

Subject: Faculty Program Director University Teaching Center

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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Caitlin Finlayson has accepted the position of Faculty Program Director of the University Teaching Center. Caitie joined the UMW faculty as an adjunct instructor in 2012, and became a full-time tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Geography in 2014. She received her Ph.D. in Geography from Florida State University (2012) and has a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Winthrop University (2007). Caitie was the 2018 recipient of the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Award and has also been awarded a Jepson Fellowship.

Caitie has facilitated a wide variety of faculty development workshops on topics such as “team-based learning” and “community building in the classroom” and is in the early stages of a significant research project focused on implicit bias in the classroom. She has been recognized for her work in the area of open educational resources, which includes the development of a well-received open textbook, [World Regional Geography](#). Caitie currently serves as an OER Research Fellow for the Open Education Group.

In the coming months, Caitie will be working closely with UMW faculty and staff, the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies, and other areas designed to support faculty teaching, to develop a plan for a new University Teaching Center that will harness the potential of existing resources and personnel to create a new structure that aligns with the University’s strategic vision and supports all faculty, staff and students in our shared commitment to teaching and learning. The goal is to share this plan with the University community and obtain feedback during the spring semester, with a final plan for the University Teaching Center in place for implementation by Fall 2019.

I would like to recognize and thank the members of the search committee for their excellent work throughout the search process and for their clear commitment and dedication to this search:

John Burrow (College of Business), Martha Burtis (DTLT), Surupa Gupta (College of Arts and Sciences, Political Science and International Affairs), Colin Rafferty (College of Arts and Sciences, English, Linguistics and Communication, Chair of the Teaching Center Advisory Committee), Kyle Schultz (College of Education), and Andrea Levi Smith (College of Arts and Sciences, Historic Preservation, member of the Teaching Center Advisory Committee).

Please join me in welcoming Caitie Finlayson to this important new role at the University.

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