

UWW LEARN Center Newsletter

September 2023

LEARN Center Welcomes new Faculty Fellows: For the Fall, 2023-2024 academic year, the LEARN Center is honored to welcome two new faculty fellows. Dr. Heather Niemeier and Dr. Rimi Zakaria will be supporting the LEARN Center's work in the upcoming year. When you see them, please pass on your congratulations.



Dr. Niemeier earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and completed her postdoctoral training at Brown Medical School. Her research focuses on the prevention and treatment of obesity and eating disorders. Dr. Niemeier teaches Individual & Society, Introduction to Clinical, Psychopathology, Counseling, and School Psychology, Advanced Health Psychology, and Field Training in Psychology.



Dr. Rimi Zakaria is an Associate Professor of Management. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in strategic, global, and behavioral domains. Dr. Zakaria is passionate about educating her students through experiential, technology-forward, and feedback-driven pedagogy. Her research examines inter-firm cooperation, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, non-profit organizational processes, employee well-being, and environmental impact.

UWW Faculty and Staff attend 43rd Annual Faculty College in June 2023



Faculty College is a systemwide institute focused on teaching and learning. In June 2023, UWW's team participated in the 43rd Annual Faculty College. The week focused on *Teaching & Learning with a Social Justice Lens* and was facilitated by Dr. Lisa Brock. Faculty College is a dynamic professional development program that provides UW instructors with the training, time, and support to expand their skills as educators. If you are interested in this opportunity for 2024, more information on how to apply will be coming from the LEARN Center this fall.



LEARN Book Clubs for Fall, 2023: The LEARN Center is supporting three book clubs for Fall, 2023. Book clubs are one of the most popular LEARN Center programs and we are excited to see all the instructors and staff from across campus that have registered for these stimulating opportunities. Information and registration for Spring 2024 book clubs will come out in late October. There is still lots of time if you have a great idea for a Spring 2024 book club. Simply send an email with your idea to learn@uww.edu.

Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators 1st Edition, by Elena Aguilar

Onward tackles the problem of educator stress and provides a practical framework for reducing burnout from teaching. Stress is part of the job, but when 70 percent of educators quit within their first five years because the stress is making them physically and mentally ill, things have gone too far. This book offers a path to resiliency for educators.

The Norton Guide to Equity-Minded Teaching, by I. Artze-Vega, F. Darby, B. Dewsbury, and M. Imad

The Norton Guide explores ways educators can ensure that all students have an equal chance for success. Equitable teaching approaches are presented in an engaging and practical manner and are grounded in educational research.

The New College Classroom by Cathy N. Davidson and Christina Katopodis

What is active learning? How do you actually do it? What does the latest science of learning tell us about inspiring, effective, and inclusive teaching at the college level? Extensive evidence shows that active-learning tools are more effective than conventional methods of instruction. The focus of this book club will be to discuss the latest research and methods presented in the book and explore how we can help students become independent, creative, and active learners.

Reminder of the 2023-2024 Teaching and Learning Grants:



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Academic Affairs

The Office of the Provost is pleased to announce applications are open for the 2023-24 Teaching and Learning grants. The program will award \$1,000 grants to faculty and instructional academic staff to support entrepreneurial projects that enhance teaching and learning in the following areas: 1. Fostering inclusivity and civil discourse, and 2. The use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) as a tool for student learning. Proposals are due September 22. Access the full call here: [UWW 2023-2024 Teaching and Learning Grants](#)

OPID Webinar Series: Teaching and Learning in a Generative Artificial Intelligence World:



Designed for system-wide faculty and instructors, the webinars will be 90-minutes long and live-streamed on ZOOM. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/opid/opids-webinar-series/>. Can't attend a webinar? Still register — **all registrants will receive a recording of the sessions.**

UWW Welcomes New Faculty to the First Year Program: The LEARN Center was excited to welcome thirty-six new tenure-track faculty and full-time instructional academic staff to the Warhawk family during Welcome Week. As new UWW educators, they will be participating in the First Year Program (FYP) throughout 2023-2024. The FYP is designed to provide new faculty and instructional academic staff with the skills and knowledge necessary to become successful teacher scholars at UWW, and to provide them with support and connections across campus to build and foster engaging collegial relationships.



First Year Faculty and Academic Staff- 2023-2024

Yesenia Cervera, Women's/Gender Studies
UnChae Chung, Communication
Ariana D'Arms, Special Education
Yuka Doherty, Sociology, Criminology
Lauren Drury, Marketing
Devage Dona Dulanjalee, Mathematics
Maxwell Gatyas, Philosophy & Religious Studies
Melinda Forsberg, Special Education
Fnu Hairi, Computer Science
Shirisha Jonnalagadda, Chemistry
Jaehun Jung, Kinesology
Erica Moulton, Languages & Literatures

Jiayuan Zhang, ITSCM
Miaoyi Zeng, ITSCM
Jiahe Wang Xu, Psychology
Tracy Walters, Integrated Studies
Noah Speeter, Integrated Studies
Diane Shapiro, Music
Robert Hodson, Music
Michael Guyer, Mathematics
Kelly Jensen, Integrated Studies
Tracy Khan, Marketing
Eric Luckey, Ed Foundations
Viola Sawyer, Socio/Criminology/Anthro

Joshua Mathews, Geo/Geol/EnvirSci
Tom Yerger, Mathematics
Dana Outhouse, Accounting
Tracy Travis, Marketing
Hasti Rahemi, ITSCM
Rebecca Anderson, Communication
Kimberly Landsdowne, Ed Foundations
Patty Becker, Comm Sci & Disorders
Tung Nguyen, Mathematics
Shoji Nakayama, OESH



Multi-factor Authorization for Students Coming SOON:

Beginning September 19, 2023, all enrolled students will be required to authenticate with MFA prior to gaining access to any UW-Whitewater systems including email and CANVAS. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in Duo starting September 6th. Please help spread the word to students to set up Duo BEFORE the September 19th deadline.