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Hello to all.

By now, you will have received the weekly Teaching Tips email below, focused on the rollout of the University's new video platform, Kaltura.

Kaltura will eventually be taking the place of the other video distribution services at the university, including Ensemble and our own Mediasite, and we are excited about its capabilities and about consolidating all of our video assets in a single service. The College of Law will retain its [YouTube channel](#) for much of its public-facing promotional material.

We encourage you to register for and attend the online training sessions mentioned in the Teaching Tips email, and to follow the links for background information and specific instruction on using Kaltura within Blackboard.

While Ensemble and Mediasite will remain active through the end of the Fall semester, we ask that all new content be created and stored within Kaltura. There will be opportunity to migrate important content from the legacy services before they are decommissioned.

Please feel free to send questions about the use of Kaltura to the IT team at LawHelp@law.syr.edu.

Thank you.

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We are excited to announce that [Kaltura at Syracuse University](#) is now available. This cloud-based video management system will help instructors store and share video course content to create engaging and accessible learning experiences for their students.

Kaltura:

- enables instructors and students to create video content through Blackboard;
- provides instructors the ability to edit and combine videos while making them more interactive; and
- empowers instructors and students to use webcams and mobile devices to create content.

In the coming months, instructors also will be able to take advantage of Kaltura's lecture capture ability.

We have prepared some FAQs to address questions you might have.

How do I access Kaltura?

You can access Kaltura by logging in to blackboard.syracuse.edu or video.syr.edu. You also can choose to use the [Kaltura mobile app](#). Please note that any videos created in Kaltura must follow Syracuse University's [Information Technology Resources Acceptable Use Policy](#).

Is training available?

Yes. You can [register for online training sessions](#). These sessions will prepare instructors to teach with Kaltura during the Fall 2020 semester with a focus on how to create, upload and deploy instructional videos in Blackboard.

Does Kaltura replace Ensemble?

Yes. As of July 15, 2020, Kaltura is the University's official video repository tool. Although Ensemble will continue to be available through the Fall 2020 semester, any new content should be created in Kaltura.

Will I be able to move my Ensemble content to Kaltura?

Yes. We are developing a process to migrate existing content from Ensemble to Kaltura. We will share more details about this process soon.

Does Kaltura work with Blackboard?

Yes. Additional Kaltura functionality is available within Blackboard courses to promote teaching and learning. For instructions, tutorials and how-to documentation related to Kaltura in Blackboard, please refer to the [Kaltura in Blackboard](#) support page.

How can I learn more about Kaltura?

We encourage all instructors to explore the [Kaltura at Syracuse University](#) home page on Answers.

If you have questions about Kaltura, our [Fall 2020 Course Transition Services](#) or any other aspect of preparing for the fall semester, you can contact the faculty support team (help@syr.edu). Please also remember these online coaching and consultation opportunities:

- [Teaching and Technology Tuesdays](#) (Tuesdays at noon ET)
- [Overview of Blackboard Course Transition Services](#) (Tuesdays at 6 p.m. ET)
- [Course Development in Blackboard: Open Q and A](#) (Thursdays at 10 a.m. ET)
- [Zoom Training: Teaching with Zoom](#) (multiple times available)

Faculty Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Workshop Series (asynchronous):

- [Identifying and Reducing Implicit Bias in Pedagogical Decision-Making](#)
- [Establishing Civility and Positive Climate in Your Teaching Environment](#)
- [Problematizing Identity and Intersectionality on the College Campus](#)
- [Transparent Teaching: An Evidence-Based Inclusive Practice](#)
- [Navigating Challenges of Diversity in the Classroom](#)

We look forward to working with you.