



**Affordable
Learning Georgia**



Textbook Transformation Grants Kickoff

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Round Seven Grantees
Middle Georgia State University

Coordinators

- **Jeff Gallant:** Program Manager, Affordable Learning Georgia, Board of Regents, USG
 - Ongoing point of contact for implementation assistance and compliance reporting
 - Ongoing point of contact for Service Level Agreements and payments

Our partner presenters and instructors:

- **Nicole Finkbeiner:** Associate Director for Institutional Relations, OpenStax
- **AMAC Accessibility Solutions**

Directions

- Directions to restrooms
 - You can leave for the restrooms at any time!
- Lunch Table (at 12pm):
 - Back lobby, further down the hallway
 - If you answered “Vegetarian” or “Gluten-Free,” you will have your name on a vegetarian or gluten-free lunch.

Objectives

- Ensure that all Textbook Transformation grantees have the information they will need to be successful, including information about the grant process and basic understanding of key subject areas
- Bring the cohort together for sharing and community-building
- Uncover and address any issues or concerns

Agenda

9:00am-9:50am: Welcome and Introductions

9:50am-10:00am: Break, Meet and Greet

10:00am-10:55am: Grant Processes Discussion

10:55am-11:00am: Quick Break

11:00am-11:50am: OpenStax, AMAC Accessibility

11:50am-12:00pm: Get Lunch (outside 212)

12:00pm-1:00pm: Working Lunch

1:00pm-1:05pm: Pickup / Quick Break

1:05pm-1:55pm: Copyright, Open Licensing, Platforms, Hosting

1:55pm-2:00pm: Quick Break

Agenda

2:00pm-2:45pm: Breakouts by Discipline

2:45pm-3:00pm: Groups Share Results, Discussion

3:00pm-4:00pm: Wrap-Up and Q&A

Welcome and Introductions

Summary of Grants and Grantees

- 23 proposals were received from 14 USG institutions
- 7 proposals from 7 USG institutions were awarded grants
- 30% acceptance rate due to limited funding
- Total estimated student savings:
 - **\$1 million / year**

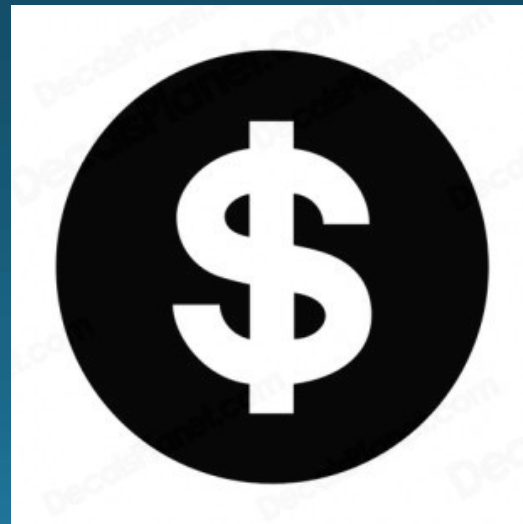
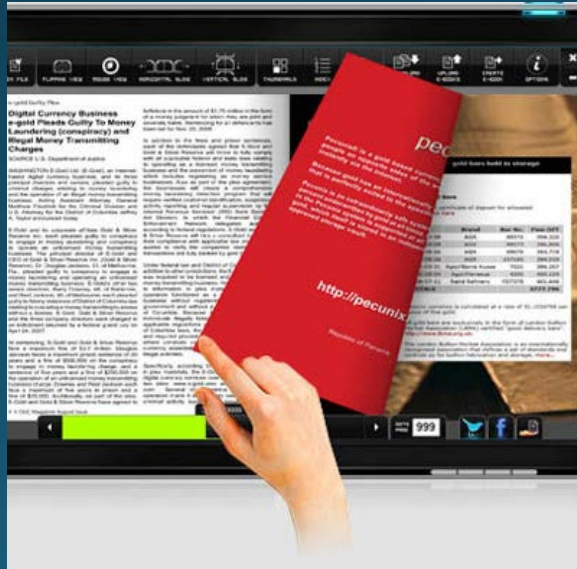
Grantees: Introduce yourselves!

