

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Dr. Jennifer Keup, the Director of the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition where she provides leadership for all operational, strategic, and scholarly activities of the Center in pursuit of its mission "to support and advance efforts to improve student learning and transitions into and through higher education." Jennifer also serves as an affiliated faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policies in the College of Education at the University of South Carolina. Jennifer’s research interests focus on two complementary areas of scholarship: 1) the first-year experience and students in transition and 2) high-impact practices and institutional interventions. Her professional experience has yielded several conference presentations, keynote addresses, scholarly publications, terms on numerous journal editorial boards, and leadership and service positions for national and international higher education organizations. Jennifer is a proud graduate of UCLA where she earned her B.A. in Psychology and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Higher Education and Organizational Change.

Segment One [00:00-16:50] - In this segment, Jennifer shares about her experiences directed a national resource center.

Segment Two [16:51-34:20] - In this segment, Jennifer shares about the current research on online first-year seminars and experiences.

Bonus Clip #1 [00:00-03:56]: *Research Outputs from Jennifer's Resource Center*

Bonus Clip #2: [00:00-03:17]: *When Your Personal and Professional Interests Collide*

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e127/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Describe the purpose of the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience
- Discuss the differences between first-year experiences and first year-seminars
- Cite research resources for first-year experiences and students in transition

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What is the purpose of the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition?
- What does Dr. Keup explain are some of the typical projects and functions of the Resource Center?
- How does Dr. Keup describe she balances her role as director with her writing projects?
- What does Dr. Keup explain are some of the differences between first-year experiences and first-year seminars?
- According to Dr. Keup, how are many of the high-impact practices embedded in a first-year experience?
- What does Dr. Keup share about the research on the effectiveness of online first-year experiences?
- What does Dr. Keup share are some of the research resources available at the National Resource Center

for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition? (See also, Bonus Clip #1)

- What does Dr. Keup share about the impact of her professional experience with first-year experiences and how they relate to her personal experience as a parent? (See also, Bonus Clip #2)

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e127/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e127/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Jennifer Keup if they could?

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Notes

About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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