learn more, please visit <https://www.sjf.edu/centers/cite/learning-spaces/>.



Fundamentals of Online Teaching

The DePeters Family Center staff offer an in-depth training experience for faculty new to teaching online or hybrid courses. This training takes place over a four-week period and exposes faculty to effective online teaching methods by first putting them in the shoes of a student learning online. This training is required for faculty planning to teach in these modalities at Fisher. This training has been offered since 2011, usually multiple times per year. Faculty find this training extremely valuable as they begin to develop their first online or hybrid course. One recent participant stated, *“This course represents a watershed in my approach to my online course. Utilizing what I learned in this course will help me to make my course more socially engaging, participatory, and therefore, more fun.”*

In addition to the training experience, DePeters Family Center staff often work with faculty 1-1 as they prepare their courses for delivery in an alternative format. This includes a thorough course review process evaluating the course against a set of established best practices for online delivery.

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Fundamentals of
Online Teaching
Completions

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Courses
Reviewed by
DePeters Family
Center Staff

Fisher Next

Fisher Next offers access to high quality learning experiences produced by Fisher's expert faculty and staff to learners seeking to advance their skills. Fisher Next learning experiences include continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners from a variety of fields and industries, including non-traditional learners looking to gain or expand their skills with micro-learning opportunities that help them reach their personal and professional goals. DePeters Family Center staff supported the AP Summer Institute through the Fisher Next platform, bringing 59 high school AP teachers to campus for a four day training experience in July of 2022 to expand their skillset as AP teachers in a variety of disciplines. DePeters Family Center staff are also supporting a number of new users of the Fisher Next platform across campus and are looking forward to supporting further growth in this area.



AP Summer Institute - World History

The AP Summer Institute (APSI) at St. John Fisher College is designed for both new and experienced AP teachers looking to acquire knowledge of new strategies and methods to improve their instruction and student learning.



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iFISHER NEXT GENERATION LEARNING INITIATIVE

The iFisher initiative provides an iPad kit, including an Apple iPad, keyboard case and Apple Pencil to all on-campus undergraduate students to be used inside and outside the classroom. Faculty and staff with teaching responsibilities are also eligible to receive the same iPad kit to be used to deliver instruction and support a variety of teaching and learning activities. In order to retain their iPad kit, faculty and staff must complete the required training, **Fisher Apple Academy 1.0**, which consists of a three-week professional development experience to learn how the iPad can be used to enhance their classes. Part of this training includes self-paced modules developed by Apple that lead to an **Apple Teacher Certification**. In addition to this training, the Center offered a more advanced training, **Fisher Apple Academy 2.0**, for interested faculty to dive deeper into the ways the iPad could transform their teaching and their students' learning experiences. The numbers to the right indicate the amount of faculty/staff who have completed each level of training and/or certification. Thanks to all our campus partners, especially OIT, for their efforts to deploy over 800 more iPads to students for the start of the 2022 academic year.



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Fisher Apple Academy 1.0 Completions

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Fisher Apple Academy 2.0 Completions

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Apple Certified Teachers

Special Recognition

Based on the success of the iFisher: Next Generation Learning Initiative across campus, as well as our thoughtful approach to rolling out the initiative to both faculty and students during a global pandemic, Apple has recently recognized St. John Fisher University as an Apple Distinguished campus. This recognition showcases the ways the iFisher initiative have transformed the teaching and learning experience. To learn more, please visit <https://www.sjf.edu/services/ifisher/>.



Distinguished School

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.

Meet the Staff



Katie Sabourin, Director

Katie oversees the Center operations and project planning with a special emphasis on the iFisher initiative and learning space renovation.



Emma Daitz, Educational Technologist

Emma provides training and support on Blackboard, among other tools. She is also a point person for the use of iPads in the classroom.



Robin Schmid, Senior Training Support Specialist

Robin is a technology expert and provides training to faculty, staff, and students on a number of tools used across campus.



**Tyler Woodward, Ph.D.
Educational Content Developer**

Tyler provides support to faculty teaching online and hybrid courses, and partners with faculty on the creation of courseware modules.



Meet the Faculty Fellows



Edward Freeman, Ph.D.
Apple Faculty Fellow

Ed provides training and support to faculty and staff using iPads in a variety of ways.



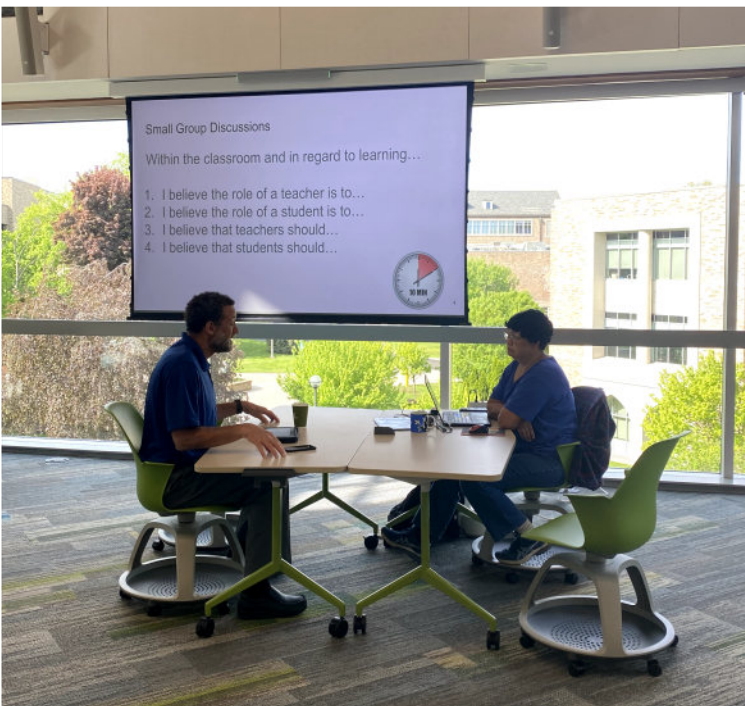
Emily Dane-Staples, Ph.D.
Active Learning Faculty Fellow

Emily offers a number of workshops and events to support increased use of active learning strategies across campus.



Deborah Vanderbilt, Ph.D.
Communication Faculty Fellow

Deb supports faculty implementation the written, oral, and visual communication outcome into their teaching practices.





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