List of all Round Seven grantees:

http://affordablelearninggeorgia.org/about/textbook_transformation_grants_round_7_grantees/

Improving Cost and Affordability

The State of Georgia's FY 2017 budget funds Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG), which focuses on reducing the cost of textbooks and the enhancement of GALILEO, Georgia's Virtual Library and ALG's parent initiative.



ALG is...

A **one-stop service** to help USG faculty and staff identify lower-cost, electronic, free, and open educational resources (OER), building on the cost-effective subscription resources provided by GALILEO and the USG libraries. www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org

Programs to support more affordable learning materials, including campus advocacy, faculty development, bookstore collaborations, and grants for textbook transformation, including a partnership with eCore, the University System's core curriculum taught completely online.

An initiative of the University System of Georgia and GALILEO, Georgia's Virtual Library. www.galileo.usg.edu

Goals and Programs

- Top 100 Courses
- eCore Partnership
- Textbook Transformation Grants: working with campuses
- College Store program
- Training and Development Activities

Top 100 Enrolled Undergraduate Courses

College Trigonometry	MATH 1112	OpenStax College Algebra and Trigonometry MERLOT Open Textbooks on Trigonometry
College Algebra	MATH 1111	Adopted by eCore: Advanced Algebra OpenStax College Algebra American Institute of Mathematics Approved Open Textbooks ALG Grant-Supported Materials: Goodroe/Kidane MERLOT Open Textbooks on Algebra
College Success & First-Year Seminar*	EGAC 1100, GC1Y 1000, GPCS 1010, FYE 1220, GSU 1010, KSU 1101, GT 1000, DAPT 1000	Implemented by Savannah State University: College Success ALG Grant-Supported Materials: Wheeler/Hepler

http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/find_textbooks/alg_top_courses

Validation at Scale: eCore



eCore has partnered with ALG to successfully transition **25** courses to use no-cost and open resources.

eCore and ALG have funded open textbooks for subjects without current OER coverage, such as Art Appreciation and World Literature.

Bookstore Partnerships

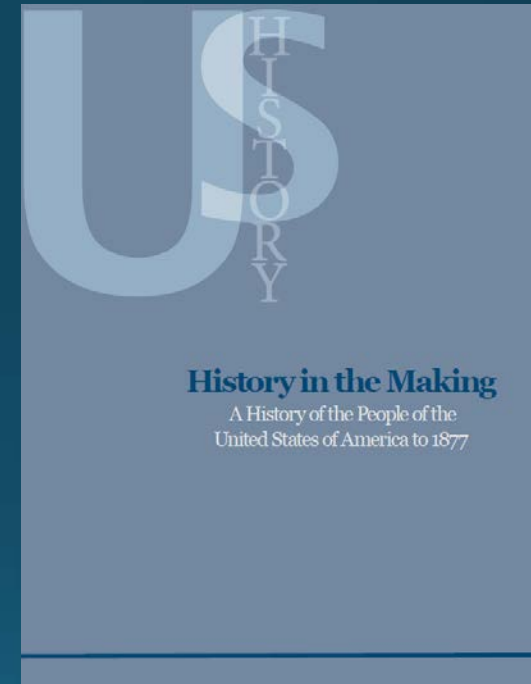
- USG independent college store partners through Verba
 - Lowest price guarantees, rental programs, and more
 - Data about cost savings as well as adoptions
 - Software for comparison shopping, adoptions, marketplace
- Last year of Verba funding
- May work with bookstores on the **Textbook Affordability Conference 2017**



Photograph of McGregor Company bookstore, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia. Vanishing Georgia, Georgia Division of Archives and History, Office of Secretary of State. Digital Library of Georgia.

