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Colleagues,

There is no doubt that you are well on your way with the rituals and rhythms of the fall semester. While October heralds the shortening days and changing leaves of the autumn, I am confident of our unchanging commitment to our students and our dedication to doing our utmost to provide educational experiences that mutually benefit their growth and the enrichment of our society.

This month, I thought I'd share some high-level aggregate information about our students from our most recent enrollment reports. Undergraduate enrollment in CECI is slightly higher than it was last year at this time, with 2,901 undergraduate students in fall 2024 as compared to 2863 undergraduate students in fall 2023. Most of our undergraduate students are seniors (34.8 %) and female* (74.7%), with 21.3 % students of color.



The average age of our undergraduate students is 20.8 years with a majority of students aged 24 and under (93.7%). Forty-one percent (41%) of our undergraduate students are first-generation college students.

*Please note that 'female' is the term used for demographic reporting.

Our graduate programs have experienced a significant amount of growth, with an enrollment of 1,368 students which is the highest number over the past five years. Matching the trend with undergraduate students, graduate students are mostly female (79.9%), with 20.7% students of color. CECI has 37 international students in fall 2024 (27 graduate and 10 undergraduate), a slight decline from the 44 international students we welcomed into CECI programs last fall.

You may learn more about enrollment at [the Institutional Analysis website](#). The website also includes [retention data](#) by major and I encourage you to visit the website to learn more about our student outcomes.

~Sherril

Celebrations



Congratulations to **Quincy Williams** on receiving the GVSU Alumni 2024 Outstanding Staff Award!

Williams has worked at Grand Valley since 2006. He serves as the undergraduate program director and internship coordinator for the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration. Williams is an advocate for the importance of partnerships between students, faculty, and the community through applied learning. [More about Quincy.](#)

“Quincy made connections with us beyond the major. He helped many students, like myself, find the heart behind the work we wanted to do. He remains someone that I circle back to for wisdom and counsel on life decisions and career moves.” -Former student of Quincy Williams

The **ESOL Program** under Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology just celebrated its big achievement in the 2023-2024 academic year. The program experienced a 100% Michigan Tests for Teaching Certificate test pasting rate from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from a total of 27 test takers.

The State of Michigan released data on the **MI Future Educator Fellowships & Stipends**, showing GVSU education program students received more funding than students at any other institution statewide. Since the start of the 23-24 academic year, 465 fellowships worth \$3.7 million and 714 stipends totaling more than \$8.7 million have been awarded to GVSU education program students. CECI's Office of Certification and Accreditation has been instrumental in supporting student access to this state funding.

Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

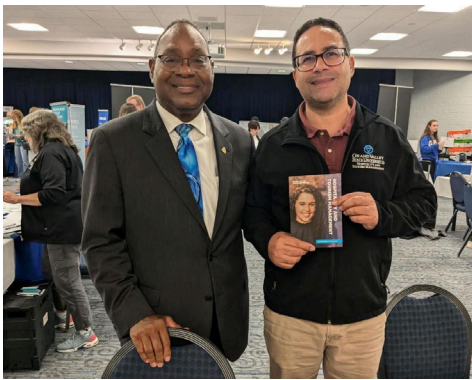
Kathy Bailey, professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, was a keynote speaker at the Michigan County Social Services Association Annual Conference in Traverse City. Her five-hour presentation was titled, "Assembling the Puzzle of Mental Health."

Eric John Roberts, PNA '20, is in the running to become Lodi Township's clerk in this upcoming election. [MLive article](#)

The Early Career Teacher Mentoring Program is one of the key programs in the GVSU/BCPS Partnership to Support Education Transformation in Battle Creek grant funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The video features **Devon Washington and Lexus Baxendale**, both 2021 graduates of GVSU's teacher certification program. The [WKKF BCPS GVSU Early Career Teacher Mentoring Video](#) was created by the Center for Educational Partnerships team.

