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# THE CenterPOINT Press

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## Building Community With Pointer Praise

As Pointers, we know that our campus is filled with passionate, determined faculty and staff members who care deeply about our students and the level of learning and growth they encounter while they are here with us. We also know that our drive to do and be our best is, in large part, sustained by the positive interactions with our colleagues and students.

CITL wanted to create a platform to praise the faculty and staff members who rise to challenges and beneficially impact others.



Do you have a colleague who deserves a virtual pat on the back message? Would you be interested in sharing positive praise to help build community during this time of separation? Well, *Pointer Praise* is here!

If there is an adviser, professor, custodian, or any UWSP employee who you think has made a positive impact, you can let them know anonymously through *Pointer Praise*. Share your *Pointer Praise* using this web form — [Pointer Praise](#). A link to this form can also be found on the CITL website's home page.

Your message will be sent anonymously to the UWSP faculty or staff member you wish to encourage, uplift, and praise. Submissions to *Pointer Praise* will

be available through the CITL website during each academic school year – Fall through Spring semesters. Get your submissions in now (no limit!) to share some *Pointer Praise*!

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The CITL offices are closed and we are working remotely.

Please send any questions to [citl@uwsp.edu](mailto:citl@uwsp.edu). Several team members are monitoring this inbox.

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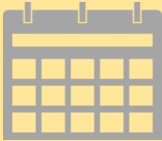
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## EVENTS



See page 3 for registration information.

Zoom links will be emailed to registered participants.

**Online Course Design Institute**  
April 27 - May 20

**Safe Zone Training**  
Wednesday, May 6  
10:00 a.m. - noon

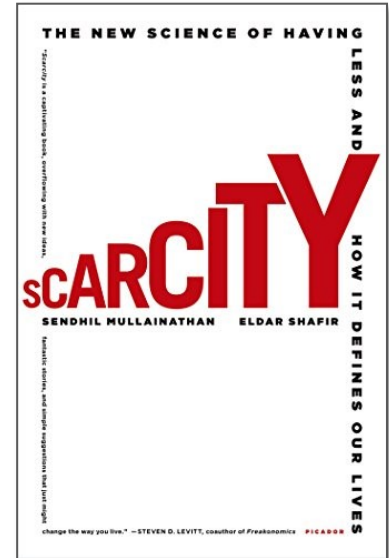
## Join Our Virtual Summer Book Group

Beginning in June, CITL director Lindsay Bernhagen will be facilitating our virtual summer Book Group, *Scarcity: The New Science of Having Less and How It Defines Our Lives* by Sendhil Mullainathan and Eldar Shafir. *Scarcity* shares a surprising and intriguing examination of how scarcity—and our flawed responses to it—shapes our lives, our society, and our culture.

Book Group meetings will be attended through Zoom on **Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - noon, June 3, June 24, and July 15.**

### [Register to attend.](#)

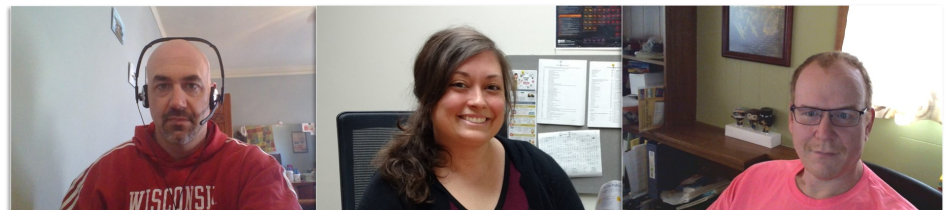
**Please Note:** Participants will have to secure their own copy of the book, as CITL will not be able to provide books due to purchasing freezes.



## Schedule a Consultation with a CITL Team Member

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to schedule an appointment for a virtual consultation to review instructional design or technology/online issues with CITL team members.

The '[Book an Appointment](#)' link is listed under Quick Links on the right-hand side of our website home page.



## What Do We Need to Succeed?

The abrupt change in teaching and learning has been challenging for all of us. Hear from our students themselves on what they need to succeed.

[Voices of UWSP Students](#)

## Online Course Design Institute Offered Through CITL

Your CITL team has created an Online Course Design Institute designed to help instructors develop or revise fully online courses for the Summer 2020 term.

The virtual program consists of four 2-hour synchronous Zoom sessions and activities in a Canvas training course. The program will last four weeks, from April 27 - May 20.

This program is designed to introduce instructors to backward design, help instructors plan/map their overall course, introduce instructors to strategies that can help increase student engagement, help instructors build community in their online courses, explore different technologies, and fully develop at least one module in their course.

[Register to attend.](#)

- An introduction to the concept of backward design
- How to plan/map an overall course
- Strategies to help increase student engagement
- How to build community in an online course
- An exploration of different technologies

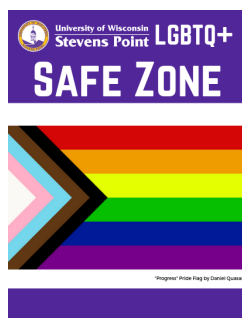


## Safe Zone To Be Held Virtually in May

Safe Zone training for UWSP faculty and staff members will be held through Zoom on Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.-noon.

The Safe Zone training sessions aim to improve your abilities to:

- Use inclusive language about gender and sexuality
- Describe the differences between gender identity, gender expression, sex, and sexuality
- Identify challenges faced by trans, non-binary, and non-heterosexual folks
- Help create more inclusive environments by being an ally to LGBTQ+ folks



[Learn more and register to attend.](#)

## CITL Grants Program Update

CITL grants programs are currently on hold as the university navigates the budgetary issues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any funding already committed will be allocated as planned, but CITL is unable to make any new budgetary commitments for the time being. We hope to resume our grants programs in the fall.

**D2L**  
DESIRE2LEARN

UWSP stopped using D2L Brightspace as its Learning Management system on May 17, 2019. UWSP's instance of D2L Brightspace will be shut down on June 30, 2020. On this date, all data stored in D2L will be lost forever and will be unrecoverable. Instructions for archiving course materials, student data, exporting ePortfolio information, and more are available at [www.uwsp.edu/d2l](http://www.uwsp.edu/d2l).



## Honorlock Info

**UWSP** has secured a temporary contract with Honorlock that will allow Honorlock to be used for exams in any courses through June 30. Honorlock has been vetted and approved by both UW-Stevens Point and UW System.

To learn more about Honorlock you can watch both videos:

[Honorlock Instructor](#)

[Honorlock Student](#)

If you would like Honorlock enabled in your course, please complete the [Honorlock Exam Proctoring Request Spring 2020](#) form. You will need to complete the form separately for each course you would like Honorlock enabled in.

**NOTE:** UWSP is required to pay per student for each exam, which could be very expensive. Please use Honorlock for high-stakes, summative assessments only. *Thank you.*

# canvas



# corner

## UW-System Teams Up With Canvas to Offer Workshops

The UW-System DLE project has teamed up with Instructure, the makers of Canvas, to offer custom training workshops to UW System campuses affiliated with the UW-System DLE instance of Canvas.

Workshops will be held using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. Upcoming workshops are:

### Master Using Mastery Paths:

#### Customizing Learning Experiences

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 10 AM Central

### Outcomes and Rubrics

Thursday May 7, 2020 at 2 PM Central

### Best Practices for Teaching Large Online Courses

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10 AM Central

### Admin Reports

Monday, May 18, 2020 at 2 PM Central

### More information on workshop content:

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/dle/training-support/upcoming-workshops>

### Registration: <http://>

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