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Marni Shindelman is an associate professor at Lamar Dodd School of Art and the Area Chair for photography. She participated in ALSI in 2019 and redesigned the ARST 2210 Introduction to Photographic Culture, a large enrollment course (100 students). She has utilized ALSI techniques now to redesign all her courses, including undergraduates of all levels, FYOS seminar and graduate level courses. Since ALSI, she was chosen as a Franklin Anti Racism Workshop participant, where she is currently working on developing better faculty mentoring in Franklin College.

I AM EXCITED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT:

Helping design assignments and curriculum for difficult questions and concepts for students. Let's figure out bottlenecks in your discipline/ curriculum and find ways to build assignments that push students through those. I'd also love to mentor you through feeling like the only one in the room making change.

OFFICE HOURS:

10:00 -11:30 AM, First Wednesday of the month, November 2, and December 7, 2022 ([Zoom](#))

MOST USED ALSI CONCEPTS & SKILLS:

BOPPS!!!! And learning about bottlenecks was very helpful for humanities students.

MOST MEANINGFUL ALSI MEMORY:

Sitting with another colleague and looking at the bottlenecks in our research. It was like therapy for my discipline and it dramatically changed the way I approach teaching.

BIGGEST SURPRISE IN YOUR ALSI

REDESIGN:

Covid hit in the middle of my redesign. In all truth, it was the biggest surprise of my entire teaching career.

GREATEST TRIUMPH IN YOUR ALSI

REDESIGN:

I was able to pivot during Covid and utilize all my new found skills to reach students and be an effective teacher even through the screen. Covid brought active learning to the forefront, and made me be creative in ways I couldn't imagine. My learning in ALSI was the force that got me through Covid and inspired me to say I'm doing the best teaching of my life, and Covid helped me do that.

ADVICE FOR OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS:

Not everything is going to be solved or accomplished in one semester. Its ok to leave some things as they were (even if it hurts your heart) and return to them the following year.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Patience is a virtue. ALSI inspired me in ways I haven't been in my twenty years of teaching, and it came on the heels of Covid. I am doing the best teaching of my career.
