1. Meet the New Interim Director of the CFE

Greetings, SMHS Faculty! My name is Dee Dee Herrmann, and I am the Interim Director of the Center of Faculty Excellence. I am thrilled to be serving in this new role at the CFE, and I am excited about meeting and working with all of you as the CFE continues to provide professional development to the SMHS community.

I come to this role after serving as the Faculty Development Associate of Engagement for the CFE for the past two years, where I contributed to many of the current CFE programs and services and helped to formulate our future goals and plans for the center. I have been on faculty at SMHS in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies for the past fourteen years and have served in various supportive and leadership positions. I am an alum of the GW PA/MPH Program (class of 2001) and a graduate of the SMHS Master Teacher Leadership Development Program (cohort 8). In 2017, I completed my Doctor of Health Sciences with an emphasis on adult learning. I have experience teaching in both the classroom and clinical learning environment, and I am passionate about helping others realize their full potential as educators of health professional students.

We have an amazingly talented CFE team. Tracy Blanchard, M.Ed, continues to serve as the CFE Director of Teaching and Learning Programs while Pat Latham, MD, EdD, serves as the Faculty Development Associate for Education Research. As we are all learning our new normal at work, online, and at home, it is essential to take time to recharge your enthusiasm and passion for teaching, leading, and conducting education research by investing in yourself and your professional development. Please join one of our Virtual Faculty Connection sessions, get a peer review of your teaching, schedule an appointment for a teaching consult, arrange for a departmental workshop, or get a consultation on a research project you are working on or want to get started. We are here to support all your faculty development needs, so please reach out and let us know how we can help support you and your growth.

Sincerely,

Dee Dee
2. Don’t Miss Out on the Weekly CFE Virtual Faculty Connection

Each Monday at 12-1 pm and 3:30-4:30 pm, the CFE hosts an online Virtual Faculty Connection to help the SMHS faculty meet the challenges of working and teaching online. During the sessions, we explore a topic through a discussion where faculty can share experiences, ideas, and best practices to support one another as we transition to teaching and learning remotely. Some of the most recent sessions have focused on demonstrating various online teaching tools such as recording/editing Panopto videos, navigating Blackboard Collaborate, and using WebEx for teaching. For those of you unable to attend, check out the session notes/handouts and/or link to recordings located on the CFE website/Teaching and Learning/Workshop & Events.

3. Teaching Consults and Peer Reviews of Teaching

Teaching Consults- Help is just one click away

Are you spinning your wheels, figuring out how to use virtual teaching and learning technology, or unsure how to convert your usual face-to-face sessions to engaging online learning experiences? Check out just-in-time resources on our website or reach out to Tracy Blanchard at tlthompson@gwu.edu to schedule a teaching consult appointment.

Peer Reviews of Online or In-person Teaching

Would you like to improve your online or in-person classroom, small group, or clinical teaching skills? Align your teaching with what really works to facilitate learning and get a healthy start populating your teaching portfolio for the 2020-2021 academic year. Contact Dee Dee Herrmann at dee2a@gwu.edu with a short description of any issue(s) you would like assistance with and the day and time your teaching occurs to get paired with a graduate of the Master Teacher Leadership Development Program.

4. Other Teaching and Learning Resources

The CFE Website has training materials and resources you may find useful when preparing to teach online:

- Panopto (recording & editing lectures/screencasts)
- Web Conferencing Tools (Blackboard Collaborate & Webex)

If you’d like to explore additional educational technology resources, please visit the CFE Website Educational Technology page.

If you have additional needs or questions, please contact Dee Dee Herrmann (dee2a@gwu.edu) or Tracy Blanchard (tlthompson@gwu.edu).