



# A Commons for Open Learning: Voices from City Tech's OpenLab

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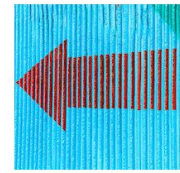
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## 28,000 OpenLab Members!

This semester we welcomed our 28,000th member of the OpenLab! Many thanks and a hearty congratulations to everyone in the OpenLab community! ([Image credit](#))



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Open Pedagogy on the OpenLab

Join us on 4/4 at 4:30 PM in the Faculty Commons (N227) for our second Open Pedagogy Event of the semester. [Learn more and RSVP.](#)

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## STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THE OPENLAB



### The Open Road

For all things OpenLab: news, workshops, events, community, and support!

## Courses



### Type Design – COMD 1257\_Sp 19

A variety of basic layouts and formats are introduced, building technical and practical fluency in setting and working with type for both...

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## Projects



### Gothic NYC

Welcome to the Gothic Guide of New York City. We have found all of the hidden gems for your creepy pleasure. Here you can meet Count Dracula...

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## Clubs

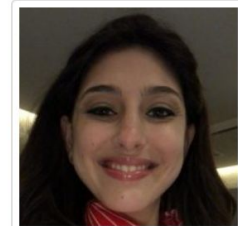


### VR & AI Club

The Virtual Reality & Artificial Intelligence (VR & AI) Club at NYCCT seeks to explore the interdisciplinary practices and...

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## Portfolios



### Ita Glick's ePortfolio

Hey, here's a little about me and what I've been up to as a Dental hygiene student!

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# About the OpenLab

City Tech's open platform for teaching, learning, and collaboration

# Why OPEN? Why LAB?

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**OPEN:** Unlike closed online teaching systems, the OpenLab allows members across the college to share their work with one another and the world outside City Tech

**LAB:** Like a lab, it provides a space where students, faculty, and staff can work together, experiment, and innovate

**GOALS:** Support teaching and learning, enable connection and collaboration, and strengthen the intellectual and social life of the college community

# Open Source, Open Collaboration

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- WordPress is an open source publishing platform that powers >30% of the internet and has an active community of skilled developers from all over the world.
- BuddyPress, a WordPress plugin, adds the community networking capabilities that are an essential component of the OpenLab.





## In the Spotlight: 28,000 Members and Counting!



Claire Cahen  
February 4, 2019  
Community&Collaboration, Retrospective Series  
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Image Credit: [Bill Smith](#)

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### GET TO KNOW THE OPENLAB

Through this [5-part, self-guided series](#) you'll join, connect and create on the OpenLab!

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### REQUEST A WORKSHOP!

The OpenLab is accepting [requests for focused workshops](#) for the faculty, staff, or students in your departments, offices, and other stakeholder groups at City Tech. Instead of more general offerings, we're interested in meeting the needs of your group through targeted workshops designed specifically for you. Workshops are accepted on a rolling basis, so get your requests in early!

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### WELCOME TO THE OPEN ROAD!

The Open Road is our place to highlight all that's possible on the OpenLab. Join now to

# Retrospective

28,000 Members and Counting

# Voices from City Tech's OpenLab

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- Karen Goodlad, Hospitality Management, Living Lab
- Anna Matthews, Dental Hygiene, Living Lab – L4
- Jennifer Sears, English, First Year Learning Communities
- Sarah Paruolo, English, Peer Mentors Program
- Jonas Reitz, Math, Opening Gateways
- Kim Cardascia, Office of the Provost
- Cailean Cooney, Library, OER
- Charlie Edwards, CBOX OpenLab Associate Director



# GENED Living Lab

General Education Seminar

and foremost, I am so glad to be stepping out of my comfort zone throughout this entire course that has allowed me to visit places I never imagined I would. Who would have thought that I would be learning so much about wine someday? Not me! Aside from that

note, I chose to visit Coney Island Brewery mainly because I live nearby but once I did a little research before visiting, I saw how amazingly funky and retro the place is. I wanted to visit a place with a story and Coney Island Brewery provides exactly that.

