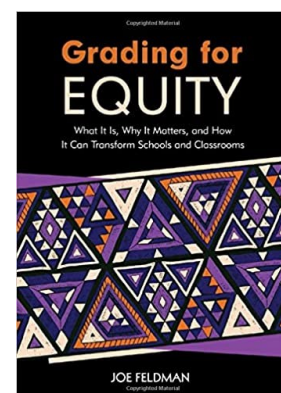# Join the Discussion on Grading for Equity

As we begin a new academic year, we hope you will join CITL's Book Group as we read Joe Feldman's *Grading for Equity*, a book that comes highly recommended by UWSP faculty members in many disciplines.

The CITL resource library will be able to lend 10 copies of the book to those who do not wish to obtain their own copy. The **e-book** is also available through UWSP Libraries.

From the publisher:

"Here at last - and none too soon - is a resource that delivers the research base, tools, and courage to tackle one of the most challenging and emotionally charged conversations in today's schools: our inconsistent grading practices and the ways they can inadvertently perpetuate the achievement and opportunity gaps among our students. With *Grading for Equity*, Joe Feldman cuts to the core of the conversation, revealing how grading practices that are accurate, bias-resistant, and motivational will improve learning, minimize grade inflation, reduce failure rates, and become a lever for creating stronger teacher-student relationships and more caring classrooms."

Grading For Equity:
What It Is, Why It Matters, and How It Can Transform Schools and Classrooms
by Joe Feldman

Meeting times via Zoom:
Every other Thursday
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28)

Facilitated by Lindsay Bernhagen

Register to attend

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The Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning (CITL) provides training and support for inclusivity, teaching methods, and technology use in education.

Email: citl@uwsp.edu This is the best way to contact us. You will receive a prompt response from an available team member, as many are monitoring this inbox.

Book an appointment: For your convenience, feel free to **book an appointment** for Instructional Technology and Design Consultations with one of our team members.

Request a consultation: We are available to support you on a **variety of topics**. **Request a consultation**, and a CITL team member will contact you to schedule.

All of these options are available on the **CITL website** under 'Quick Links' on the right-hand side. Our recently revised website provides a ton of information and resources for faculty and staff at UWSP.

Develop or Improve an Online Course

October 1 is the deadline for applications for the November Online Course Design Institute (OCDI). Applications are currently being accepted. Space is limited.

Online Course Design Institute
Learn more and apply.

Test Scoring Changes for Fall

Exam scoring service at CITL, which has been on hold during the pandemic, returns this Fall semester with some changes. The overall process won't change for instructors, but there are important changes to note.

- **The test scoring sheet is changing.** Effective immediately, the old green sheets that have been used in the past will not work. You should discard any of these forms. We will not be able to process the forms that we've used in the past. Shortly, we'll have new forms available for purchase from Central Stores, but for now, you'll need to get them from CITL. We are reluctant to print these in bulk until we've had a chance to test them in real-world applications.

- **Test Scores On The Web is being decommissioned.** We've seen inaccuracies in the service, and don't have resources to update the service. We're working to include a canvas import file with instructor results packets to make it easier for instructors to bring results into their Canvas gradebooks.

- **Available reports are changing.** Initially, we'll include a standard set of reports. Next semester, we'll give you the option to select the ones that you want.

- **Results will no longer be emailed to instructors.** Instead, we're creating shared OneDrive folders that will allow you to access your result reports securely.

Please review the **Test Scoring information on our website**, in the 'Services' tab, for details on these changes and updates on the process.

Safe Zone Training Offered

The UWSP Faculty and Staff Gender-Sexuality Alliance (FSGSA), in partnership with CITL, provides Safe Zone training for faculty and staff members of UW-Stevens Point campuses. Safe Zone training is an introduction to the knowledge, skills, and dispositions we need to create Safe Zone spaces.

Thursday, September 16
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
403A Albertson Hall

**Learn more
and register to attend.**

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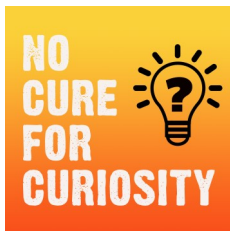**University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point**

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Learn more about the NEW **Leadership Development Series** created at UWSP.

Season Two Begins for UWSP's First Podcast

No Cure for Curiosity is getting ready to launch season two this Fall. On UWSP's first podcast, Shanny Luft interviews faculty and guests on a wide range of subjects, with the goal of promoting and celebrating the value of a liberal arts education. Last year's episodes included topics such as Wonder Woman and feminism, the power of curse words, and the recent Supreme Court decisions. This upcoming season will include topics such as Hemingway, rank-choice voting, zombie films, and much more. You can listen to every episode on your favorite podcast app, or **online**. New episodes will be released bi-weekly starting in September. And if you want to join the podcast and have a topic idea, please reach out to Shanny! He is always interested in new topics!

canvas corner

Seating Chart and Roll Call Tools

For the Fall 2021 semester, all faculty and instructors are asked to utilize a seating chart within Canvas for each of their courses. This will facilitate contact tracing if/when positive COVID-19 cases occur. We have created a video to explain how to set up the Roll Call and Seating Chart tools in Canvas. Note that taking attendance is less important for contact tracing than simply utilizing a seating chart, especially in larger classes where daily attendance may be time-consuming.

New Honorlock Installation Required for Fall 2021

Instructors teaching 100% online courses during the Fall 2021 term who wish to use Honorlock, UWSP's online exam proctoring, will need to complete the **Fall 2021 Honorlock Request Form**. A new installation must be completed by CITL staff. Honorlock installations copied from previous courses **will not function properly**.

Only complete this form for 100% online courses during the Fall 2021 term. Departments will be required to pay for Honorlock usage in courses that are not 100% online. If you would like to use Honorlock for courses that are not 100% online, please contact Eric Simkins at **esimkins@uwsp.edu** for more information.

You Can Make a Difference

Students today face increasing pressures that can lead to a host of mental health concerns. UWSP provides **free, professional development programs on mental health** to increase the safety net for our students.