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Background



Stephen F. Austin State University:

- Nacogdoches, TX
- Student body \approx 13,000
- 1 of 4 public independent universities in Texas
- Ralph W. Steen Library
 - East Texas Research Center
 - Center for Digital Scholarship
 - Center for Teaching and Learning

About Me



Genesis

60x30TX



Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

- My personal interest
- No ongoing OER initiatives at library or higher levels
- Upcoming SACS renewal and QEP
- THECB OERTX Launch
- Open Access Week

Why A Brightspace Workshop?



- More relevant and immediately applicable than a lecture from me
- Importance of online resources has only increased
- Faculty and student already use the platform
- Smaller, discipline specific group allows for more discussion
- 6 course modules populated with resources from OER Libraries and library resources

OER Plug and Play: Name and Objectives

- OER Plug And Play refers to taking parts of OER and no cost materials available and adding them to a Brightspace Course
- TAKE AWAY 1: If you want to use OER in your class you do not need to write one yourself
- TAKE AWAY 2: These materials can easily be integrated into Brightspace courses including ancillary materials
- TAKE AWAY 3: The Library is here to help you with this

Workshop Outline



OER SOCI
Ongoing



OER HUM
Ongoing



OER SCI
Ongoing



OER MATH
Ongoing



OER BUS
Ongoing

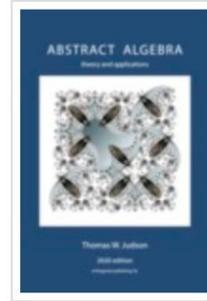


OER EDU
Ongoing

- Brief overview of OER definitions and landscape
- Demo of OERTX platform
- Overview of sample modules including where it was found
- Guided discussion questions for attendees
- OER LibGuide

Results

- 59 attendees across 3 workshops!
- Post workshop survey, (n=9)
- Identified faculty already using OER and that have written their own
- Confirmed some blockers to adoption but learned of new ones
- Identified potential applicants to THECB OER Grants



Abstract Algebra: Theory and Applications

[Thomas W. Judson](#), *Stephen F Austin State University*

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Description

Tom Judson's Abstract Algebra: Theory and Applications is an open source textbook designed to teach the principles and theory of abstract algebra to college juniors and seniors in a rigorous manner. Its strengths include a wide range of exercises, both computational and theoretical, plus many nontrivial applications. Rob Beezer has contributed [complementary material](#) using the open source system, [Sage](#).

An HTML version on the PreText platform is available [here](#).



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- Archived copies of the workshops can be found here: <https://scholarworks.sfasu.edu/libfacpres/>
- My OER LibGuide can be found here <https://libguides.sfasu.edu/oer#>
- Feel free to contact me with any questions Morgan.Briles@sfasu.edu