Faculty Experiences on Teaching with OER:  
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Petrides is a scholar and international open educational resources (OER) expert who has helped lead the development of tools and strategies to create and support the field open education practice. Her work includes the creation of the award winning OER Commons, a digital public library of open educational resources and collaboration platform that facilitates the discovery and improvement of high-quality digital resources that are free, openly licensed, and available for a diverse range of learners. She has advised foreign governments and U.S. government agencies, states, schools, and colleges on implementing OER at all levels.

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Dr. Esteban D. Araya is an Associate Professor of Physics at Western Illinois University. He obtained his B.Sc. degree in physics from the University of Costa Rica, M.S. degree from the University of Puerto Rico, and Ph.D. degree in astrophysics from New Mexico Tech. Before joining Western Illinois University in 2009, Dr. Araya held a postdoctoral position as Jansky Fellow of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at the University of New Mexico. The research work in Dr. Araya's Lab is in the area of interstellar medium and star formation. In particular, Dr. Araya and his students conduct observations and analyze data obtained with some of the most sensitive radio astronomy telescopes to study the properties of molecular clouds in space and thermal/non-thermal phenomena in massive star forming regions.

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Specialties: Researching how fluency is affected by the ability to decode two- and three-syllable words, especially in older students and ESL students; also researching how this all works together to influence comprehension and retention of information.
Teaching full time at CLC since: 2006; previously served as a reading teacher and coach for more than seven years in the Chicago Public Schools.
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Dr. Francesca M. Mellieon-Williams is an Associate Professor in Science and Mathematics Education Doctoral program & Biological Sciences at Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She has been a user of OER since Fall 2014. She chose to use OER to provide a textbook alternative to her non-science major students for learning Biology. Dr. Mellieon-Williams understands the importance of student access to the textbook and chose to go this route to help her students succeed. She also understands the need for technology in learning and encourages teachers on all levels to effectively integrate technology into their curricula. She works intimately with faculty at Southern University to effectively integrate technology in their course whether it is using an Open Education Resource as a textbook replacement/alternative/supplement, LMS for course delivery, software/apps/tools to enhance the course content. Dr. Mellieon-Williams believes strongly in identifying methods of instruction to encourage life-long learning and is always willing to share that knowledge with others.

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