

ENGAGING STUDENTS IN LARGER CLASSES

Workshop Description:

Learning is not a spectator sport, but often we resort to didactic teaching when we are assigned large classes. In this workshop, we will examine the unique aspects of teaching large classes, and explore methods that help us move away from the established pattern of lecturing, toward a more engaging and active learning environment.

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