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July 2019



As of July 1, 2019, there will be a few changes to the CTE's organizational structure. [Read more about the changes on CTE's website.](#)

**Question:** "As part of CTE's organizational change, [Mary Power's](#) role changes from Senior Instructional Developer, Blended Learning to **Senior Educational Developer, Faculty Programs**. What is happening with blended learning?"

**Answer:** We caught up with Trevor Holmes, now Associate Director of CTE, to talk about the shift in name and what it entails. "As Mary takes over responsibility for our faculty programming and events, a few people have asked me whether this means that CTE no longer consults about blended learning. Happily, we do very much still support this approach. Mary remains your main contact, and together with the CTE Liaisons, will continue to help you think differently about what happens in the classroom and what students do outside class, using various technologies."

Read more about [blended learning](#) or write to [Mary](#) for further information!



### What we're thinking about

- The date for the 2020 University of Waterloo [Teaching and Learning Conference](#) has been set! It will be held on **Wednesday, April 29th, 2020**. Stay tuned for the theme of the conference and a call for proposals.
- Congratulations to CTE staff who have recently published articles! [From perception to practice: A qualitative exploration into institutional teaching culture](#) and [A mixed blessing? Students' and instructors' perspectives about off-task technology use in the academic classroom](#).
- CTE is saying goodbye to Samar Mohamed, Faculty Liaison for Engineering, and Stephanie White, Instructional Developer: TA Training and Writing Support. We are sad to see them go, but happy to see them take on exciting new challenges!



### External Teaching Awards

The Centre for Teaching Excellence offers support and guidance for those interested in applying for external teaching awards. There is still time to apply for the [Reimagine Education](#) award (deadline: **Sunday, September 1, 2019**) and the [3M National Teaching Fellowship](#) (deadline: **Monday, September 30, 2019**). Contact [Alisa Sivak](#) for more information about how CTE can help.

### University of Waterloo Teaching Awards

The University of Waterloo celebrates teaching that has lasting, positive effects on students and deepens student learning. Consider nominating someone you know for the [Amit and Meena Chakma Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student](#) (deadline: **Friday, February 14, 2020**) or the [Distinguished Teacher Award](#) (deadline: **Friday, January 24, 2020**). Contact [Verna Keller](#) for more information



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

- [Integrated LEARN Retreat](#) Tuesday, July 16
- [Integrated LEARN Retreat](#) Wednesday, July 17
- [New Faculty Teaching Days](#) - Wednesday, August 7 to Friday, August 9
- [Instructional Skills Workshop](#) - Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16 - **FULL!** [See upcoming sessions](#)
- [Getting Started in LEARN](#) - Wednesday, August 28
- [Getting Started in LEARN](#) - Thursday, September 5
- [Graduate Supervision Series](#) - Friday, September 20 and Friday, October 4

The [Virtual/Augmented Reality Community of Practice](#) will be meeting on July 29 to view a demonstration of how Earth and Environmental Sciences plans to use Google Expedition Kits to engage and motivate students. Limited to 20 participants.

- [CTE's Facebook page](#)
- [CTE's Twitter](#)
- [CTE's website](#)

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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