



# Webinar Registration Form

## Create & Manage Engaging Synchronous Online Discussions

Wednesday, September 9 ~ 3:00-4:00pm (Eastern)

Once the live date has passed, this training will be available on demand.

## Overview

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While discussions are a valuable pedagogical strategy, getting students to participate in discussions actively is a challenge; this challenge is intensified in the synchronous online classroom. Unlike the face-to-face classroom where discussion norms and facilitation strategies are well-established, videoconference discussions are fraught with technology considerations, lack of standardized expectations, and differing social cues. When attempting to facilitate a synchronous online discussion, these factors converge to leave many faculty members feeling as though they are talking to themselves in a sea of blank picture windows. The key to an active online synchronous discussion lies in embracing the differences between a face-to-face and online discussion to design a discussion experience that is uniquely relevant to the videoconference format. Faculty must be intentional in establishing discussion expectations that promote engagement while creating a structure that ensures every student has a chance to participate. This webinar will overview practical strategies for incorporating relevant, authentic discussion activities in a manner that adds value to the student learning experience and engages students in synchronous dialogue.

### Objectives:

- Identify key differences between face-to-face and videoconference discussions
- Understand and utilize key features of videoconferencing technology to promote multiple avenues of engagement
- Set expectations for synchronous discussions
- Structure videoconference discussions to maximize student participation
- Design online synchronous discussion activities that are engaging, relevant, and authentic

## Who Should Attend?

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- Faculty (fulltime, adjunct, campus and online)
- Online Learning Administrators and Developers
- Curriculum Development
- Faculty Development and Training
- Any educator interested in learning more about managing synchronous discussions in online classes



## Speaker(s)

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**B. Jean Mandernach, Ph.D.**

*Grand Canyon University*

*"Attempts to mimic the spontaneous interaction of a face-to-face discussion online can be challenging. Simply put, online is different. Norms are different, social conventions are different, interaction cues are different. The key to an engaging online discussion lies in recognizing and embracing these differences to create a discussion format that is uniquely suited to videoconference interaction."*

B. Jean Mandernach, Ph.D. is Executive Director of the Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching at Grand Canyon University. Her research focuses on enhancing student learning in the online classroom through innovative instructional and assessment strategies. In addition, she has interests in the development of effective faculty evaluation models, perception of online degrees, and faculty workload considerations. Jean received her B.S. in comprehensive psychology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, an M.S. in experimental psychology from Western Illinois University and Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

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- A link and a password for the event.
- A link to test webinar access. Please test your computer prior to the event.
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- Review the presentation after the live event
- Train new hires throughout the year
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