

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

### Helpful Resources for Returning to Campus

This week, Iowa State University has been observing Disability Awareness Week (<https://go.iastate.edu/PS5NWX>), a week devoted to educating the Cyclone community about the experience of individuals with disabilities. As an instructor, you have a direct impact on a student's experience and ability to grow and thrive at ISU. Consider these tips to increase accessibility and improve **all** student learning experiences.

- Present information in multiple formats: A disability may impact a student's ability to access specific forms of communication. Provide course content in a variety of modalities to eliminate this barrier, and allow all students the ability to access materials through the platform most beneficial to their learning. Create captions and transcripts for videos and audio recordings, include audio descriptions of images, diagrams, or maps, or include a simulation or hands-on experience.
- Consider how students will engage with course materials and each other: Can you identify any barriers to or within the meeting location(s) or learning environment? Have you selected learning technologies accessible to students with disabilities? Support students by being flexible and providing alternative options for engaging with course materials and each other. Allow students to participate in person or virtually. Give them the opportunity to voice questions and comments, type them within a chat, or provide anonymous feedback via Qualtrics. Encourage students to work together using alternative formats including virtual rooms, team chats, discussion boards, or online interactive apps.
- Use assessment for learning ownership: Identify alternative mechanisms students may utilize to demonstrate acquisition of knowledge and skills indicated in your learning objectives. Provide a variety of options for students to demonstrate their skills that allow for various strengths, preferences, abilities, and student disabilities.

Contact Lori Mickle ([ldmickle@iastate.edu](mailto:ldmickle@iastate.edu), 515-294-5299) for more information about course accessibility or email [celt-help@iastate.edu](mailto:celt-help@iastate.edu) with any questions.

**#CyThx**

Who makes you feel like a valued member of the ISU community?

#CyThx is a collaborative recognition project from the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), ISU Learning Communities, Multicultural Student Affairs, Student Government, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate

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## #CyThx Teaching Spotlight: Dr. Brad Dell, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Music and Theatre

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### Teaching Advice

Particularly true over the last year and a half, but always central to my teaching philosophy, are grace, care, patience, and love. My goal as an instructor is, certainly, to inspire students with the course content. Still, even more importantly, it is to support them in leading and developing full, rich, healthy, engaged, and interesting lives. It is vital to recognize that students are entering our classrooms with very different experiences and, oftentimes many different obstacles. Instruction based in equity requires meeting the students where they are and ensuring that they have what they need to be successful. I strive to clarify the expectations of the course objectives but provide as much grace as possible to accommodate the needs, and challenges students face. And I strive to set up my classes as artistic communities where students support one another through their learning...

Read more of Dr. Dell's advice, including how CELT's Inclusive Classroom (<https://go.iastate.edu/OE1F4A>) training plays a part, on our website (<https://go.iastate.edu/PAB7HK>).

### #CyThx Message

Brad is the ultimate cheerleader. He sends out emails and texts, encouraging the Theatre faculty & staff to face whatever the future brings with grace, patience, and love. He urges us to maintain a healthy work/life balance. He cares about our students and isn't afraid to show them. His positive outlook is rubbing off on me, thank goodness!

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## NCORE/ISCORE 2022



THOMAS L. HILL  
**ISCORE** IOWA STATE CONFERENCE  
ON RACE AND ETHNICITY

### SAVE THE DATE FOR ISCORE 2022

- ▶ Virtual Preconference | March 2
- ▶ Virtual Conference | March 3
- ▶ In-Person Conference | March 4

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submit by November 12

[ISCORE.IASTATE.EDU](https://iscore.iastate.edu)

The 2022 Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity (ISCORE) is now accepting admissions and is offering an in-person and virtual option this year. This year's virtual pre-conference, available to Iowa State faculty and staff, will take place on Wednesday, March 2. Thursday, March 3 will feature the virtual ISCORE conference, and Friday, March 4 will be the in-person ISCORE option.

This forum focused on issues of race and ethnicity is free and open to the entire Iowa State community (students, faculty, and staff), and proposals are being accepted through a Qualtrics link (<https://go.iastate.edu/3BKKEK>) through November 12.

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### CELT 2021 Programs (Oct. 28-Nov. 10)

Register for the events CELT offers below by searching **CELT's Upcoming Events page** (<https://go.iastate.edu/XABEDD>) or **CELT's channel on the ISU Events Calendar** (<https://go.iastate.edu/OOJIIU>). Additionally, we can help register you by emailing [celt@iastate.edu](mailto:celt@iastate.edu) with your name, email, department, and which program you would like to be registered in.

One program that was highlighted was the **Strolls for Well-Being at ISU: Press Pause & Take a Break**. Learn more about the Strolls on **Nov. 3, from 12:30-1 p.m. via Zoom** (<https://go.iastate.edu/NRIONU>)

The next award-winning series session was highlighted. It will take place on **Nov. 4 from 12:10-1:00 via Zoom** (<https://go.iastate.edu/ZMN9AK>). The session is titled **Transitions: Preparing your Students (and yourself) to Adapt (Marna Yandea-Nelson)**.

Another program highlighted was **CELT Teaching Talks: Advanced Tips for Teaching Online II—Webex, Perusall, and more (April Eisman)** on **Nov. 9 from 12-1 p.m. via Zoom** (<https://go.iastate.edu/D9WGFV>)

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### Where to Find Support

CELT has a number of support options for those in need of assistance:

- CELT Open Labs (<https://go.iastate.edu/SQCTZT>)
- Email CELT ([celt-help@iastate.edu](mailto:celt-help@iastate.edu))
- IT Solution Center ([solution@iastate.edu](mailto:solution@iastate.edu))
- 24/7 Canvas Support (<https://go.iastate.edu/SPSFRI>)

Make sure you know what each of these options has to offer, when and how to utilize them by visiting the **CELT Support webpage** (<https://go.iastate.edu/BQIOSZ>)

### How to Contact US

Contact CELT via email at [celt@iastate.edu](mailto:celt@iastate.edu) or call 515-294-5357.

### Questions About Teaching with Technology?

Connect with our CELT instructional designers for support or pedagogical consultations by emailing [celt-help@iastate.edu](mailto:celt-help@iastate.edu). This will create a ServiceNow ticket for easy tracking.