Steve Faber, MPA '04, won the primary election for Kent County board seat in the 18th District. [MLive article](#)

Lori Tuma, associate professor in Hospitality and Tourism Management, is a faculty advisor for a student organization, CHAARG (Changing Health Attitudes + Actions to Recreate Girls). The idea behind CHAARG is simple: a group of students on campus who try new workouts together every week. We believe that working out can [and should!] be fun and we know that working out is a lot better with friends! CHAARG Chapters quickly turned into groups that do a lot more than workout together – socials, formals, + retreats have created true communities on campus that lead to lifelong friendships. Since starting in 2012, CHAARG has exploded as the largest health + wellness movement on college campuses.



Michael Scantlebury and Mohammed Lefrid, both with Hospitality and Tourism Management, represented their program and the School of Community Leadership and Development at the Undergraduate Research Fair on Tuesday, October 1st.

"It was a great opportunity to share about our program and network with the faculty and students who attended this event," Mohammed said.

Christine Kenney, associate professor of early childhood, organized a signature event for students in all sections of EDI 317, Collaborating with Families and Professionals, in consultation with adjunct instructors Cara Glass and Beth Hipshier-Goodrich. The students, whom are mostly in the PCKET/Educational Studies and Birth to Kindergarten majors, heard from three families, including Jonathan Rinehart, Erica Hamilton, and Lydia Saldivar, who represented a variety of family structures and cultures. The panelists, who so generously shared about their families and experiences in educational settings, shared stories and experiences that were heartfelt, real, and truly gave the students some new perspectives to consider. Many thanks to all the panelists and instructors for organizing such a unique and authentic experience!



Publications/Presentations

Kelly Margot, Teaching and Learning Associate Professor, and **Erica Hamilton**, Interim Vice Provost for the Graduate School, published their article titled, "[Centering reciprocity: lessons learned from a university-school partnership](#)" in *Emerald Insight*.

Paul Stansbie, **Lorie Tuma**, and **Patty Janes**, all with Hospitality and Tourism Management, co-authored a peer-reviewed case study titled, "Tourism-Industry Voluntourism: The Case Study of a Sustainable Tourism Improvement Program." Dr. Stansbie is set to present this case at the 43rd annual International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators (ISTTE) Conference in Hong Kong on October 15, 2024.

Michael Scantlebury, **Lorie Tuma**, and **Mohammed Lefrid**, all with Hospitality and Tourism Management, co-authored a peer-reviewed workshop titled, "Collaborating on a Global Perspective of Sustainability and Stewardship: An Example of Teaching the UN Tourism Model." Dr. Scantlebury will lead this workshop at the same conference on October 16, 2024. The conference is hosted by the School of Hotel and Tourism Management at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Greg Warsen and **Rick Vandermolten**, both with Educational Leadership and Counseling, published their article titled, "[Two Roads: A Case Study Comparing Project-Based Learning to Traditional Program with Student Choice](#)" (MS #1266) in the *School Leadership Review*.

Gabriela Gui and **Rick Vandermolten**, both with Educational Leadership and Counseling, and **Rui Niu-Cooper** and **Mary Bair**, both with Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology, published their article titled, "[Transforming Faculty Identities Within a Community of Practice: An Academic Literacies Model](#)" in the *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*.

Christina M. Ponzio and **Jenelle Williams**, both faculty within Literacy Studies, facilitated a webinar hosted by the Michigan Department of Education to introduce colleagues in teacher preparation across Michigan to the newly adopted [Disciplinary Literacy Standards for the preparation of Middle Grades and High School Teachers](#) (DLPS). They shared the revised designs for their graduate and undergraduate courses at Grand Valley as well as an extensive bank of resources they created to support others in implementing the new standards within their educator preparation program. The webinar is available [here](#).

Grant Recipients

Aaron Yore-VanOosterhout, director of Bellamy Creek Program, and **Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin**, director and professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, were awarded a \$220,000 contract with the State of Michigan to support secondary education programs in coordination with the Michigan Department of Corrections (October 2024 – September 2025). The funds will be used to support the continuation of the Bellamy Creek Program, which offers a B.S. in Public and Nonprofit Administration at the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility. The contract is renewable for up to five years, for a total of \$1.25 million in state financial support.

