

## Topic Ideas for Educator SIG



### Proposed Quarterly Sequence for Educator SIG

#### Quarter 1: Getting Started & Building Community

 **Topic:** *“Ask Me Anything” (AMA) with Experienced Adjuncts*

- Great kickoff session to welcome members, especially those new to teaching.
- Focus: time management, teaching online, navigating multiple roles.



**Bonus Format:** *“What I Wish I Knew Before Teaching This Course”*

- Can be a breakout or follow-up session to the AMA.
  - Encourages storytelling and peer support.
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#### Quarter 2: Course Design & Teaching Tools

 **Topic:** *“What’s in Your Teaching Toolbox?”*

- Focus: tools used (e.g., Tableau, SQL, Python), course structure, LMS tips.
  - Members can share snapshots of their course design without needing to share full syllabi.
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#### Quarter 3: Teaching Tactics & Student Engagement

 **Topic:** *“Keeping Students Engaged in Data-Heavy Courses”*

- Focus: making analytics approachable, using real-world datasets, peer demos.
  - Great time to share assignments or engagement strategies.
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#### Quarter 4: Grading, Feedback & Student Support

 **Topic:** *“Grading Smarter, Not Harder”*

- Focus: rubrics, feedback strategies, supporting struggling students.
  - Could include a “peer feedback circle” format for sharing ideas.
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Quarter 5 (Next Year Q1): Professional Growth & Collaboration

 **Topic:** “Growing as an Educator”

- Focus: adjunct life, personal branding, co-teaching, publishing.
- Sets the stage for long-term development and leadership.

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Quarter 6 (Next Year Q2): Staying Current in a Rapidly Evolving Field

 **Topic:** “Future-Proofing Your Teaching”

- Focus: AI in the classroom, certifications, academic-industry partnerships.
- Ideal for members looking to innovate or expand their impact.

 **Educator SIG Quarterly Topic Roadmap (Summary)**

| Quarter | Topic                                                                | Focus Areas                                                  |
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| Q1      | <b>AMA with Experienced Adjuncts +<br/><i>What I Wish I Knew</i></b> | Time management, online teaching, first-time instructor tips |
| Q2      | <b>What’s in Your Teaching Toolbox?</b>                              | Tools, platforms, course design snapshots                    |
| Q3      | <b>Keeping Students Engaged in Data-Heavy Courses</b>                | Real-world datasets, storytelling, peer demos                |
| Q4      | <b>Grading Smarter, Not Harder</b>                                   | Feedback strategies, rubrics, student support                |

| Quarter | Topic                                | Focus Areas                                        |
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| Q5      | <b>Growing as an Educator</b>        | Adjunct life, personal branding, publishing        |
| Q6      | <b>Future-Proofing Your Teaching</b> | AI, certifications, academic-industry partnerships |