

Welcome to the CSU AL\$ / COOL4Ed Monthly Webinar

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– Today's Agenda

- (5 min) Introductions/ Introduce AL\$ Team
- (5 min) Announcements
- (20 min) John McLeod from Pressbooks
- (5 min) Cool4Ed showcases
- (25 min) Community time



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Announcements

- 2025-26 AL\$ application due date: April 11, 2025
- 2024-25 AL\$ year-end report due date: April 25, 2025



Pressbooks



PB PRESSBOOKS

John McLeod

Account Executive and Sales Team Lead, Pressbooks

John has spent most of his career supporting students, faculty, and staff of higher education institutions. Starting as a student working the back-to-school rush at the University of Alberta Bookstore, John's career in higher ed spans four decades. When he isn't working, he can be found in the kitchen preparing meals for friends and loved ones or at the curling rink trying to find his draw weight.



Cool4Ed Showcases

- Why are showcases valuable?
 - Demonstrate use of OER
 - Share resources to help other faculty wanting to teach that course/ looking for OER.
 - Important to include Creative Commons license.
- What is the requirement?
 - 5 showcases/per academic year
- Faculty showcase template in the [Google Drive](#) (CSU AL\$ Campus Coordinators' Shared Resources > COOL Faculty Showcase Toolkit (<https://tinyurl.com/Showcasetoolkit>))

Showcases bookmarked in MERLOT

- A Bookmark collection for each campus is in MERLOT - <https://tinyurl.com/bookmarkcollections>
 - List of all Campus Bookmark pages in [Google Drive](#) - (CSU AL\$ Campus Coordinators' Shared Resources > COOL Faculty Showcase Toolkit (<https://tinyurl.com/Showcasetoolkit>))

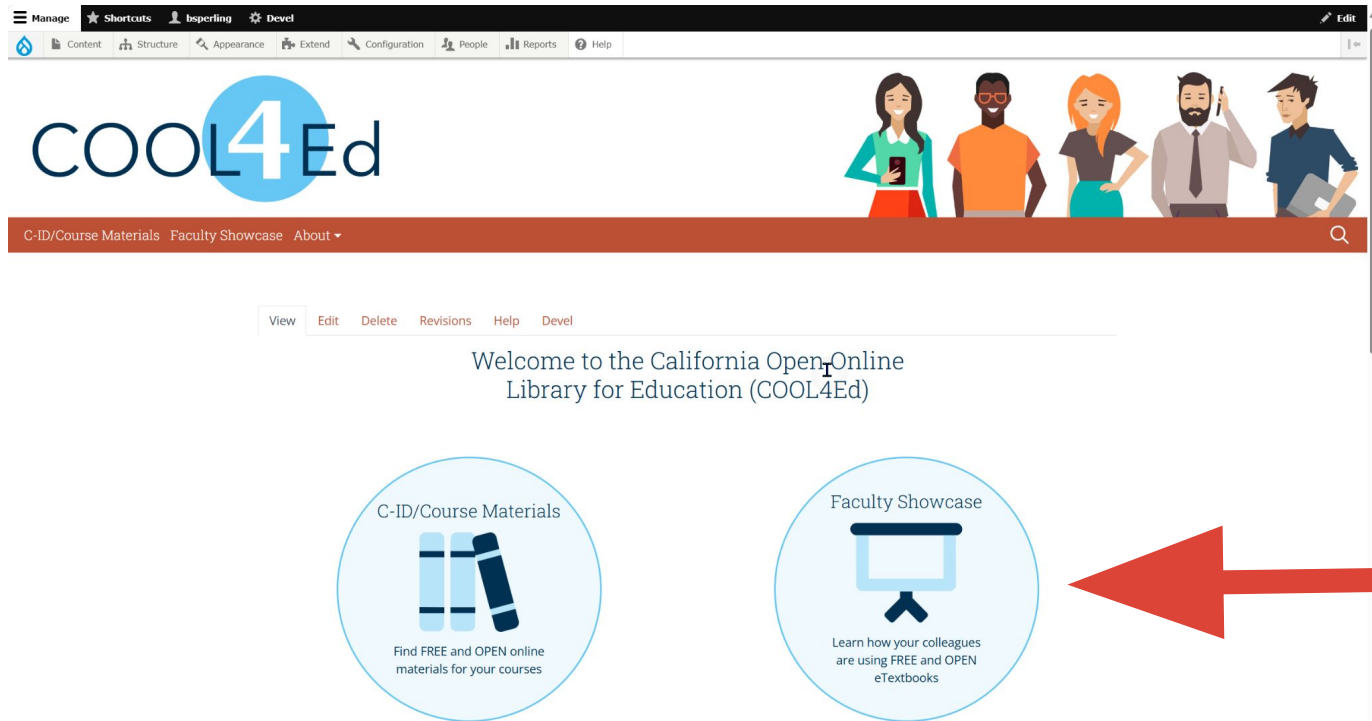
The screenshot displays the MERLOT website interface. At the top, the MERLOT logo is on the left, and navigation links (Browse, Add, Communities, Partner Benefits, News & Info, About MERLOT, SkillsCommons) are in the center. On the right, a user is logged in as 'Hi California Open Online Library (COOLforEd)'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search keywords, title, URL, ISBN, or author' and a 'Search' button. To the right of the search bar is a link to 'Advanced Search Options'.

The main content area is titled 'Bookmark Collections'. On the left side of this area is a 'Filter by' sidebar with a 'Discipline' section listing various fields of study with their respective bookmark counts: Academic Support Services (6), Arts (9), Business (14), Education (7), Health Sciences (7), Humanities (15), Mathematics and Statistics (10), Science and Technology (17), Social Sciences (17), and Workforce Development (3).

The main content area shows a grid of bookmark collections. The first row contains four collections: 'Sonoma State - OER Showcases' (0 Bookmarks), 'Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Faculty OER...' (18 Bookmarks), 'San Francisco State - Faculty OER...' (1 Bookmark), and 'California State, Channel Islands OER...' (3 Bookmarks). The second row contains four collections: 'San Diego State University' (11 Bookmarks), 'Calif State Univ, Stanislaus OER...' (0 Bookmarks), 'California State, Sacramento Faculty...' (8 Bookmarks), and 'Cal State Northridge Faculty OER...' (0 Bookmarks). Each collection card includes a representative icon, a title, a description, the author (California Open Online Library (COOLforEd) COOLforEd), the date added, and a 'Go to Collection' link.

Faculty Showcases in COOL4Ed

- Showcases are also added to the COOL4Ed site. (<https://cool4ed.org>)



Fall/Spring Webinar Schedule

- ~~• October 17th~~
- ~~• November 21st~~
- ~~• December - No Webinar/Holiday Break~~
- ~~• January 16th~~
- ~~• February, Feb. 20-21 - AL\$ Conference~~
- ~~• March 20th~~
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June - No Webinar - Happy Summer!
- July - No Webinar - Happy Summer!



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