in for a treat. I learned that they have 8 house-brewed beers on tap which rotates regularly in which depending on the season, they make limited release, specialty styles of beer. What really caught my eye was their humor and how they named each beer in a crazy unique way (ex: Mermaid Pilsner, Fangtooth, SuperFreak and much more). But that's not all, even the way they brand their bottles is very unusual than how regular breweries would do, which sets them apart. I love that their not trying to fit in with their

## Living Lab

General Education Seminar





- A virtual resource exchange of teaching practices
- Open to colleagues within and outside City Tech
- No membership required to view or post
- Activities are posted using a template form
- [openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/l4](https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/l4)

## L4: Living Lab Learning Library

A virtual resource exchange of teaching practices



# FIRST YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Grow Your Learning Experience

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FACULTY FYLC SCHOLARSHIP

## Fall 2018: Telling Our Stories: Prompt 2

NOVEMBER 14, 2018 / JENNIFER SEARS / 0 COMMENTS

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

Our Stories Assignment Two

1. Write a response to the reflective writing prompt below and post it to the [FYLC site](#).
2. Once you have finished writing your post please **select your FYLC faculty member as a category**.
3. Read and comment on at least two other students' posts from your class or another FYLC class.

**Our Stories: Becoming a College Student Prompt Two**

Research has shown that first-semester students often worry about their transition in to college and how eventually students become comfortable and find a community of people with whom they are close and feel they belong.

As we near the end of the semester, we invite you to share a second experience about becoming a college student at City Tech. Aim to write 300-500 words and be sure to illustrate your post with examples from your own experiences in classes, seminars, lectures, study groups, or labs. What happened? How did you and others involved think and feel? How did it turn out?

To complete this assignment:

- click the plus (+) sign at the top of the [FYLC site](#)
- select "add new" post from the dashboard
- write your post
- select your FYLC faculty member as a category
- read and comment on at least two of your peers' stories.

Thank you for participating in "Our Stories!"

\* If you have yet to create an account, see below

1. Create an [OpenLab account](#).
2. Join the [FYLC OpenLab project](#)

2018 Allard & Cunningham, 2018 Almond & Corbett, 2018 Diaz & Ostrom, 2018 Goodlad & Stewart, 2018 Hellman & Hellman, 2018 Hitchings & Schermer, 2018 Niregoda & Sears, 2018 Rahim & Fraz, 2018 Romasanta, Krontz & Peralto, 2018 Sampson & Sampson, 2018 Satyanarayana, Cabon & Blain, 2018 Spevack & Rosen

PREVIOUS POST  
New to College

NEXT POST  
13th Grade

## FYLC - Faculty

Grow your learning experience together

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Photos: Training with Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz

[Leave a reply](#)

Welcome back from spring break! I'm sending on photos from our Freshman Transition Training. If you would like these for documentation or OpenLab sites, let me know. Good luck finishing the semester

**HELPFUL LINKS**

[City Tech Writer](#)  
[Faculty Commons](#)  
[FYLC-Student Page](#)  
[GenEd](#)  
[OpenLab Office Hours](#)  
[OpenRoad-OpenLab](#)  
[FAQ](#)

# First Year Learning Communities on the OpenLab

Faculty and Students Explore Interdisciplinary Themes



## My first few weeks at City Tech

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 / [Profile Icon] / 1 COMMENT / EDIT



Panic, fare and nervous described my feeling when I just started my life at City Tech. It feels so different than other schools. I didn't mean City Tech, but college in general. Some professors tough the lesson so fast and did not make things clear. I felt like so many things through at me all in ones. I remember there was a time when I copied down the vocabulary from the board, and when my vision touches the board again, I see no definitions for the word, but the changed of slide. During class, I didn't fully understand what my prof tough me, so I have to ask them after class. After the first few weeks of class, I finally figured that college is like a pre-life. We are not treated as kids anymore. We have more responds to take. Before college, our teachers guided us on how to do current things because we were little and young. But college, we have to figure out things on our own and work it as a team sometimes. Getting us ready to move on to the working field once we graduated. This is my experience for the first few weeks at City Tech.

