

Center for Teaching and Learning



**Welcome Back
From the Center for Teaching and Learning & Flash**

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for events**

It seems hard to believe that our new academic year has begun! Whatever the summer brought, I hope that you were able to spend some time in activities (or inactivities!) that were meaningful and enjoyable. One of the things that I have continued to reflect on is how much I value my community with others, both at work and at home. I'd like to leave you with some questions about community and belonging to consider:

- How do we foster community and belonging in our courses? In our departments? At our University?
- How do we work to create inclusion and belonging for *all* members of our community?
- How do we *ask for and offer* support to members of our community?
- How do we work in community with others to meet common goals?

As you think about these questions, consider reaching out to welcome new members of our Kent State community, whether they be our new students, new staff or new faculty colleagues.

The Center for Teaching and Learning welcomes each of you. We are eager to connect with you and hope to see you soon!

~ Jenny

Sarah Beal, Ph.D.
Professional Development Specialist



Sarah Beal (she/her) is the new Professional Development Specialist in the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Graduate College at Kent State University. In this new position, Sarah is developing new engaged programming to support the professional needs of graduate student instructors, teaching assistants, and faculty. [Learn more about Sarah](#)

What's Ahead This Fall



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Fall 2022 Working Lunches

Taking Learning to the Next Level with Metacognition

Thursday, September 22nd – 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Kent Student Center 306BC

Faculty Fellows Presentation

Dr. Jennifer Taber, Psychological Sciences

Teaching Graduate Seminars: The Overlooked Course in Faculty Development

Tuesday, October 11th – 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Design Innovation Hub 250F

Mindful Teaching for Meaningful Learning

Wednesday, November 9th – 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Kent Student Center 306BC

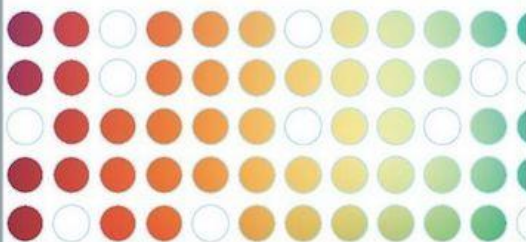
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FALL FACULTY *Reading Group*

UNgrading

Why Rating Students
Undermines Learning
(and What to Do
Instead)



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With a foreword by Alfie Kohn

Center for Teaching & Learning
Faculty Reading Groups
Fall 2022

Mondays (In-Person) 12-1 pm
(9/19, 10/17, 11/7, 11/28)

Tuesdays (Online/Teams) 12-1 pm
(9/20, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29)

Visit
www.kent.edu/ctl
or scan here to
register:



[Click here to learn more about the Reading Groups and to register](#)

University Teaching Council

28th Annual Conference on Celebrating College Teaching
Belonging, Community, & Connection

Save The Date
October 21, 2022 | 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM | KSC Ballroom

www.kent.edu/utc

[Click here to register for the UTC Conference](#)

November 7-11, 2022

I AM FIRST WEEK

• NATIONAL FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT CELEBRATION •

Opportunities for Faculty to Support First Generation Students

The Kent State I AM FIRST initiative supports First Generation students, faculty, and staff programming, including the new Faculty Connections, a space to enhance student-faculty relationships among first-generation students to increase their sense of belonging and ability to navigate the complexities of the university. To participate in Faculty Connections for Fall 2022, complete this [form](#). Also, please don't forget to submit your nominations for the I AM FIRST First Generation Awards for students, alumni, faculty, and staff [here](#).

Featured Faculty



Adrienne Erby

Education, Health, and Human Services
Kent Campus

Dr. Erby is recognized for outstanding active and inclusive teaching strategies that help students develop their awareness of diversity and equity in counseling practice.



Eric Taylor

Department of Earth Sciences
Stark Campus

Dr. Taylor is being recognized for his commitment to advancing student-focused teaching and learning.

[Click here to learn more about CTL Featured Faculty](#)

Teaching Recognition Awards



The Teaching Recognition Awards Program recognizes actions that enhance teaching and learning at Kent State University. The program allows instructors to earn tiered awards (bronze, silver, gold & platinum) for their efforts to learn about, implement, evaluate and investigate evidence-based instructional practices. All instructors at Kent State, including graduate students

and faculty of all appointment types (TT, NTT, adjunct) are eligible to participate.

Congratulations to all award recipients!

Bronze Award Recipients:

Daisy Arokiasamy, Greta Polites, David Adjei, Frank Cervone, Alex Funk, and Abbie Hagen

[Click here to learn more about Teaching Recognition Awards and to apply for an award](#)

Further Learning Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE!

Open Educational Resources and Affordable Learning Materials Summit

September 23, 2022

Stay tuned for further information.

Equal Access Academy

There are many opportunities to learn more about student accessibility through the Equal Access Academy. These sessions include topics such as creating accessible courses and content, accessibility animals on campus and much more. For session descriptions and more information see

here: <https://www.kent.edu/equalaccess/equal-access-academy>. To see current offerings and register to attend, access the HR training and development calendar here:

www.kent.edu/hr/training/training-calendar



Connect with Us:

CTL is here to support you; whether it is teaching face-to-face, remote, or a combination of both. Email ctl@kent.edu with your questions and/or set up a consultation time.

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