Dr. James Jarc, Director, Faculty Professional Development

Dr. James Jarc is a higher education leader dedicated to helping educators create strong, engaging, and inclusive learning experiences. As Director of Faculty Professional Development at Cuyahoga Community College, he guides programs that strengthen teaching practice, expand innovation, and support faculty as they navigate a rapidly changing educational landscape. His work brings together strategy, communication, and a deep belief that learning grows stronger when people feel supported and empowered. Before joining Tri C, James served for many years as an academic administrator overseeing multiple areas and leading initiatives focused on student success, curriculum improvement, and high quality instruction. He is known for his ability to clarify complex challenges, ask productive questions, and help teams build practical pathways forward. James also brings extensive classroom experience. He has taught courses in communication, design, information technology, and business, supported by more than a decade of industry work in creative and digital fields. His background helps him bridge theory and practice, and it shapes his approach to faculty development with a clear understanding of day to day teaching. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication, a master's degree in communication and leadership, and a Doctor of Education in leadership studies. His scholarship focuses on learning design, organizational growth, and the evolving needs of community college students and instructors. James presents regularly on topics related to leadership, communication, online learning, and effective teaching. His goal in every setting is to offer clear insights, spark curiosity, and help audiences see possibility where they may have seen limits.

Speech Categories and Topics:

Communication: Speak with Strength: Finding Confidence in Public Presenting

Leadership: Bridge Builders: Interpersonal Communication for Productive and Inclusive Teams

Business & Entrepreneurship: The Creative Organization: Problem Solving with Teams, Technology, and Systems Thinking