[Folder Icon] 2018 Duddy & Behrent

PREVIOUS POST  
The Beginning

NEXT POST  
My First Few Weeks at City Tech

### 1 Comment



SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 AT 4:14 PM

Hi Junhao, college classes can be a bit fast-paced compared to Highschool classes. Don't hesitate to ask your professor any questions you may have in class. Also, some professors post their slides on blackboard or email it to students. You can ask about this or check your blackboard to see if it's posted, that way you can later review the slides for anything you may have missed during class.

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## Our Stories: Assignment Two

DECEMBER 11, 2018 / [Profile Icon] / 1 COMMENT / EDIT



Time flies as it has only been a few days since I started at City Tech, but the semester is about to end in the blink of an eye. Classes I take this semester has honestly changed my whole perception of the hospitality industry. To be honest, the main reason why I chose to be in this major is because I like to bake, but just as a hobby; after taking 1101, 1102 and 1105, I discovered my passion for tourism and the hotel industry; 1102 also educated me a little bit more on details on owning a restaurant/ bakery. It has been a challenge transitioning from a high school student to a college student, I am very grateful for all the professors and classmates that had guided me through and helped me. There are still so much more I need to figure out and do a better job, especially with a heavier schedule for next semester, I will have to work harder and get more involved. I am looking forward to the culinary and baking class next semester and hoping to develop skills and earn more experience at City Tech.

[Folder Icon] 2018 Goodlad & Stewart

PREVIOUS POST  
My First Week In College

NEXT POST  
First Semester at CityTech: Done

### 1 Comment



DECEMBER 20, 2018 AT 12:42 PM

Time really flies! I transferred here thinking about becoming a chef 2 years ago. However, after taking classes in the kitchen and classes about hotel management, my interest has totally changed! This major has many aspects for you to explore!


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# First Year Programs: Peer Mentors

Using the OpenLab to Connect Peer Mentors with First Year Students

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# OPENLAB WeBWork

HOME / ABOUT / HELP

You are viewing [WeBWork on the OpenLab](#). Here, you can ask questions and discuss WeBWork homework problems, and also see what other students have been asking.

## RECENT ACTIVITY

ANSWERED!



**A Question from Genaro**  
5 DAYS AGO | 1 REPLY

VIEW MY PROBLEM

## EXPLORE QUESTIONS

Use the [filters](#) below to navigate the questions that have been posted. You can select questions by course, section, a specific WeBWork problem set, and to select only answered or unanswered questions.

Select Course

Select Section/Faculty

Select Problem Set

Select Questions

# Opening Gateways: WeBWork on the OpenLab

[openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/ol-webwork/](https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/ol-webwork/)

# Academic Affairs

## National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Overview



Kim Cardascia

February 22, 2019

Since invitations went out recently to students to join NSCS, here is a short overview of the organization for faculty and staff who may receive questions from students about whether to join.

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### WELCOME

Welcome to the OpenLab site for the Office of the Provost.

Here you can find policy and procedural information, timely reminders, and important documents from Academic Affairs. Please use the topic index below to navigate to a subject area of particular interest, and the semester index if you're looking for something

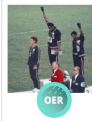




## WELCOME

This is a space for City Tech Fellowship and is open to any

### Courses on the OpenLab



#### HIST 1103 OER

SOCIAL SCIENCE

This course is a chronological and thematic introduction to the history of Western interactions with the... [See More](#)

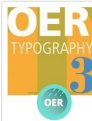


#### PHYS 1441

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This is the first of a three-semester sequence of calculus-based physics course that is the foundation t... [See More](#)

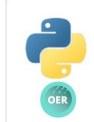
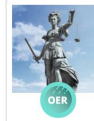
Open Educational Resource



#### OER COMD2427 Typographic Design III

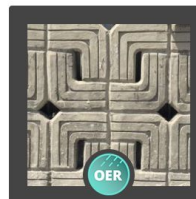
COMMUNICATION D... | OER COMD2427 | FALL 2018

OER Open Education Resource Advanced typographic design principles. Typographic applications for web des... [See More](#)



### Comparative Politics OER, POL 2400

ACTIVE 3 MONTHS, 2 WEEKS AGO



Join Now!

