

# Toward Excellence in the Evaluation of Teaching: Peer Review, Student Evaluations and More

If effective teaching is the top priority for university educators, as we say it is, then it is critical that we have robust, thorough methods for the evaluation of teaching. Most faculty members do not have strong backgrounds in educational principles, which often results in development of less effective teaching evaluation systems than those for scholarly activity.

Two work groups sponsored by the UW Eau Claire Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning have studied best practices in teaching evaluation as seen in the literature and compared it to current practices on our campus. In this talk, Dr. Eierman will describe the findings of the groups and some of the changes that have happened in teaching evaluation at UWEC as a result of their work, with a particular emphasis on peer evaluation of teaching.

Reports for the Student Evaluation of Instruction Group and the Teaching Evaluation Initiative can be seen at: <http://www.uwec.edu/CETL/resources/activeresearch.htm>.

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**Where:** UC 259B

**When:** Wednesday, September 28th, 12:00-2:30 PM

12:00-1:00 PM: Lunch Presentation

1:00-2:30 PM: Follow-up discussion and activities

*Feel free to come to the first portion only (noon-1:00), or to both, as your schedule permits.*

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