

## The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

Adopting and Adapting Open Educational Resources for Language Teaching and Learning



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In this talk, I explore how Open Educational Practices (OEP) empower language educators to move beyond traditional textbooks and copyrighted materials by adopting and adapting Open Educational Resources (OER). OER are openly licensed materials that allow teachers to adopt and adapt them while fostering collaboration, creativity, and equitable access to high-quality resources. Drawing on my work with the Pathways Project—an international network of K-16 language teachers who co-create, revise, remix, and share over 900 language teaching activities—I will illustrate how OEP has the power to transform language instruction.

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