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End of Semester Brings Bittersweet Farewell

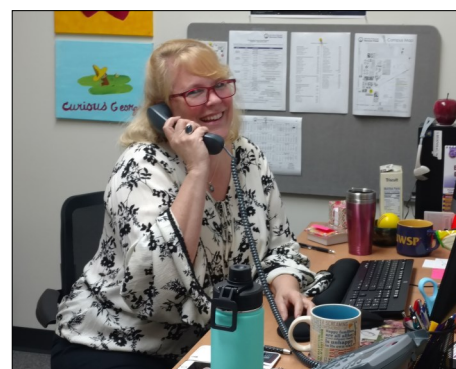
CITL team member Bridget O'Neill will be leaving our campus, but not our hearts, as she embarks on a new life chapter in June. Read Bridget's farewell below and feel free to stop in to wish her well before June 7.

To everything there is a season... While I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at UWSP and gained more knowledge about higher ed, instructional design, and the amazing people that toil away here in the upper Midwest, my family (most importantly) and the

classroom (less important but still significant) call me back to the surface of the sun in Arizona. Even as I recognized the tensions inherent in this institution this year, I was also privy to inspirational instructors, dedicated colleagues with some of the strongest work ethic I have encountered, and one of the most warm and welcoming places I have ever worked. Know that CITL is truly home to those who want a little inspiration, a lot of help, or loads of inclusivity and a celebration of individuality. Lindsay, Eric, Sean, and Sara stand ready to aid however they can to foster rigorous, relevant, and effective strategies in your instruction, online and off-

cannot wait to apply all that I've learned here. I will miss the trees, the gorgeous autumn, and the refreshing winter (No, I am not leaving because the winter was too tough; I loved every snowflake and rain drop!). I am here through the end of the semester and the first full week of June. I will take a little Point back home with me: With collaboration, there is hope. Godspeed to my unexpected home that I will miss more than I thought I could or would.

Bridget O'Neill
Instructional Designer



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I have garnered a position as the English department chair of a brand new "academy pathways" high school in Queen Creek (Phoenix area), Arizona, and

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In the CITL Training Room:

Kaltura Training

Thursday, May 2
Wednesday, May 8

[Register for
Kaltura Training.](#)

**Canvas Sessions:
Face-to-Face Training**

Wednesday, May 1
Monday, May 20
Thursday, May 23

[Register for
Canvas Training.](#)

**Assessment Mondays
with Vera Klekovkina,
Assessment Coordinator**

May 6
May 13

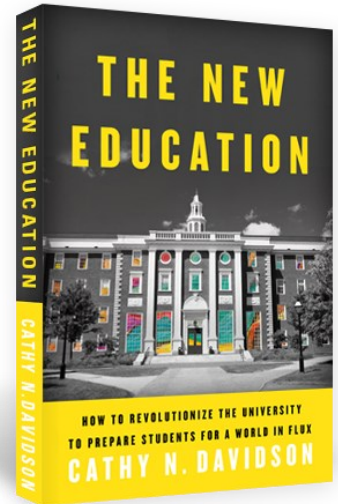
[Register to attend.](#)

Join the Discussion at CITL's Summer Book Group

This June, Karyn Biasca, Professor of Paper Science and Engineering at UWSP, will lead a three-part book group on Cathy Davidson's *The New Education*. Commit to attending at least 2 of 3 sessions and receive a free copy of the book courtesy of CITL.

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, and 18
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
CITL lobby

Feel free to bring your lunch!
[Register](#) to attend by May 31.



From the publisher:

"In *The New Education*, Cathy N. Davidson reveals that we desperately need a revolution in higher learning if we want our students to succeed in our age of precarious work and technological disruption. Journeying from elite private schools to massive public universities to innovative community colleges, she profiles iconoclastic educators who are remaking their classrooms by emphasizing creativity, collaboration, and adaptability over expertise in a single, often abstract discipline. Working at the margins of the establishment, these innovators are breaking down barriers between ossified fields of study, presenting their students with multidisciplinary, real-world problems, and teaching them not just how to think, but how to learn. *The New Education* ultimately shows how we can educate students not only to survive but to thrive amid the challenges to come."

Consider Leading a Book Group

A small incentive is available to faculty/staff who contribute their time to leading a book group. If you are interested in leading a future group (our Fall 2019 book will be *Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students* by Zaretta Hammond), please email Lindsay, lindsay.bernhagen@uwsp.edu.

