Upcoming OTL Events and New Ed-Tech Review

Join the campus community next week for more Provost’s Conference Series events. Dr. Corinne Lengsfeld and the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs are hosting several events next week on topics related to faculty research as well as a celebration of our R1 status!

Learn more about our campus-wide Teaching Excellence Initiative and Workload Equity Initiative and register for events in the Provost’s Conference Series.

Introducing: Picking the Right Educational Technology Tool

Over the past year, the OTL has designed and conducted a thorough review of educational technologies to better understand pedagogical uses and risks to student privacy. We have organized our review into a stoplight scale to help represent the level of concern with each technology as well as the available support at DU.

We've selected technologies that faculty have already been using in their courses, like Perusall, Top Hat, and Flip Grid, as well as new technologies like Padlet, Peardeck, and Nearpod. Our review is ongoing so we will be rolling out new pages in our Ed-Tech Knowledge Base each term.

Learn more about this project on our Picking the Right Educational Technology Tool blog post and on our Picking the Right Tool web page.

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. Nominations are due Friday, April 22. We look forward to celebrating all of the teaching innovations and successes at DU this year.

Upcoming Session: Introducing UDOIT Cloud

Join Ellen Hogan, the OTL's Accessibility Technologist for Learning and Instruction, for an overview session on UDOIT, the new course-wide accessibility checker in Canvas. During this session, we will go through how to enable the functionality in your Canvas course, run a course-wide scan for accessibility issues, and manage your results. Please register for the UDOIT overview session using the link below, and the Zoom link will be sent to you the morning before the event.

Introducing UDOIT Cloud
Tuesday, April 19, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Online

Author Talk: Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer

Join Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer for a series of virtual conversations with the DU community as part of the month-long series of events for Earth Month. Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants and Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses.

For the Love of Plants! A Conversation with Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer
Tuesday, April 19, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Catalyst Series for Social Justice: Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer
Tuesday, April 19, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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!

Now what? Action oriented engagement after mid-quarter assessments and working in mid-quarter fatigue
Monday, April 25, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Hyflex - join us online or in person at Anderson Academic Commons 345
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:

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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 Kayoung.Kim@du.edu.