

SPECTRUM NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear friends and colleagues,

The previous year was a great step forward for the enhancement of the Spectrum, and we hope that our work will fulfill Sara's aspirations. Our effort is focused on encouraging colleagues around the world to continue their spectrum related research and hopefully the SITL will be able to fund them.

Currently, the Institute focuses on the development of an educational platform open to everybody who would like to study the Spectrum. Students, colleagues, and teachers will have access to it, and this is going to be the cornerstone for the teaching and further dissemination of the Spectrum. Together with friends and colleagues around the world, we hope that this target will be achieved in spring 2024.

Stay with us; it's going to be an interesting year for the Spectrum!

On behalf of the SITL Board,

You can read more about our board members [here](#).

HOW WAS 2023? FANTASTIC!

2023 has brought a lot of growth for the Institute. In our second year of being in operation, we reopened our **Spectrum Research Grant** program and the **Outstanding Journal Publication of the Year Award** for 2022. We also debuted a few new grants. These were the **Mini Conference Grant** and **Sample Spectrum Episode Grant**. We have even had a few winners for those grants who we will tell you about below.

In our second year of offering the **SITL Research Grant Award**, we had twice as many applicants as the first year. After reviewing the applications, we chose to fund five of the proposals. You can read more about the grant winners and their proposals on our website [here](#).

Also, as stated above, we brought the Outstanding Journal Article Award back for articles published in 2022. Our winners this year were Drs. Brendan SueSee, Shane Pill, Michael Davies, and John Williams for their article "*Getting the Tip of the Pen on the Paper: How the Spectrum of Teaching Styles Narrows the Gap between the Hope and the Happening*". You can read more about the article and its fantastic authors on our website [here](#).

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Our Mission:

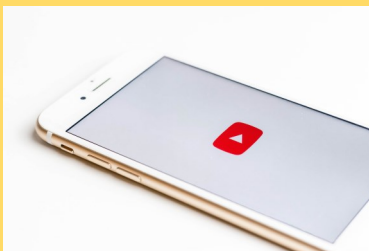
The Mission of the Spectrum Institute for Teaching and Learning is to promote, enhance, disseminate, and propagate the Spectrum of Teaching Styles. The Spectrum of Teaching Styles is a theory based on learner and teacher decision-making, and guided by four principles, (a) universal, (b) non-versus, (c) non-idiosyncratic, and (d) common terminology. The SITL will provide a focus/center/means for teachers, teacher educators, pedagogical scholars, and curriculum developers to study and perfect the art and science of teaching through the Spectrum of Teaching Styles.



Did you know we have an article library?

Whether you are doing research on the Spectrum, want to know more about its history and how it has evolved over time, or you just need to find one more reference talking about a specific style for a presentation you are putting together, you can use our article library to help you. We have the most comprehensive collection of Spectrum works anywhere.

You can access this collection to find PDF copies of Spectrum articles, presentations, etc. on our [website](#). If you go to the **Resources** tab at the top of the page and then click on **Articles** from the dropdown menu, you will immediately be taken to our library page. Check it out now!



Watch Style Example Episodes Now

Have you read about and studied the Spectrum but would like to see some example episodes to get some real life examples of how it works? Well, we are excited to announce that we have posted some style example episodes to our YouTube page [@SpectrumofteachingstylesOrg](#).

In addition, we had the workshop series **Broadening the Spectrum of Teaching Styles Through Global Coalition**. It was a series of five sessions that spanned from February to April. In total, we had eleven excellent presentations by colleagues from all over the globe. If you were unable to attend and would like to catch up on what you missed, the recordings of these sessions are on our YouTube page [@SpectrumofteachingstylesOrg](#).



As for our new grants, we awarded four **Mini Conference Grants** and one **Sample Spectrum Episode Grant**. To learn more about these winners please visit our website using the links above.

FIRST RETREAT

We also had our first retreat from July 9th-14th in Greece. The monastery we stayed at had a rich history, and we stuffed ourselves with delicious food while working on a few projects that we will be unveiling to all of you soon.



GRANTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

We are proud to fund the research into the Spectrum of Teaching Styles for its expansion. With that in mind, we are still accepting applications for our **Mini Conference Grant** and **Sample Spectrum Episode Grant**.



If you are planning on presenting about the Spectrum at an international conference, you may be eligible for one of our Mini Conference Grants of up to \$1,000 USD to help with traveling expenses, conference application fees, and any other associated expenses.

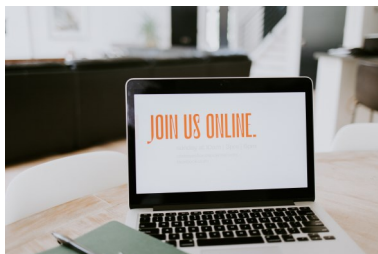
In addition, we are offering \$500 USD for recordings of sample Spectrum style episodes to add to our style library on our YouTube page. You can submit an episode in any language, but we will require a document with times stamps and subtitles. We also have the ability to blur faces in the video if that is a concern for anyone being recorded. Once we have the episode and your application form, we will review and let you know the final decision of review.

The application forms for both of these are on our website [here](#).



WE WILL SOON HAVE ONLINE COURSES!

We are now developing a MOOC platform with several online courses. It will be perfect for those who would like a refresher on the Spectrum and the styles. These courses include readings, short assignments, PowerPoint videos, and recorded episode examples.



We are almost finished with the first four courses: An Introduction to the Spectrum, Command Style A, Practice Style B, and Reciprocal Style C.

People will be able to do this as independent and self-paced learning, but in a few months we also plan on rolling out an option for academics to create class modules that they can use in conjunction with their normal teaching. We have plans for pilot testing, and the final version of the platform will be announced in Spring 2024.



A SNEAK PEEK AT 2024

What are we planning on doing in 2024? Well, first we are going to reopen our **Research Grant Award**. The window for application submissions will open November 1st, 2023 and close March 30th, 2024.

We will also have the **Outstanding Journal Article Award** for articles written in 2023. The window for nominations will open December 1st, 2023 and close March 1st, 2024.

Furthermore, we will host our annual workshop series from March to May 2024.

As we go along, we plan on continuing to develop and release Spectrum example episodes on our YouTube page and courses on our MOOC platform.

In addition, if progress continues to be smooth, we may be able to release a free and downloadable Turkish translation of the book on our website by the middle of next year.

Keep an eye out for announcements on our social media pages and/or an email about it if you are on our mailing list.

REMEMBERING WHO MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE



The Spectrum Institute would once again like to thank Alexander Lankler and our own dearly departed Dr. Sara Ashworth whose generous funding has made all of this possible. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.



We would also like to thank and remember Drs. Muska Mosston and Sara Ashworth for their tireless work in creating and spreading the knowledge of the Spectrum of Teaching Styles with the world.



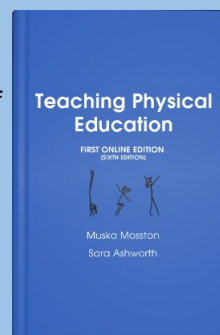
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It's Free!

Download a free copy of the online edition of Mosston and Ashworth's *Teaching Physical Education* [here](#).



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Keeping up with the Spectrum

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