We’re flipping the paradigm for this year’s Summer Institute! Instead of learning from outside experts, participants will explore and share their own expertise in teaching and learning. Following the model of the Great Teachers Movement, the 2022 Summer Institute is based on the philosophy that well-facilitated shoptalk is one of the highest forms of professional development. No individual “expert” can match the collective knowledge, experience, wisdom, creativity, and genius of any group of teachers actively involved in their profession. The participants are the “experts” at the retreat.

The Great Teaching Retreat is based on the seminar model of the National Great Teachers Movement, founded in 1969 by David Gottshall. This movement continues to grow with workshops, retreats, and seminars held across the United States, Canada, and other parts of the world.

**When and Where:** The retreat will start at noon on Wednesday, May 18 and end at noon on Friday, May 20 at the Saratoga Hot Springs Resort in Saratoga, WY.

**Who:** All UW faculty and lecturers (tenure- and non-tenure-track) are invited to apply. We hope to build a cohort that represents breadth in both disciplines and experience.

**How:** Participants will meet with teachers from different disciplines, engage in highly interactive discussions, share successful teaching strategies and innovations, seek solutions to their own teaching problems and challenges, and much more. Retreat facilitators will provide structure and guidelines to help assure effective use of retreat time, but participants will decide which issues are most important and relevant to discuss. Together, we will pursue a quest for the ideal of the “great teacher.”

We will have great food, great conversation, and even free time for exploring Wyoming’s picturesque Platte Valley.

**Funding:** In lieu of a stipend, the ECTL will cover lodging in individual rooms and meals at the beautiful Saratoga Hot Springs Resort for the duration of the retreat. Note that participants will provide their own transportation to and from Saratoga.

**COVID Protocol:** We will adhere to all UW COVID guidelines and protocols throughout the Institute.

**Note:** Participants must attend all Institute sessions and meals in person. We are unable to offer options for remote or Zoom participation.

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

*Applicants notified of acceptance by Friday, April 1st.*

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