Community Engagement



EDUCATION STUDENTS HELP AT THE STOREHOUSE

In return for three hours of sorting pallets of books for The Storehouse, a non-profit organization that supports teachers with low to no-cost supplies that received half a million dollars of donated books from Scholastic, the students were rewarded with 240 books of their own, jumpstarting their classroom libraries. Nearly 100 students, including those from Birth to Kindergarten, Special Education, PreK-6th, and Secondary programs participated. Faculty member Sheryl Vlietstra organized the event, with colleagues Barb Lubic, Christine Kenney, Lydia Saldivar, and Kathryn Ohle joining in. It was a tremendous success for all!

Pictured are Birth to Kindergarten program students, plus faculty members Barb Lubic, Christine Kenney, Lydia Saldivar, and Kathryn Ohle, all with Teaching and Learning.

DAY OF DIGNITY - 2024

Brian Johnson, associate professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, and his CJ 325 (CJ and Human Rights) students volunteered during the Day of Dignity hosted by the Chicago Refugee Coalition. This year, the city welcomed over 2,000 new arrivals and provided clean clothing, hot meals, free health screening, school supplies, employment services, and free groceries. GV student, Paris Lawson, even made the news! [WGN9 News](#)



GLOBAL AWARENESS COLLABORATIVE COLLOQUIUM - ARMENIA

On October 7, the Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium kicked off this semester's events with keynote speaker Dr. Sherie Klee, professor within Teaching and Learning. Dr. Klee presented on "Collaboration in Armenia; A Fulbright Experience."



CECI Events

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Women make up nearly 80% of PK12 educators but only 24% of superintendent positions. While we are seeing an increase in female students in leadership programs, there are unique obstacles in this journey. Join us to hear lessons learned and identify themes and strategies of accomplishment from our panelists. This event is sponsored by Educational Leadership and Counseling.

Tuesday, November 12
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Loosemore Auditorium

4:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres Reception
5:00 p.m. Opening Comments

RSVP by November 1

Women in Leadership Discussion Panel with Q & A



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4:30pm - 6:30pm

GVSU Pew Campus
Loosemore Auditorium
401 Fulton St. W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

www.gvsu.edu/education/womeninleadership2024

RSVP by Friday, November 1st
4:30pm Hors d'oeuvres Reception
5:00pm Opening Comments



THE YOUNG VOTE - A FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Join the Educational Foundations program for a screening of the film "The Young Vote," followed by a panel discussion with filmmaker Diane Robinson. The panel will explore the impact of young voters, as well as the obstacles they face in voting and civic participation. Click on the image to scan the QR code to RSVP.

October 25, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Loosemore Auditorium
Appetizer reception to follow.

GLOBAL AWARENESS COLLABORATIVE COLLOQUIUM (GACC)

GACC is sponsoring the reception following the **Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.** performance of Armenian Composer Aram Khachaturian's *Masquerade Suite*. The Grand Valley Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Joel Schut, will perform in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Allendale Campus. Fran Hoepfner writes in *Medium*: "It's the kind of suite I want to shove in the face of someone who still manages to pretend classical music is dull. Every part of the *Masquerade Suite* is as wild and evocative as music ought to be."

**Global
Awareness
Collaborative
Colloquium -
Armenia**

Masquerade Suite is paired with Carlos Simon's **Portrait of a Queen** narrated by Theater Prof. Demetria Thomas. According to the composer's website: "This piece traces the evolution of black people in America through the lens of the black woman. Using one figurative character who represents strength, courage, and selflessness, this 'queen' will transform from her journey as a leader in Africa to a slave on an American plantation, to a disenfranchised citizen subject to Jim Crow laws and finally to the strong matriarch found in many churches presently."



**College of Education
Alumni Network Panel and
Roundtable Discussion**

**Bring your resume and
cover letter for review!**

**Tuesday, November 12th
Regency Room-DeVos Building C**

The College of Education Alumni Network invites you to a panel and roundtable discussion led by GVSU education alumni administrators, focusing on your cover letter, resume, and interviews.

**5:30-6:00 pm
Food Service**

**6:00-6:45pm
Panel Discussion**

**6:45-7:00pm
Break**

**7:00-8:00 pm
Roundtable with School
Administrators**

**Questions?
Contact the Education Alumni Network
(616) 331-6240**



FALL GVSU EDUCATION ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE

Faculty and staff, please spread the word to GV education students! The Fall GVSU Education Alumni Roundtable event will be hosted downtown on the Pew Campus on November 12th. Students graduating this December will join GVSU alumni superintendents, district human resources administrators, and principals from around West Michigan for the opportunity to get effective feedback on application materials from field professionals. This event is free to attend, and dinner will be provided. Please see event details & RSVP below.

