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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO DR. KAREN
SINGER-FREEMAN!**



**Dr. Karen Singer-Freeman wins the 2023
Assessment Institute in Indianapolis Improvement
Influencer Award**



The CAT is proud to announce that our Director of Research, Dr. Karen Singer-Freeman, was just awarded the Improvement Influencer Award at this year's Assessment Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana.

This award recognizes "outstanding contributions by an individual who provides exemplary leadership for assessment and improvement beyond their institution or organization."

Please join us in congratulating Karen!



What Do Wake Forest Students Do With Self-Assessment Power?



Facilitator: Lauren Miller, Spanish

In this session, Dr. Miller will discuss how she has used self and peer assessment in her classes at Wake Forest. While most of the activities were designed for her First Year Seminar, she has also done some similar work in her Spanish classes and she'll speak to why self and peer assessment promote buy-in from students, and result in greater performance due to enhanced knowledge of the rubrics. She will also demonstrate concrete ways to incorporate peer and self-assessment techniques with written papers, participation, and oral presentations (including activities requiring students to engage with the revision process, professor and peer feedback, and the rubrics designed by them). Finally, Dr. Miller will present qualitative and quantitative data on the results of these assessment techniques in her classes.

Wednesday, November 1

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Faculty Commons Classroom

665 Wilson Wing, ZSR Library

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WakerSpace: The Happiest Place on Earth



Facilitator: Paul Whitener, WakerSpace

If you've wanted to learn more about how you might incorporate WakerSpace into your classes but have not had the chance to visit, this is your chance. You will receive the basic safety training required by all makers (which will allow you to use WakerSpace), then take a brief tour of the facility to highlight all of the equipment and supplies available. A short presentation about faculty engagements and projects will follow along with Q&A/ideation time toward the end of the session.

In addition to the above, hands-on making time will be provided. Participants will make a ceramic tile coaster to take home.

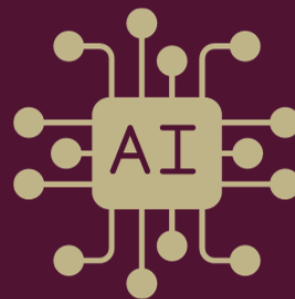
Wednesday, November 8

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

WakerSpace (Building 61A, modular units in the back of Parking Lot Q between Scales & Dogwood/Magnolia)

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USING CHATGPT TO IMPROVE ASSIGNMENTS & ASSESSMENTS



ICYMI...CAT Director of Research Dr. Karen Singer-Freeman's column, *Making a Grand Contribution: Using ChatGPT to Improve Assessment in Higher Education*, was published in *Assessment Update* in October.



This column is all about using ChatGPT to improve assignments and assessments and can be read for free by clicking the link below!

READ THE COLUMN

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Consultations

The CAT welcomes conversations about teaching and learning with everyone in our Wake Forest community. We offer consultations at the instructor, department, research, and university levels, depending on your area of interest. You are welcome to [schedule a consultation](#) with any of us, but we ask that you begin with your area so we are better able to distribute our work and build expertise by specializing.

Teaching Observations

If you're interested in getting some feedback on your teaching, we are happy to arrange a classroom visit at a time that is most convenient for you. We'll observe unobtrusively and then meet with you to provide feedback, answer any questions you might have, and discuss and explore new teaching strategies. All results are completely confidential. [Schedule an observation.](#)

[Email Kristi Verbeke](#) with questions or for additional information.

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