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Make an Impact on Student Success at UWSP

This year's UWSP Teaching Conference is all about helping students shine brighter. We all want students to succeed. Whether you work directly with students or behind the scenes, we hope you can join us as we come together to learn about efforts to foster student success and to take some time for personal wellness with meditation, yoga, and chair massage sessions available.

Learning, wellness, and collegial support are three great reasons to attend the annual UWSP teaching conference. The conference kicks off with "Barriers to Student

24TH ANNUAL UWSP TEACHING CONFERENCE
Perspectives on Student Success
 Friday, January 17, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Success - An Inclusivity Workshop." Written and directed by UWSP student Wyatt Cross, the workshop is based upon both Augusta Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed writings, and other educational theatre publications. Wyatt's presentation will address barriers to student success through facilitated forum-theatre. Through local student interviews, short scenes are

constructed which contain specific oppressive constructions, which are then presented by actors. Facilitators seek to prompt and guide the audience in identification of these oppressive forces and explore possible solutions to navigate or avoid these behaviors in their own lives. Utilizing theatre as a powerful educational tool — this inclusivity workshop seeks to educate faculty, staff, and administration on oppressive barriers that inhibit student success by identifying solutions to implement in real-world applications.

We hope to see you there!

[Register to attend](#)

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January Events

Course Design Institute

January 6 - 10
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
CITL Training Room

[Learn more and register](#)

24th Annual UWSP Teaching Conference

Friday, January 17
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.
in 650 Albertson Hall)

[Register](#)

Institutional Data and Reporting Orientation Workshop

Friday, January 31
10-11 a.m.

[Details on page 3.](#)

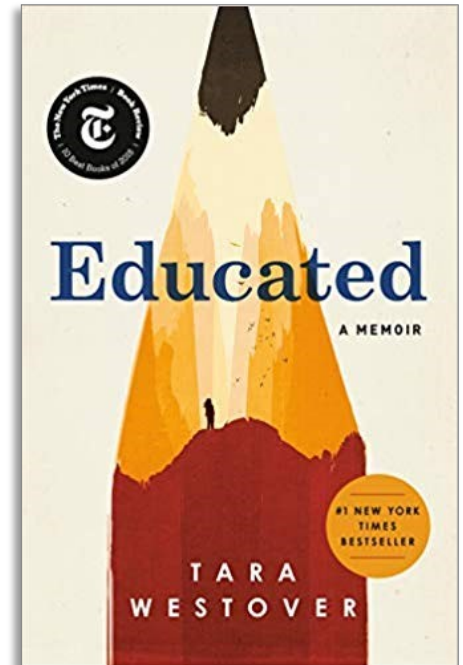
Join Us for Spring Book Group

University Library's Terri Muraski will be facilitating the group on Tara Westover's *Educated*. The group will meet for discussion at noon in the CITL lobby on the first Tuesday of February, March, and April.

Interested?

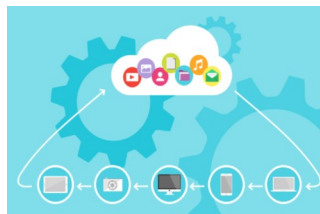
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Feel free to bring your lunch! Participants who commit to attending 2 or 3 sessions will receive a copy of the book courtesy of CITL.



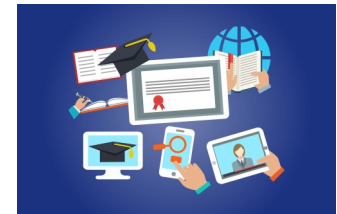
Educated is an unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a Ph.D. from Cambridge University. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Deadlines For Online Grants



[Online Course Development Grant](#)

January 15, 2020 (for courses offered in Summer 2020)



[Online Program Development Grant](#)

Credit: Annually on **May 31**
Non-credit: Annually on **November 30** and **May 31**

Learn How UWSP Data is Used in Decision-Making

Institutional Data and Reporting Orientation Workshop

Do you want to become familiar with UWSP data sources and reports? Do you wish to know how data is analyzed for decision-making? Do you want to participate more in the decision-making process? Are you interested in knowing where UWSP ranks in comparison to regional, national, and international higher education trends? Do you wish to conduct your own research using UWSP data?



To answer these and other questions regarding UWSP data, the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE) and the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning (CITL) are hosting a series of informative and interactive orientation workshops on UWSP data sources and reports. These workshops are open to all faculty and staff members – no special technical skills are necessary.