**Tuesday, November 12
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Regency Room, Building C, Richard M. DeVos Center**

For more information and to RSVP

University Governance

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College Governance

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Faculty Council

Faculty Council held its first committee meeting of the fall 2024 semester on September 18. The meeting continued conversations on creating better communication between Faculty Council, CECI faculty, the Dean's Office, and committee representatives. Faculty Council invites all CECI faculty to review the committee's meeting agendas, minutes, and current charges and committee representatives, on our [CECI Faculty Council page](#). This site will be updated throughout the academic year. Faculty Council would also like to share [GVSU's Faculty Governance page](#) with updated Senate agendas and minutes, as well as any updates and support materials.

Faculty Council is in the process of updating the CECI College and University Committee Representative [slideshow](#) for the 2024-25 semester. If you have any questions, please reach out to your CECI committee representatives. Faculty Council will be reaching out to CECI committee representatives two times throughout the semester (middle and end of each semester) to update the slideshow regarding any committee updates or reports. Additionally, if there are any immediate needs within specific committees, Faculty Council will be working with those representatives to get the necessary information to all of CECI.

Faculty Council is also working on a better system for CECI faculty to share any comments, concerns, or questions with the committee. We hope to create a process using CMS4 that will be posted on the committee's webpage and update faculty with a link to use once finalized.

Below are Faculty Council Committee meetings scheduled for the Fall 2024 semester. All committee meetings will be on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. via Zoom. All Faculty Council Committee meetings are open to CECI faculty and an agenda with a Zoom link will be shared a week prior to each meeting.

Wednesday, October 16th ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, November 20th ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, December 4th ([Zoom link](#))

College Advisory and Communication Committee

SAVE THE DATE - CECI Service Project

This year, our service project will be held at Public Thread on Friday, November 1. We are fine-tuning the day's event and will have more information soon.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact your CACC representative.

Our representatives:

Jade Bowman, OCA
Paul Bylsma, ELC
Hannah Chiu, SSW GA
Rita Cooper, Dean's Office
Raymond Higbea, SCLD
Christopher Kierkus, SCCJLS - chair
Jamie Langlois, SSW
Kelly Lormand, T&L
Mei Mah, CEP
Rui Niu-Cooper, LEFT
Melanie Rabine-Johnson, UAC

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, October 16
Wednesday, November 20
Wednesday, December 11

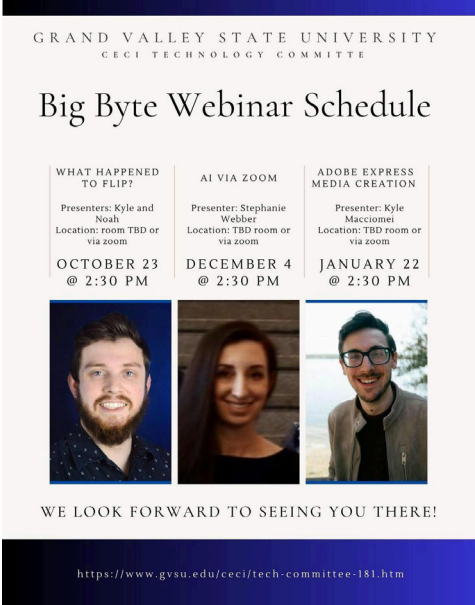
CECI Tech Tidbits

Don't miss these Big Byte webinars scheduled for this academic year.

October 23 at 2:30 p.m.
December 4 at 2:30 p.m.
January 22 at 2:30 p.m.

The eLearning Technologies newsletter provides resources and updates for GV faculty. This edition includes the return of email notifications for followed discussions in Blackboard, essential grading tips, and tools to enhance accessibility using Ally. It also highlights upcoming professional development opportunities, such as webinars on course design, analytics, and grading features. Faculty are encouraged to explore tools like video feedback and the Rubric Design Assistant to streamline grading and create inclusive, accessible content.