University Press Partnerships

- Working with UNG Press to leverage expertise, catalog, and infrastructure
- Peer review and editorial processes
- Hosting and distribution models
- Adoption/licensing of existing materials in catalog



**History in the Making:
A History of the People of
the United States of
America to 1877**

External Partners: CSU and OpenStax

MERLOT is a curated collection of free and open online teaching, learning, and faculty development services contributed and used by an international education community.

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Why are we awarding grants?

Student savings are a big deal!

One student saving money on a textbook may not seem impactful, but what if you multiply that by **100,000** enrollments?

All rounds to date (1-7 + Open Mathematics):

Affecting 104,550 students/year, saving \$16.6 million/year.



Why are we awarding grants?

Why do Grants help save students money?

OER and library adoption, adaptation, and creation all take extra time. Faculty and other experts are already pressed for time.

Textbook Transformation Grants allow for:

- Course releases or extra-workload compensation for faculty
- Assistance from instructional designers
- Support for training session travel



Why are we awarding grants?

External Project Impact

- Shared evaluations
- Sustainability measures
- Shared creations and adaptations
- Lessons learned
- RPG statistics
- Student savings



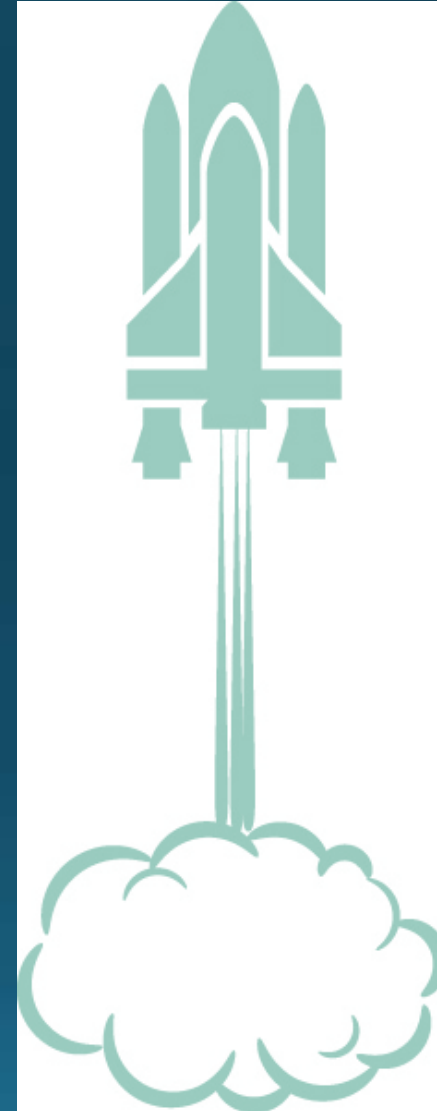
RPG =

Retention

Progression

Graduation

Affordable Resources,
Equal Day-One
Access for students



Communications: Listserv

- General announcements and reminders to the **ALGGRANTEES-L** listserv. Feel free to share information and ask questions using this listserv. All ALG grantees (including round 1-7 and future) will be subscribed.
- Round Seven-only communications will be tagged [R7]. This will allow everyone to understand who the question, or information, or deadline, is intended for.
- With personal and SLA questions, **do not to reply to the listserv. Respond to Jeff directly.** Your email program may include the listserv by default, be sure to check the “To:” address.

Communications: Email

- Jeff.Gallant@usg.edu
 - Email is the best way to reach me
 - Expect delays of up to a week if you leave an office voicemail instead due to a travel-heavy conference schedule
 - Expect me to still follow up with you via email if you call while I am in the office.
- Please **ALWAYS** include your proposal ID in the subject line of any email that you send.
- Please coordinate questions through the team leader.
- Please make sure your campus business office copies team leader on any communications and includes the proposal ID #.

Questions?