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New Online Courses Developed in the Master of Music Education Program

The CITL team and the Department of Music have been collaborating to develop the new Online Master of Music Education Program since 2019, when the Music Department was awarded a CITL New Online Program Development Grant. To support increased demand for the new program, two additional courses will be developed this spring to support Summer 2021 enrollments. **Tim Buchholz** will work with CITL team members to develop **MUS 620: Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy**, and **Cody Miller** will be working with the CITL team to develop **MUS 583: Music in Special Education**.

For more information about these grants and to apply, please visit the [CITL Program Development Grants webpage](#).



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Share Some Pointer Praise Before the Semester Ends

Are you aware of a faculty or staff member who rose to the challenge this semester to beneficially impact others?

Consider sharing your gratitude for them anonymously with *Pointer Praise*. This CITL-created platform helps keep us connected by praising those who have made a difference. Use the [Pointer Praise web form](#) (also available on our [website](#)). Your message will be sent anonymously to the UWSP faculty or staff member you wish to encourage, uplift, and praise.

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Safe Zone Training
via Zoom
Monday, April 19
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

[Register to attend](#)

Summer Retreat for UW Educators

The Annual Faculty College, a summer retreat for UW educators, is scheduled for May 24 –27 online. This year’s theme is “Equity-Minded Wellness & Pedagogy.”

Five UWSP faculty were nominated by their department chairs and/or deans to attend this year’s [Faculty College](#).

Dave Dettman
Libraries

Trescha Kay
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kate Kipp
Sociology and Social Work

Ryan O’Leary
Philosophy and Religious Studies

Erin Speetzen
Chemistry

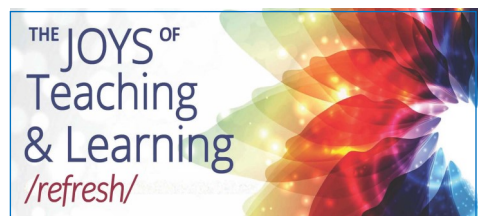
Attend an Online Course Design Institute Through CITL

The Online Course Design Institute (OCDI) is offered three times annually during April, July, and November. \$200 in professional development funds are available from CITL. **Sterling Wall, Cuiting Li, Rob Harper, Jessica Tomaszewski, Tim Buchholz, and Cody Miller** are participating in the April 2021 OCDI to develop or revise courses they plan to offer during the Summer 2021 term. Learn more about [CITL’s Online Course Design Institute](#) and apply for a future session.

Call For Proposals Now Open!

The 2021 UW-System [LTDC Virtual Showcase](#) – “Transforming the Future of Education”, will be held virtually in June.

The deadline for proposal submissions is Friday, April 16, 2021.



Attend the OPID Spring Conference

April 9, 16, and 23
via Zoom

Registration is open: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/spring-conference/>

The CITL Team Is Growing to Serve Your Needs

CITL is thrilled to announce two additions to our instructional design team, Nancy Shefferly and Erin Speetzen. After an internal search that made clear the abundant riches available among UWSP's faculty and staff, Nancy and Erin were selected to join our team. Both Nancy and Erin come to CITL with several years of teaching experience, curriculum and course design background, and deep institutional knowledge. We can't wait to work with them both, and to continue to learn together how to best support our colleagues! Read their introductions to learn more.

Nancy Shefferly



After 9 years teaching Biology at UWSP, I'm excited to begin my new position as an instructional designer at CITL. I'm looking forward to helping faculty and teaching academic staff to incorporate best teaching and assessment practices while

navigating new learning environments. I believe that it's always possible to make a good course better, and I'd love to help you do that.

I've taught for decades in a variety of modalities with diverse student bodies. I've been around, having lived in Ann Arbor, MI, Tempe, AZ, Jackson, WY, Philadelphia, PA, Tuscaloosa, AL, Stevens Point,

WI, and for one glorious summer, Paris, France. Although trained in the sciences, my hobbies touch more on the humanities and fine arts. I am a prolific painter, active in the local arts community, and I have published two super-fun novels of questionable literary value. I tend to jump into any project with both feet, because only those who dare can hope to achieve greatness. And falling short of greatness, at least I can say that I had a blast!

Erin Speetzen



I am excited to start my part time role as an instructional designer in CITL. Having spent the last 15 years as a college professor, I have experience teaching a wide variety of classes ranging from small freshman seminars to large lecture courses.

I grew up about an hour away from UWSP and both my brother and his wife are proud UWSP alums. After completing a

bachelor's degree in chemistry at UWRF, I went on to get a Ph. D. in chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 2007. I started my teaching career at a small liberal arts college in Iowa before moving to UWSP in the fall of 2011. I am currently an associate professor in the chemistry department and have always really enjoyed course design (and redesign!) and coming up with new ways to assess and engage my students. I am excited to be able to join the CITL team part time while still being able to teach and do research in the chemistry department. In

addition to being passionate about good course design, I am particularly interested in helping students develop the metacognitive skills that they need to succeed in college. I am looking forward to getting to meet faculty to talk about their ideas about course design and to learn more about best practices in teaching and learning outside of STEM.

When not working, I enjoy reading, cooking, and spending time with my family. My husband and I have three kids, two dogs, two cats, and a perpetually messy house.

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Additional Personal Pronouns Added in Canvas

In March, the Digital Learning Environment (DLE) expanded the list of personal pronouns which the University of Wisconsin System (except for UW Madison) users can associate with their Canvas user accounts.

To see how to set personal pronouns for your Canvas user account and where those personal pronouns display in Canvas, see Instructure's [How do I select personal pronouns in my user account as a student?](#) guide.

The Personal Pronouns feature has been available (with a limited set of options) in the DLE instance of Canvas since the feature was [introduced in January 2020](#).

The change in March added additional options, expanding the list to:

- None
- Any pronouns
- Use my name
- Ask me privately
- Ae/aer
- Ey/em
- He/him
- He or they
- Per/pers
- She/her
- She or they
- They/Them
- Ve/ver
- Xe/xem
- Ze/hir
- Zie/zir

Staying Connected Through Book Group Gatherings

Book discussions bring faculty and staff members from across campus together to share ideas and thoughts on timely books on a variety of topics of interest. Recent CITL Book Group participants, shown here, enjoyed engaging conversations with facilitator Greg Koepel and author David J. Staley.

Campus members are encouraged to inquire about leading a CITL book group or organizing a book read within their department. You can view previous Book Group books on our [website](#), many of which are available for checkout from the CITL resource library. Email us at citl@uwsp.edu to inquire about our resource library or leading a discussion.