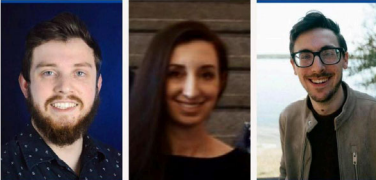
For more details, visit the [full newsletter here](#).



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Big Byte Webinar Schedule

WHAT HAPPENED TO FLIP? Presenters: Kyle and Noah Location: room TBD or via zoom OCTOBER 23 @ 2:30 PM	AI VIA ZOOM Presenter: Stephanie Webber Location: TBD room or via zoom DECEMBER 4 @ 2:30 PM	ADOBE EXPRESS MEDIA CREATION Presenter: Kyle Macciomei Location: TBD room or via zoom JANUARY 22 @ 2:30 PM
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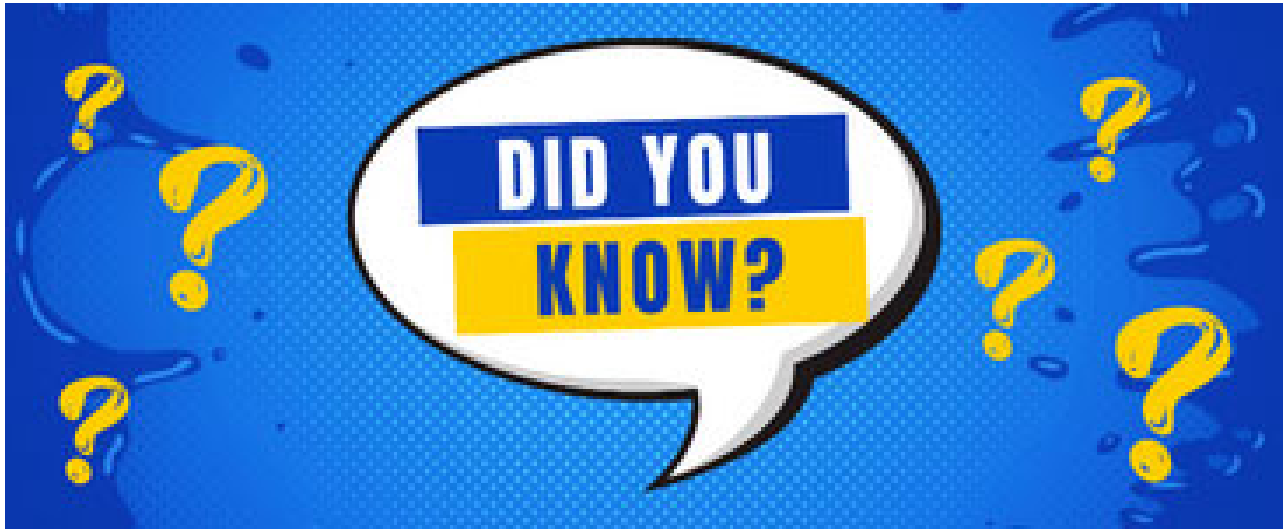


WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

<https://www.gvsu.edu/ceci/tech-committee-181.htm>

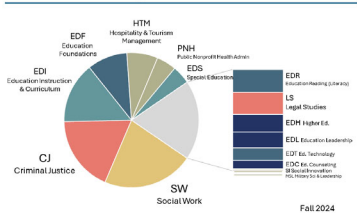


The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff, or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.

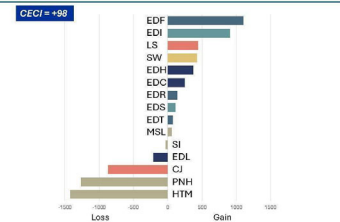


Fall Student Census

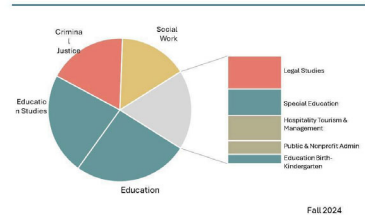
Registration (Student Credit Hours) by Course Prefix



