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THE VIEW FROM CTE *Temporary perch: EC3*

New Educational Research Associate

We are thrilled to welcome Kristen Archbell to our research team this month! Kristen joins us from Carleton University, where she is currently completing a doctorate in development psychology. Kristen will be working closely with Kyle Scholz and others to support the Centre's research and assessment portfolios, including the Teaching and Learning Conference and LITE grant program.

Call for proposals: 2020 Teaching and Learning Conference

The Call for Proposals for the 2020 University of Waterloo Teaching and Learning Conference is now open! The theme of the conference is "Learning Through Assessment." We invite you to submit proposals for presentations, panel discussions, workshops, poster presentations, and assessment showcase items, that share your practices and research related to assessment for learning. Deadline: **January 22, 2020**.

Save the date

Educational Technologies Week - **March 2 to 6, 2020.**
Teaching and Learning Conference - **April 29, 2020.** Submit a proposal by **January 22, 2020**
Waterloo Assessment Institute - **April 8 and 9, 2020**

What's all the fuss about ePortfolios?

Read our overview of ePortfolios and ePortfolio activity in UWaterloo's Faculty of Engineering, School of Optometry & Vision Science, and the School of Social Work at Renison University College.

2018-2019 Annual Report

See what we've been up to, including an overview of our core activities. View an accessible PDF.

Following us on social media?

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

TEACHING AWARDS

D2L Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning

The D2L Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning, sponsored by Desire2Learn, celebrates and recognizes innovative approaches that promote student-centred teaching and learning. Deadline: **January 19, 2020**. Contact Alisa Sivak to find out how CTE can help with your application.

OCUFA Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards

OCUFA's Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards recognize outstanding teaching (and librarianship) in higher education. Deadline: **May 24, 2020**. Contact Alisa Sivak to find out how CTE can help with your application.

Distinguished Teacher Award

Please note the change in deadline. Consider nominating someone you know for the Distinguished Teacher Award. Deadline: **February 7, 2020**. Contact Trevor Holmes for more information.

Exceptional Teaching by a Student

Please note the change in deadline. The deadline to nominate someone for the Amit and Meena Chakma Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student is **February 7, 2020**. Contact Svitlana Taraban-Gordon for more information.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Workshop: Starting your Teaching & Learning Research Project

What do you need to consider when designing a teaching and learning research project?

Consider attending the newly redesigned "Starting your Teaching & Learning Research Project" workshop. Intended for individuals who haven't conducted research in teaching and learning before, you'll start with a topic that interests you and work towards a research plan that could turn into a LITE Grant proposal.

In fact, the next round of LITE Seed Grants is due February 1, 2020, and attending this workshop can function as your required consultation with the CTE. For more information and to register, visit CTE's website.

Workshop: Contemplative Pedagogies for Student Well-Being

Are you concerned about student emotions when teaching about tough topics? Is student stress limiting the effectiveness of your teaching?

You are invited to a workshop on exploring emotions in teaching and the role that contemplative pedagogy can play in addressing these emotions in the classroom. This workshop is part of a research study funded through a LITE grant.

The workshop will be an opportunity to explore contemplative pedagogy at the University of Waterloo and to consider joining a Community of Practice focused on exploring the benefits and drawbacks of contemplative practices in teaching. We encourage anyone interested in or currently using contemplative, embodied, or critical pedagogies to attend.

The workshop is on **January 17, 2020**. For more information and to register, please visit our Eventbrite registration page. For more information, please contact Caitlin Scott, Allison Elgie, Christopher Bennett, or Christopher Taylor.

CTE PROGRAMMING

Planning Ahead

CTE has a number of upcoming workshops, including Teaching and Learning Webinars, PebblePad training sessions, and programming specific to new faculty and graduate students.

Highlights:

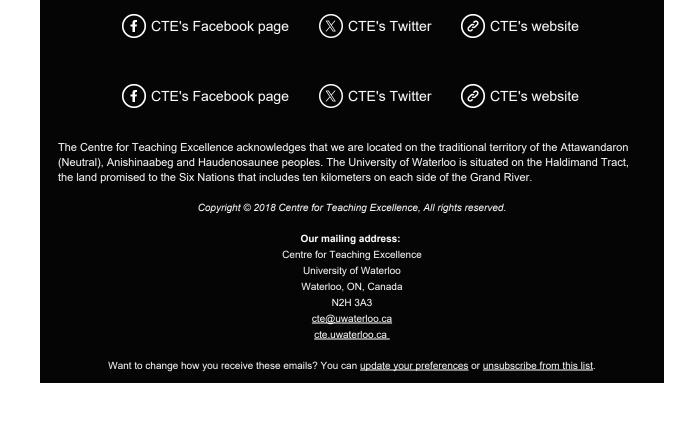- **December 6 -** Collaboration and Teamwork Community of Practice
- **January 9 -** Starting your Teaching and Learning Research Project
- **January 20 -** Educational Technologies Community of Practice (new!)
- **February 19 to 21 -** Instructional Skills Workshop

Register for CTE programming at https://uwaterloo.gosignmeup.com.