Online Development Grants Are Available!

Learn more on the [Grants page of our website.](#)

GEAR UP FOR FALL: Summer Course Design Institute

Daily: Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23
11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. in the CITL training room, 403A
\$200 in professional development funds available

Get your courses ready for fall with a community of your peers! Join CITL for a five-part intensive institute designed to provide you with the tools, the time, and the collegial support to really dig in and design or re-design your course.

By the end of each institute, participants will have created the basic structure of a course, including plans for a syllabus, assignments, assessment tools, and a course outline. Perhaps even more importantly, they will have had a chance to exchange feedback

with a diverse group of colleagues from across our university, allowing them to share their ideas about teaching and gather new ideas from their peers.

Participants must commit to attending the first day, and at least 3 more days of the institute to be eligible for the \$200 stipend. Please complete the [Course Design Institute Summer 2019 application](#) by May 24, 2019 for priority consideration. Registration is limited to 10 participants.



“Decolonize Your Syllabus” Workshop

As part of the upcoming conference, “The Mediterranean: Past, Present, and Future,” hosted at UWSP, there will be an hour-long workshop on decolonizing your syllabus. The workshop will take place on Friday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m. in CCC 323, and is open to the UWSP community at no charge.

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The number of Scantron exam packets processed in CITL during Fall semester finals week.

Finals Week Scantron Tip

Remind students to use a No. 2 pencil only and to check that they have completed and bubbled their name and student ID on their answer sheet.

Research Blitz

The University Library invites you to attend its 8th annual research and creative activity event and reception, co-sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning.

Thursday, May 2

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Albertson Hall, Room 650

~ appetizers and cash bar ~

The event will feature “lightning rounds” from our presenters (brief 7-minute presentations).

[Read about the featured faculty and their presentations.](#)

The purpose of this “Research Blitz” is to promote and celebrate the scholarship of our colleagues and to identify potential opportunities for new collaborations with fellow faculty and staff. It’s also a time to learn what faculty and staff across the colleges and campuses are doing in their research.

Team Explores Integration of HIPs

On April 10, several members of the UWSP community braved yet another spring snowstorm and traveled to Madison for a conference on integrating high impact practices (HIPs) in the classroom. Those team members were: **Valerie Barske, Vera Klekovkina, Sarah Ross, Greg Deikroeger, Laura Lee, Becca Franzen, and Mary Jae Kleckner.** We will be expanding our team and looking for ways to encourage and grow the adoption of HIPs at UWSP in the future.

Congratulations!

The following groups have completed the *Toward a More Inclusive Campus* training:

- ❖ Counseling
- ❖ Diversity and College Access
- ❖ Student Affairs Directors
- ❖ Enrollment Management
- ❖ Continuing Education

71% of faculty and staff have completed at least one part of the training.

Contact Lindsay Bernhagen directly to schedule your next session at lindsay.bernhagen@uwsp.edu.

Learn more about
[*Toward a More Inclusive Campus*](#)

Director Earns University Leadership Mentor Award

Lindsay Bernhagen was selected as a recipient of the 2019 University Leadership Mentor Award, which honors and recognizes qualified faculty, staff, student's employers, organization advisers, athletic coaches, and hall directors who have:

- Provided exemplary assistance to an organization with which they work;
- Assisted members in developing skills personally and professionally;
- Modeled outstanding personal effectiveness and character;
- Freely given more in their role than might be expected, and;
- Shown care and concern for the students with whom they work.



Here's what her nominator, SGA Inclusivity Director Christopher Benny, wrote about her:

"Dr. Lindsay Bernhagen has helped make our campus more inclusive and diverse. She is extremely dedicated to her job and she has touched the lives of numerous students through her valiant efforts with: 1. Faculty and staff diversity training. 2. Attendance policy review. 3. Alliance of Multicultural and Diversity Organizations. 4. Table Talk For Unity. 5. Readable People. She is one of the greatest allies and social justice activists I have encountered at UWSP in my 2 years of working with her as the Chair for a Student Organization she advised as well as serving with her on Diversity Council."

CITL is Open Through Summer

CITL team members will be in the office in the summer providing training sessions and programming, and working on new developments for fall. Keep an eye on our website and share your needs with us. Your input ensures that the work we're doing meets the needs of the UWSP campus.

Monthly issues of *The CenterPOINT Press* newsletter will not be produced during the summer months, but watch for a monthly email with updates from your CITL team.

Enjoy your summer!