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Thank you to everyone who registered for our final faculty development seminar, Connecting While Remote: Online Teaching Best Practices. And thank you to FIU IT and Maria Gutierrez for managing it.

All of the resources will soon be available on our website. In the meantime, I have made the presentation slides and other resources available through this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Wp-HsQo5xi2P9edC68YeBcraztnR8p2r?usp=sharing

You may view the seminar recording by following this link:

https://mediaweb.fiu.edu/Mediasite/Play/4e4b8310c2dc48abae93d86ee638ba5d1d

Our seminar was about online learning, but the subtext was the trauma our students are experiencing – from the pandemic that forced us online and has disproportionately affected people of color to the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and the thousands of victims of racism since our country’s founding.

A theme emerged during our seminar: Simplify, Repeat, Empathize. The lessons extend beyond pedagogy. As Dr. Heather Blatt noted in her presentation, our students are facing anxiety and insecurity related to health, jobs, finances, housing and social factors outside their control. More important than getting the technology right is getting the humanity right. We are proud to work with colleagues who are putting our students’ well-being at the forefront of their teaching. No one person or discipline can solve the complex problems we are facing, but the critical work of the humanities guides us as we collectively work to expose and dismantle systems that perpetuate violence and inequality.