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Ted Gragson is a professor of Anthropology who regularly teaches Introduction to Anthropology – Honors, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, and an FYOS called Barbarians! that were all redesigned using Active Learning principles. As Head of Anthropology, he has numerous opportunities to interact with and learn from faculty in the department dedicated to putting students in charge of their own learning.

I am excited to talk to you about: backward design, scaffolding and role-playing in the classroom (e.g., Reacting to the Past).

Office hours: Tuesdays 1:00-2:00pm, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5 (Baldwin 254)

If you can't make one of these dates or prefer virtual just drop me an email.

Most Used ALSI Concepts & Skills:

TILT (Transparency in Learning & Teaching)
Backward Design

Greatest Triumph in your ALSI Redesign:

Having a student in a recent offering tell me she was the third sibling in her family to now take my class!

Words of Wisdom:

Assume your students are innocent of understanding until proven guilty.

Most Meaningful ALSI Memory:

I designed a natural experiment in foraging for my redesign of Introduction to Anthropology that I demoed at ALSI. The demonstration was a huge flop but the ALSI audience was very supportive and with their advice I turned the experiment into what is now a very popular student activity.

Advice for Overcoming Roadblocks:

Be prepared to let go in the classroom and open to discovering what is holding back a student from being the best they can be.