Join us on Friday, January 31, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in ALB 403A.

[Please register to attend.](#)

UW-System LTDC Virtual Conference 2020

You can enjoy two days of thought-provoking educational sessions on best practices in teaching and advances in learning technology – and it's all FREE!

"Learning Architects: Building the Future"
Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Alan Lakein said, "Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now." Where do you see education headed in the next five years? 10 years? Where are we going and how will we get there? What current technologies and trends can we build on? The University of Wisconsin System has undergone tremendous change in the last ten years and there's no doubt that we'll continue to change and adapt to the ever-changing world. Let's talk about ways to shape that future. [Learn more and register.](#)

Proposals are accepted through January 31, 2020.



UW-System LTDC Virtual Conference is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Learning Technology Development Council.

Safe Zone Training

Safe Zone workshops for UWSP faculty and staff are offered through CITL in partnership with the Faculty and Staff Gender Sexuality Alliance. Spring semester sessions:

Main Campus - ALB 403A

Thursday, February 6
2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4
2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14
2-4 p.m.

Wausau Campus - Terrace Rm

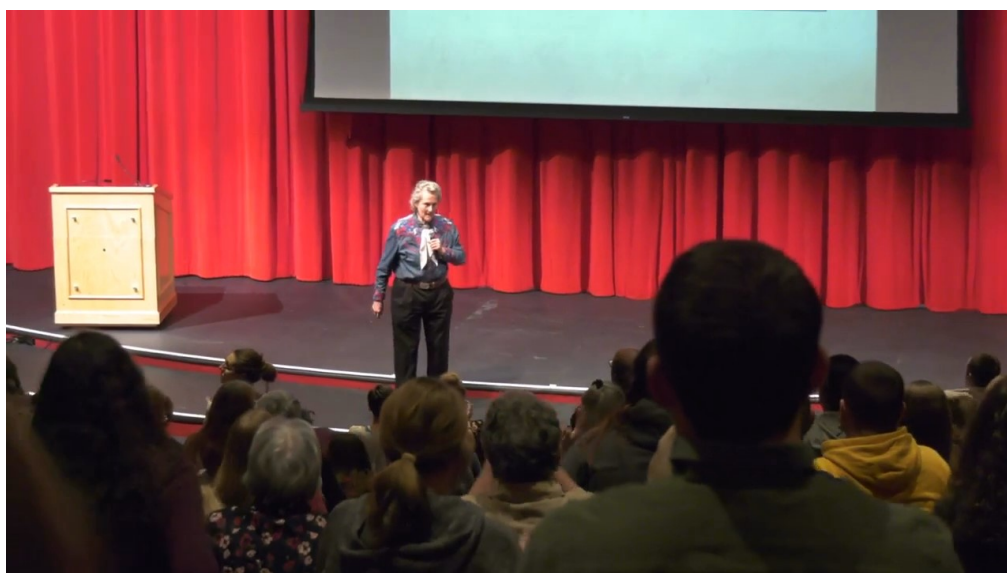
Friday, April 3
1-3 p.m.

[Register to attend](#)

Temple Grandin Visits UWSP

Temple Grandin, world-renowned autism activist, best-selling author, animal welfare and behavior expert, and a professor of animal science at Colorado State University, visited UWSP on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Dr. Grandin shared insights from her book *The Autistic Brain* with UWSP and community members in the Alumni Room of the DUC and later met with local FFA and 4-H families to speak about animal care. Students and instructors shared dinner with Dr. Grandin at the CPS Café and the day concluded with a sold-out presentation of "Different Kinds of Minds" held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sentry Theater.



The video recording of "Different Kinds of Minds" will be available soon on the CITL website. View more photos on the [CITL Facebook page](#).

Dr. Grandin's visit was hosted by the CITL, and funded in part by a grant from the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership.



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The School of Education Completes Inclusivity Training

Faculty and staff in the School of Education recently completed all sessions of UW-Stevens Point's "Toward a More Inclusive Campus" workshop.

The training raises awareness of diversity and inclusivity on campus, while teaching us to value diversity and understand how our experiences shape our

choices. Participants learn how to be allies to underrepresented students and colleagues and to feel empowered to make change that enhances inclusivity.

Departments can schedule training sessions by contacting Lindsay Bernhagen at lindsay.bernhagen@uwsp.edu.

More information can be found on the [CITL website](#).