Clone this Course

This Course is OPEN.

Professor(s) Bree Faculty

Department Social Science

Course Code POL 2400

Semester / Year Fall 2018

Course Description An Open Educational Resource for introductory Comparative Politics courses.

Credits POL 2400 — Test Faculty

#### Recent Posts

Welcome!

Welcome to the Comparative Politics Open Educational Resources site. This course does not have a (...) [See More](#)

#### Recent Comments

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Open educational resources for Genetics lab.

### Course Materials

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Test Student's ePortfolio

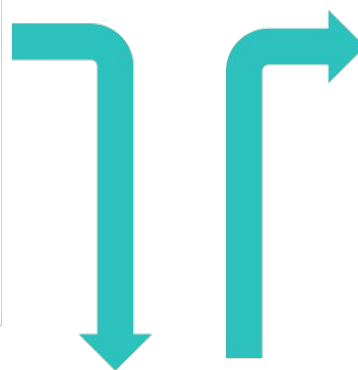
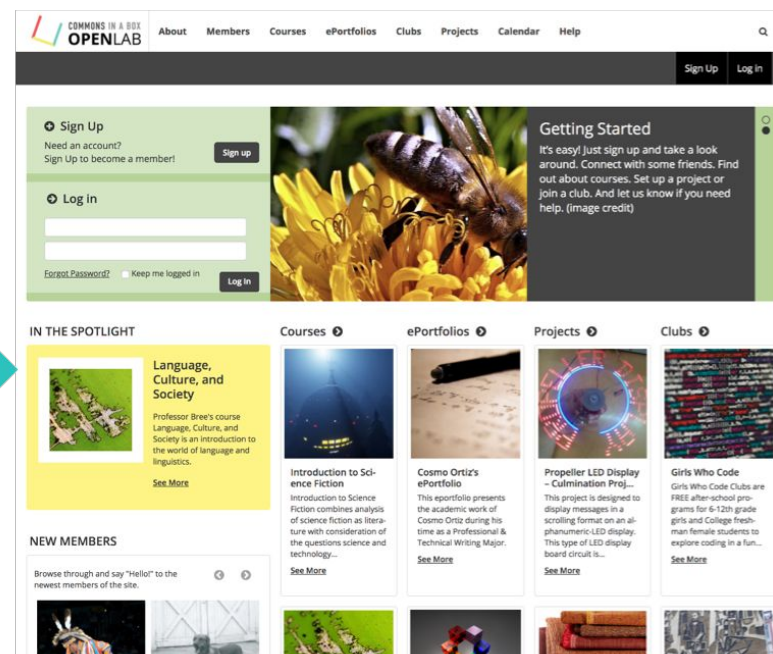
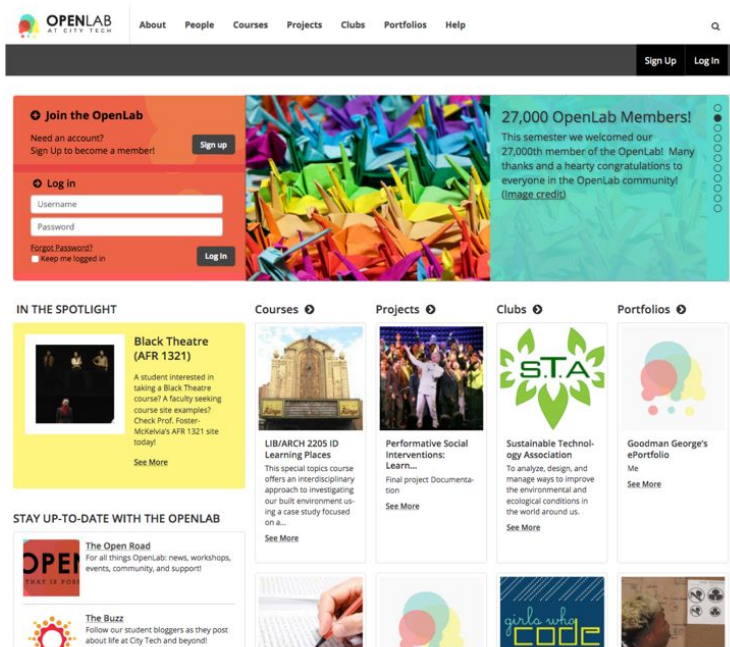
#### Upcoming Events

