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The mission of the LTO is to support the academic community in its quest to sustain and enhance high quality teaching across Notre Dame. In this bulletin we outline a number of ways we are working towards assisting academics to take a scholarly approach to developing their learning and teaching practices.



Welcome to our new Colleague

We welcome Lyn Marks to our team who is our new Senior Administrative Officer in The LTO and based on the Fremantle campus. Prior to joining Notre Dame, Lyn worked with Curtin University for many years, her last role being with the Learning and Teaching office,

managing the implementation of a variety of strategic learning and teaching projects as well as Executive Officer for the Curtin (Teaching) Academy. Prior to working in Learning and Teaching, Lyn worked in Student Services and Human Resources. Lyn is interested in enhancing the learning and teaching experience and has contributed to research in peer review of teaching and teaching academies. Lyn can be contacted via email lyn.marks@nd.edu.au or on extension 2211.



Awards and Grants

The [Australian Awards for University Teaching](#) (AAUT) celebrate the nation's most outstanding university teachers who have made a significant contribution to enhancing the quality of learning and teaching in higher education. These prestigious awards are highly competitive with an honour roll of outstanding educators spanning more than twenty years.

Once again, our educators' outstanding efforts to provide students with rich learning experiences have been nationally recognised, and we celebrate and congratulate the seven Notre Dame academics receiving AAUT Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning: **Dr Benjamin**

Hay, Associate Professor Dee O'Connor, Dr Christine Robinson, Tracy Treasure, Linda Cranley and Samantha Wynne, and Associate Professor Sean Kearney [Read More](#)



Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education

Do you want to be a better teacher? Semester has already started, but it's not too late to think about enrolling in the Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning this year as we're also running the introductory course in Semester 2! You only need to do one course a semester, so ask your department if they'll grant you fee remission and get this valuable qualification courtesy of your employer. Learn about the current state of play in higher education, designing a curriculum, assessing and evaluating a course so that your student gets the maximum benefit from it, and choose an elective that will extend your current practice. [Read More](#)



Technology Enhanced Learning

We hope the beginning of the semester is going smoothly for you. Did you know that the LTO has a collection of resources for you to explore and use in the **LT1004** course? Every staff member at the University is enrolled in this course, scroll down to the bottom of your course list to find it. It used to just have a Turnitin link in it for you to practice your Turnitin skills on, but now there is so much more. There are links to our How To guides, recordings of workshops, Discussion Boards for you to ask questions, examples of good uses of Blackboard tools, and links to our social network feeds. It's now called [LT1004 Continuing Professional Learning with the LTO](#) and we're updating it all the time. Make sure that you are logged into Blackboard to view the course. Pop in and have a look, and let us know if there's something else you'd like to see in there.

Welcome to all our valuable Sessional teaching staff!

We hope that you all had a great start to your teaching year. To help you negotiate the online landscape at Notre Dame, we have put together a new guide: [Learning & Teaching Guide for Academics](#). The Guide combines a number of useful resources and places them into the teaching context. It's heavily embedded with hyperlinked resources and designed to be used online. We hope you will find it helpful. Please let us know if you would like more information on any of the resources and do not hesitate to contact [Inna](#) or [Alison](#) to chat about your requirements or run a workshop. [Read More](#)



The LTO is on Twitter [@LTONotreDameAUS](https://twitter.com/LTONotreDameAUS)

If you are involved in a learning and teaching project that deserves wider publicity, or you have come across some interesting work, and/or an academic let us know

If you have no idea about Twitter, don't feel embarrassed ... simply drop by the LTO on campus for a quick lesson. It really is only a quick lesson!



Continuing Professional Learning Opportunities

See the LTO's [News and events webpage](#) for events, webinars, newsletters, and continuing professional learning opportunities from various groups such as ACEN, ASCILITE, and Blackboard.

If you can't see it here, but would like some support or just want to give us feedback on our monthly bulletin, please let us know.

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