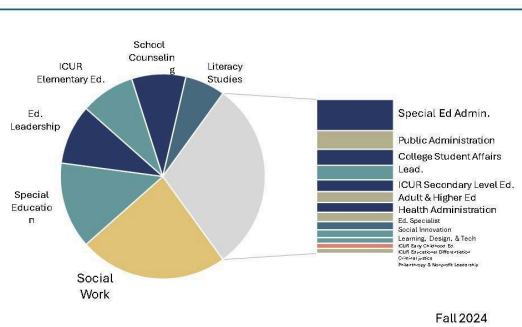
Change in Student Credit Hours by Prefix Fall 2019 to Fall 2024



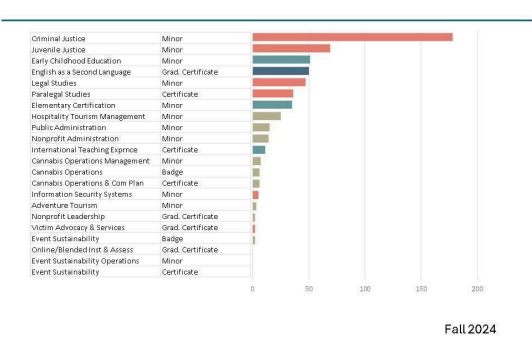
Undergraduate Student Head Count by Major



Graduate Student Head Count by Program



Minors and Microcredential Student Headcount





- October 16** - [GACC GVSU Symphony Orchestra](#) - Haas Center for the Performing Arts - 7:30 p.m.
- October 20 - 22** - Fall Break
- October 23** - Big Byte Webinar
- October 25** - Fall Laker Open House - Kirkhof Center - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- October 25** - The Young Vote - Loosemore Auditorium - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- November 1** - CECI Service Day
- November 12** - [Majors Fair](#) - Kirkhof Center - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- November 12** - [Fall GVSU Education Alumni Roundtable](#) - Regency Room
- November 12** - [Women in Leadership](#) - Loosemore Auditorium
- November 13** - [Teach-In](#) - Seidman 1008 Multipurpose Room
- November 14** - [Teach-In](#) - Kirkhof Center
- November 14** - CECI Fall Social - Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- November 16** - Fall Laker Open House - Kirkhof Center - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- November 27 - December 1** - Thanksgiving Recess
- December 4** - Big Byte Webinar
- December 7 - 14** - Examination Week
- December 7** - Classes End and Commencement
- December 14** - Semester Ends
- January 22** - Big Byte Webinar
- April 14** - Year-End Winter Meeting - Seidman 1008 Multipurpose Room

Join the GVSU community for the **12th annual Teach-In** on November 13 and 14th, 2024, entitled Power, Privilege, and Difficult Dialogues. Teach-In is a two-day conference that engages all participants in mutual education around inequity, systems of oppression, social justice, and liberation on our campus, in our region, and communities worldwide.

Teams of faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit a proposal for a session that is practical, participatory, and action-oriented with an intersectional framework. Faculty are encouraged to make the Teach-In part of their class participation and conversation!

For more information, including the schedule of presentations, visit the Teach-In website



Important Dates

FALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS

August 26 - Fall Personnel Portfolios due to Unit Heads by 11:59 p.m.
October 25 - Unit Head submits appropriate fall personnel documents to Dean
October 31 - Dean forwards fall personnel documents to CPC
November 15 - CPC submits fall personnel recommendations to Dean
December 20 - Dean submits fall personnel recommendations to Provost
January 31 - Provost makes fall personnel decisions and notifies all appropriate people

SABBATICALS

September 1 - Sabbatical Leave Proposals due no later than 11:59 p.m.
September 23 - Revised sabbatical leave proposals are due
September 30 - Unit sabbatical recommendations due
November 15 - University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations are due
December 15 - College Dean sabbatical recommendation is due
January 31 - Provost sabbatical decision is due

WINTER PERSONNEL ACTIONS

October - Candidates for winter personnel actions can [apply in writing](#) to the Dean.

Resources

- [Acronyms](#)
- [CECI Connections Guide](#)
- [CECI Newsletter Repository](#)
- [Experts Guide](#)
- [Organizational Chart](#)
- [Student Flowchart](#)

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Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin

If you have any questions or suggestions or want to share your newsworthy information with us,
please use the link below.

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