# Provost's Conference Events, and Upcoming UDL and SoTL Opportunities

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#### **Provost's Conference Series**

Join the campus community next week for more Provost's Conference Series events! Dr. Kim Case from Virginia Commonwealth University is facilitating *Making the Invisible Visible: Intersections of DEI and Faculty Workload Equity* next **Thursday, April 14** from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in Maglione Hall.

Description: When we consider the work of an individual faculty member, traditional metrics for excellence tend to dominate our perspectives. Within these default modes, much of the diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) labor contributed by faculty is rendered invisible and devalued. A complex web of internal and external factors that influence DEIJ faculty labor can result in workload inequities. By understanding these motivating factors and the type of work that falls into this invisible category, faculty efforts to promote DEIJ can be made more visible. This session will provide examples of invisible DEIJ labor as well as actions to support recognition and rewards.

Then join Dr. Case on **Friday, April 15 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in Maglione Hall** for *Recognizing and Rewarding Inclusive Teaching in the Evaluation Process.* 

Description: Quality teaching, especially inclusive teaching, requires us to question our core beliefs about education and learning. In other words, equitable and inclusive teaching practices challenge traditional assumptions about the classroom, the role of the professor, and student roles. Evaluation of inclusive teaching is no different in that we must question our core beliefs and values of what makes a great teacher. Honest critique of potential weaknesses in our current processes will facilitate our ability to "count what matters—not simply what is easier to count" (Advancing Equity in Faculty Workloads & Rewards). By building from strengths and aligning with institutional values and commitments, evaluation of teaching will more effectively recognize and reward inclusive pedagogies.

Learn more about our campus-wide <u>Teaching Excellence Initiative</u> and <u>Workload Equity Initiative</u> and <u>register for events in the Provost's Conference Series</u>.

# 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 <u>Teaching Accomplishment survey</u> to nominate yourself and/or a colleague to be recognized during this event. Nominations are due **Friday**, **April 22**. We look forward to celebrating all of the teaching innovations and successes at DU this year.

## 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

Visit the <u>OTL Events Calendar</u> for information about the rest of the spring term Equity Workshops and to discover other upcoming events!

### Collaborate with Accommodate

Students registered with the <u>Disability Services Program</u> (DSP) use <u>Accommodate</u> to communicate with their DU faculty members about their approved accommodations. Faculty are notified through email about notifications in the Accommodate system and can log in to sign off on the letters through <u>the Faculty Accommodate Portal</u>.

Faculty members will need to *Collaborate with Accommodate* in order to sign off on Letters of Approved Accommodations (LOAAs) and to provide the DSP Testing Center with testing information. Want to learn more about the ins and outs of Accommodate? Join Ellen Hogan, OTL Accessibility Technologist for Learning and Instruction, for a 30-minute informational session about the Accommodate software for the faculty experience. This session will be recorded, so even if you are unable to attend synchronously, the recording will be emailed afterward to all participants who register.

#### Collaborate with Accommodate

Wednesday, April 13, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Online

If you are unable to attend this session, no worries! Stay tuned for more opportunities to join the Collaborate with Accommodate sessions throughout the spring term.

### **UDL for STEM**

Join us as we embark on a journey of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

This session, facilitated by **Paula von Kretschmann**, Instructional Designer of Accessibility & Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and hosted by our guest speaker **Dr. Dan Pittman**, Associate Professor of the Practice in Software Development and Architecture at the Daniel Felix Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science, includes a 30-minute presentation and a roundtable conversation and Q&A (no breakout room activities). It will be recorded, so even if you are unable to attend synchronously, the recording will be emailed afterward to all participants who register.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) - STEM Edition

Thursday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Online

## SoTL Lunch Gathering

Calling all SoTL enthusiasts around campus! The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) is a systematic, data-driven, scholarly inquiry into student learning. The OTL is inviting you to a lunch gathering on Tuesday, April 26 at 12:00 pm. During the hour, you will have the chance to hear about the inaugural year-long SoTL Faculty Fellowship, share your valuable insights and feedback, and ask any questions you have. This hyflex gathering will consist of fun, casual, and informative conversations, and we would love to have you! For those joining via Zoom, please bring your lunch and your excitement for SoTL. For those joining in person, lunch will be provided in the OTL conference room. Please sign up to let us know you will be coming, and we will follow up with you closer to the date of the gathering:

#### SoTL Lunch Gathering

Tuesday, April 26, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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

Please also share this event with your DU colleagues and friends that you think would be interested. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Kayoung Kim, the Director of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Faculty Learning Communities, at <a href="mailto:Kayoung.Kim@du.edu">Kayoung.Kim@du.edu</a>.

