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 8:30 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
[Second floor of the East Campus 3 building](#)

A message to those who teach at Waterloo from the Centre for Teaching Excellence

We stand with colleagues and students across the University in shared shock and sadness for those affected by the violent attack that occurred in Hagey Hall on June 28.

In addition to the [many links to support services](#) shared by our central administration, we want you to know that the CTE is here to support the challenges of teaching through crisis and trauma. We recognize the added burden on instructors who are 2SLGBTQIA+, teach gender and feminist content and approaches, and occupy intersectional identities through disability, racialization, Indigeneity, to name a few.

Since many of you will be teaching or interacting with students in the coming days, we want to pass along some resources that might be helpful for teaching and communicating with students during this time. These have been shared all too many times elsewhere and are widely considered to be helpful. If you have questions or wish to connect confidentially with an educational developer about difficult conversations in the classroom, please contact Director [Donna Ellis](#) or Associate Director [Trevor Holmes](#) at CTE.

- [Discussing Traumatic Events](#). Berkeley Graduate Student Instructor Teaching & Resource Centre
- [Teaching in Times of Crisis](#). Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching

Take care.

Upcoming Workshops and Events

Regular Programming

CTE delivers a roster of workshops and events every term, in-person and online. To find out what's coming up, check out the following links:

- [For All Faculty & Staff](#)
- [For Graduate Students](#)
- [Self-Directed Workshops](#)
- [Recorded Workshops](#)

New Program for Graduate Students

Do you know a graduate student or postdoc who is teaching their own course in the Fall 2023 or Winter 2024 term? Check out our new [New Instructor Foundations Program](#) to find out more about this three half-day program, taking place from August 1 to 3, 2023.

New Resources

Focus on Equity

Here's an article entitled [A Focus on Equity](#), featuring Waterloo's Emma McDougall. A doctoral candidate in the School of Planning and a graduate educational developer with the Centre for Teaching Excellence, McDougall reflects on her first-hand experience with learning disabilities, and what instructors can offer students by way of support.



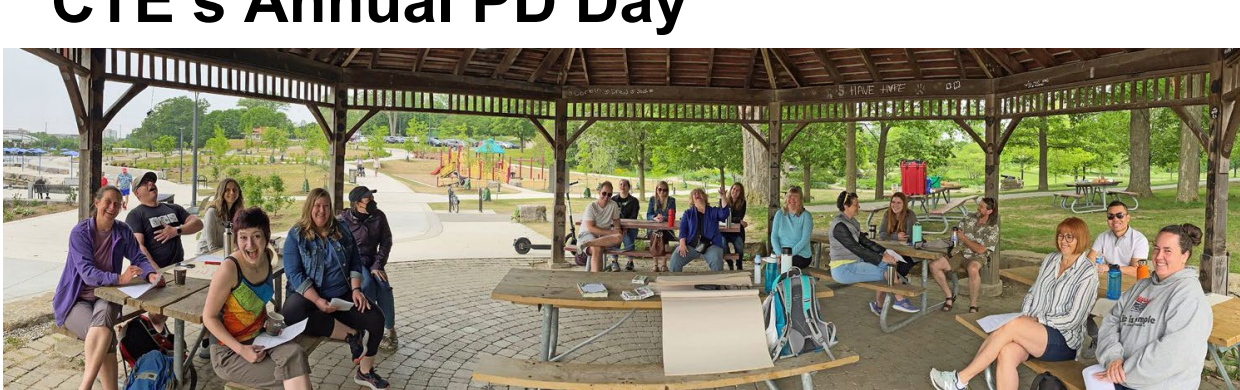
UWTL Keynote

For those of you who missed it, or those of you who would like to experience it again, here's the [video of the keynote](#) delivered by Barbara Mokthwenkwe Wall at the 2023 University of Waterloo Teaching & Learning Conference.

The Educationalist

[The Educationalist](#) is a monthly blog written by a Professor of Innovation in Higher Education at Maastricht University. In each issue she reflects on a different topic relating to higher education.

CTE's Annual PD Day



On June 5, 2023, CTE held its annual Professional Development Day. Staff members gathered under one of the gazebos in Waterloo Park for a day of learning and team-building. The theme of the day was centred on the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) that the United Nations has identified as key for the wellbeing of our planet. In the morning, staff members facilitated sessions relating to these goals; in the afternoon, we undertook a "sustainability scavenger hunt," in which small groups took the LRT to various parts of Kitchener-Waterloo to find examples of sustainable initiatives and to chat about sustainability with ordinary individuals on the streets. The day, the location, the weather, and the collegiality were all excellent!



The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is coordinated within our [Office of Indigenous Relations](#).

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