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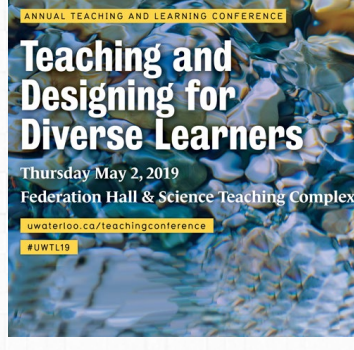
Centre for Teaching Excellence  
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# IN THE LOOP

newsletter

December 2018

Sharing news, views, and upcoming events on teaching and learning at Waterloo



## Call for Proposals: Annual Teaching & Learning Conference

The Call for Proposals for the [2019 University of Waterloo Teaching and Learning Conference](#) is now open!

Our 2019 conference theme is "Teaching and Designing for Diverse Learners." We invite you to submit proposals for presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and poster that share your practices and research related to inclusive education.

The deadline for proposals is **January 23, 2019**. For the full Call for Proposals and to learn more about the conference, visit the [University of Waterloo Teaching and Learning Conference](#) website.

## New Registration System

CTE will be adopting a new (and improved!) workshop registration system early in the new year. To facilitate the transition from the old system to the new one, registration for CTE workshops will be unavailable from December 9, 2018 to January 3, 2019.

If you are a current employee at Waterloo, workshops that you have taken or facilitated should be automatically transferred over from MyHRInfo to the new Workday system. However, to be on the safe side, we recommend that you log into MyHRInfo prior to December 24, 2018 and save a screenshot of the list of your previous training activities. Records of CTE workshops taken after January 1, 2019 will be stored in the new registration system.

## New Arts Liaison

CTE welcomes [Victoria Feth](#) as our new Liaison for the Faculty of Arts and Affiliated and Federated Institutions of Waterloo. Prior to joining CTE, Victoria worked as an Instructional Support Coordinator and Program Development Specialist at the Waterloo Professional Development Program (WatPD) and as a high school English and ESL teacher. She received her BEd from Western University and MA from the University of Waterloo. Victoria replaces Kyle Scholz, who recently took on the position of CTE's Instructional Developer, Research and Consulting.

## New Communications Associate

CTE is pleased to announce that Alisa Sivak has joined our team as Communications Associate. Prior to assuming this role, Alisa worked as a knowledge translation specialist at the School of Optometry's Centre for Ocular Research & Education, where she designed and managed the development of educational products for eye care professionals and their patients. Alisa's educational background includes an MA in Education from the University of British Columbia, as well as a teaching certificate and BA from McGill University.

## Waterloo ExL Institute

The Waterloo Experiential Learning (ExL) Institute will be offered February 25 and March 4, 2019. This intensive two-day opportunity will employ peer feedback and guided work time to help participants develop an experiential learning component for their course or program. Participants will be eligible to apply for the Waterloo ExL Institute Project Grant, providing up to \$5000 to support costs associated with implementing the experiential learning component. The application deadline is **December 7, 2018**. To learn more about the Waterloo ExL Institute, or submit an expression of interest, visit [the CTE website](#).

## Waterloo Assessment Institute

The next Waterloo Assessment Institute (WAI) will be held on **April 11 and 12, 2019** at Waterloo's Delta Hotel. This two-day retreat, which focuses on the assignment as a means to assess student learning, draws on peer feedback and guided work time to assist participants in redesigning key assignments in their courses. Participants will leave the institute with:

- a redesigned assignment based on two rounds of feedback from peers and consultation with teaching and learning consultants.
- a refined rubric or set of criteria with which to assess the assignment in their local context.

[Please apply](#) by **December 14, 2018!**

## Donna Ellis: New President Elect for the POD Network

CTE's Director, Donna Ellis, has been named as the next President Elect of the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network in Higher Education. Donna's three-year term, which will begin in March 2019, is a capstone to her extensive involvement with POD, which dates back to 1996. The [POD Network](#) is the largest and oldest educational development organization in the world.

## Educational Technologies Week

CTE's fourth annual Educational Technologies Week will take place **March 18 to 23, 2019**. A key focus of the week will be Waterloo's new ePortfolio system: PebblePad. Instructors and staff members from all academic support units are invited to deliver workshops on topics relating to learning technologies -- just contact [Mark Morton](#), Senior Instructional Developer, with your idea. Workshops can be 60 to 90 minutes in length.

## Unlocking the Future of Learning

As higher education shifts from an instructor-centred paradigm to a learner-centred one, many Waterloo instructors are adopting new approaches to facilitate student learning. One such approach is problem-based learning, which is gaining traction in all faculties. Problem-based learning is explored in a [recent article](#) in the University of Waterloo magazine, where [Mario Coniglio](#), Associate Vice-President, Academic, notes: "The tide is rising on this, and we are well poised at Waterloo to enable that cultural change to happen at an accelerated rate."

You can also learn more about problem-based learning in [five videos featuring Waterloo instructors](#) on CTE's YouTube channel.

## Teaching Awards

The deadlines for several teaching award nominations are approaching. Internal teaching awards include:

- [The Distinguished Teacher Awards](#) (Deadline: February 1, 2019)
- [The Chakma Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student](#) (Deadline: February 8, 2019)

Contact Verna Keller regarding information about internal teaching award nominations.

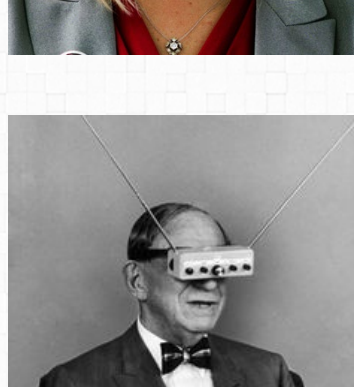
External teaching awards include:

- [The D2L Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning](#) (Deadline: January 20, 2019)
- [The Alan Blizzard Award](#) (Deadline: February 15, 2019)

CTE can provide support for external teaching award nominations. Contact [Alisa Sivak](#) for more information.

## In 2017-18, CTE...

- delivered 246 workshops to 1267 individuals
- provided 3148 consultations to 1169 individuals
- offered 103 curriculum events and consultations for 488 instructors in 28 departments



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The Centre for Teaching Excellence acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometers on each side of the Grand River.

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