



## Mission

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is a multifaceted professional development program that supports all faculty and staff contributing directly to the academic mission of the institution in order to enhance student learning, scholarly productivity, collegial service, compassionate leadership, and each individual's need to find balance among these many roles.

## What's New in Higher Education

One year ago, many were pointing to the growth of massive open online courses, or MOOCs, as the most important trend in higher education. Many saw the rapid expansion of MOOCs as a higher education revolution that would help address two long-vexing problems: access for underserved students and cost.

In theory, students saddled by rising debt and unable to tap into the best schools would be able to take free classes from rock star professors at elite schools via Udacity, edX, Coursera and other MOOC platforms.

But if 2012 was the "Year of the MOOC," as *The New York Times* famously called it ([http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/education/edlife/massive-open-online-courses-are-multiplying-at-a-rapid-pace.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/education/edlife/massive-open-online-courses-are-multiplying-at-a-rapid-pace.html?_r=0)), 2013 might be dubbed the year that online education fell back to earth. Faculty at several institutions rebelled against the rapid expansion of online learning — and the nation's largest MOOC providers are responding. *Read more..* (<http://www.npr.org/2013/12/31/258420151/the-online-education-revolution-drifts-off-course>)

## Upcoming Events/Workshops (/cetl/calendar)

- [Feb 21: e-books Workshop, 12:00-1:00 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)
- [Feb 25: Faculty Writing Session, 3:00-5:00 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)
- [Feb 27: EasyBib Workshop, 12:00-1:00 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)
- [Mar 25: Faculty Writing Session, 3:00-5:00 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)
- [Apr 9: Faculty Workshop, 12:00-1:00 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)
- [Apr 10: Bibliometrics Workshop, 12:00-1:00 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)
- [Apr 30: Creative Works Reception, 2:00-3:30 \(/cetl/calendar\)](#)