No upcoming events found.

# OERs on the OpenLab


Committing to an open platform for OER









# Commons In A Box OpenLab - cbox.org

A commons for open learning, created in partnership with CUNY Grad Center's Commons In A Box team


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Welcome!

Welcome to the BMCC OpenLab! We're just getting started and excited to bring the OpenLab to BMCC.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**




**Media Arts and Technology Department**

This is the group for the Media Arts and Technology Department.

Status: public | 3 Members


**Courses**



**Multimedia Programming 100 – Introduction...**

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of multimedia production. In a hands-on class, students will learn the essentials of...

**Portfolios**




**Kat S.'s Portfolio**

Portfolio for Kat S.

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**Clubs**




**Makerspace Club**

It's time to embrace your creativity! Bring your ideas to life at the Makerspace Club by combining art, design and technology. Join an...

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**Projects**




**OpenLab Pilot Students**

This is a group for all students who are part of the OpenLab Pilot Project.

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**NEW MEMBERS**

Browse through and say "Hello!" to the newest members of the site.



# Commons In A Box OpenLab


Now anyone can create an OpenLab! And BMCC already have a pilot installation


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**Upcoming Open Pedagogy Event!**

Join us for our next Open Pedagogy on the OpenLab event: [Accessibility in Open Digital Pedagogy](#), on Thursday 2/22, from 5:30-7:30pm in N227. [RSVP here!](#) ([Image credit](#))

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**




**Accessibility on the OpenLab**


Improve accessibility on your sites by reviewing these tips, attending our Open Pedagogy event (Thu 2/22 5:30pm) and/or our Accessibility-a-thon!

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**The Buzz**  
Follow our student bloggers as they post about life at City Tech and beyond!



**Open Pedagogy on the OpenLab**  
Share and discuss resources about open digital pedagogy!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE OPENLAB?**


**Courses**



**Professor Leston ENG 2400 Spring 2018**

This course will allow students to examine the relationship between film and their literary sources. Through classroom discussions and...

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**ENG 2000 D528 Spring 2018**

Perspectives in Literature

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**Projects**



**Open Pedagogy on the OpenLab**

The purpose of this project is to create a forum to ask questions, generate discussion, and share teaching materials, resources, and ideas...

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**FYLC - Faculty**

This is a Working Space for Faculty who participate in First Learning Communities. This site is a private web-site open to FYLC Faculty.

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**Clubs**



**SADHA**

Student American Dental Hygiene Association is a student organization for first and second-year Dental Hygiene students, faculty, and alumni...

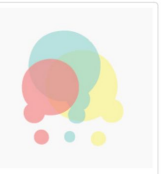
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**The Ambassadors Club**

The mission of the Ambassadors Club is to provide opportunities for student officers to learn and hone leadership skills, with an emphasis

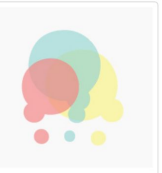
**Portfolios**



**Carlton Henry's ePortfolio**

various work ranging painting to digital works

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**Irina Mashuryan's ePortfolio**

My works

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# Stay Up-to-Date with the OpenLab

The OpenLab's Open Road and Open Pedagogy sites



# Thank you!

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