

# Upcoming Provost's Conference Series and ePortfolio Demos

University of Denver , OTL

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## Advancing Equity in Teaching Excellence

Join the campus community for the first event in the **Provost's Conference Series**, *Continuing the Conversation & Moving Into Action: Advancing Equity in Faculty Workload and Rewards and Living Into R1 Our Way* this **Friday, April 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Maglione Hall**. We will be joined by Noah Finkelstein and Sarah Andrews from CU Boulder who will share how expanding the voices and types of evidence considered in understanding and evaluating teaching excellence has implications for equity. This event will also celebrate our inaugural Departmental Action Teams (DATs), who will embark on a 10 month change initiative to examine their current practice and determine ways to ensure three voices (self, peer, and student) are reflected in teaching evaluation for annual and consequential review.

Learn more about [DATs@DU](#) , our campus-wide [Teaching Excellence initiative](#) and [register for events in the Provost's Conference Series](#).

### **Congratulate our inaugural DATs!**

University Writing Program, led by Sheila Carter-Tod

First Year Language Program, Center for World Languages and Cultures, led by Emily Sposeto

Teaching and Learning Sciences, Morgridge College of Education, led by Norma Hafenstein

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## Is Your Canvas Course Ready To Go?

Don't forget that to [enhance the student learning experience](#), it is recommended that you have your syllabus, assignments, and learning materials available in your Canvas courses.

Let us help you jump start your spring with our OTL drop-in hours! OTL Instructional Designers are available to help you finish up your course to-do list. Join our drop-in hours today and tomorrow for support!

### **OTL Drop-In Hours:**

**Monday, March 28**, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[Online via Zoom](#)

**Tuesday, March 29**, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Online via Zoom](#)

Having trouble finding your courses in Canvas? Visit our [Ed-Tech Knowledge Base](#) to learn how to easily access your courses and add them to your dashboard. Once your course is ready, don't forget to [publish your Canvas course](#) to provide access to your students.

Curious about how the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) affects your ability to record your classes? Review our updated [FERPA web page](#) for guidelines and resources.

[Schedule a consultation](#) for one-on-one support, or reach out to [otl@du.edu](mailto:otl@du.edu) with questions.

Check the [OTL Events Calendar](#) for more information and to discover other upcoming events!

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## ePortfolio Platform Vendor Demos Start This Week!

In collaboration with IT, the OTL is excited to announce three finalists for our new ePortfolio Platform. For details on Vendor Demos, visit the [DU Portfolio Decommission Page](#). Note: you will need to login using your DU credentials to view the Zoom information.

ePortfolios are personal websites that provide students with a space to reflect on their curricular and co-curricular experiences, curate evidence of skills and learning, and display their knowledge through a variety of mediums, including presentations, documents, videos, images, and more. In addition to being a space for students to reflect on their learning, ePortfolios are a rich source of course and programmatic assessment. Within the chosen platform, faculty will have a variety of ways to provide feedback through comments, rubrics, and summative grades that integrate with Canvas. These demos start on Friday, and we encourage faculty, staff, and students to attend and provide feedback on the finalists.

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## OTL Book Study and Author Conversation - Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer

Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer is hosting a series of virtual conversations for the University of Denver community focusing on her recent book *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*. In preparation for her visit, Dr. Julie Morris (Dept. of Biological Sciences) and Dr. Paul Michalec (Dept. of Teaching and Learning Sciences) are hosting a three-session book study. Staff and faculty can join the conversation face to face or virtually over Zoom and are welcome to attend as many of the sessions as they can.

Dates:

[Tuesday, March 29](#), 12:00-1:00 p.m.

[Tuesday, April 5](#), 12:00-1:00 p.m.

[Tuesday, April 19](#), 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Hyflex - join us online or in person at Anderson Academic Commons 345

*Braiding Sweetgrass* is available electronically through the DU library system (ebook and audiobook versions). For additional questions contact Dr. Paul Michalec at

[Paul.Michalec@du.edu](mailto:Paul.Michalec@du.edu) or Dr. Julie Morris at [Julie.A.Morris@du.edu](mailto:Julie.A.Morris@du.edu).

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## 2022 OTL Teaching Celebration: Call for Nominations

The OTL is excited to host an in-person Celebration of Teaching in May! Please take a few minutes to complete the [Teaching Accomplishment survey](#) to nominate yourself and/or a colleague to be recognized during this event. We look forward to celebrating all of the teaching innovations and successes at DU this year.

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## Spring Equity Workshops

The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) is partnering with the Division of Diversity Equity & Inclusion (division of DEI) to offer Equity Workshops every other Monday throughout the spring quarter. These highly interactive workshops, led by Dr. Becca Ciancanelli (Director of Inclusive Teaching Practices, OTL) and Dr. Kristin Deal (Director, division of DEI) will allow for participants to talk openly about classroom challenges and achievements while working to support students with various identities and lived experiences. We will develop inclusive practices and policies in the classroom through storytelling and gathering collective knowledge. Coffee and breakfast treats will be available for in-person attendees. Feel free to join online as well! [Preparing for mid quarter assessments and scaffolding knowledge toward student outcomes](#)

Monday, April 11, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Hyflex - join us online or in person at Anderson Academic Commons 345

[Now what? Action oriented engagement after mid quarter assessments and working in mid quarter fatigue](#)

Monday, April 25, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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[Incorporating metacognitive activities to increase motivation and skill building](#)

Monday, May 9, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Hyflex - join us online or in person at Anderson Academic Commons 345

[Compassion fatigue; relieving stress and developing resilience in partnership with your students](#)

Monday, May 23, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Hyflex - join us online or in person at Anderson Academic Commons 345

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## Teaching Online - Advanced Practice Starts Next Week!

Did you complete the Teaching Online Short Course and now you are hoping to elevate your online teaching even more? Interested in exploring Canvas integrations, active learning techniques, and High-Impact Practices? Then join us for the upcoming session of the Teaching Online - Advanced Practice Short Course!

Teaching Online - Advanced Practice starts on April 4 and will help you get a head start on your upcoming courses! You will investigate topics related to multimedia, measuring individual and group learning outcomes, technology that promotes social and cognitive engagement, and more. You can take your time and work on the course at your own pace throughout the month of April and **faculty who complete the requirements will**

**receive a stipend!**

[Register for Teaching Online - Advanced Practice](#) today!



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