



Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching

"We have to move back to the idea that education isn't about teaching people to bow to rigid rules. That's not what democracy is about." -- [Kimberle Crenshaw](#)

Blog Post: Supporting Trans and Gender-Nonbinary Students

Last semester, faculty gathered at CELT to learn from Hope Freeman, Director of Tufts' [LGBT Center](#) and Interim Director of the [Women's Center](#), about how faculty can support transgender and gender non-binary students. We invite you to read our blog post that summarizes the recommendations shared during the workshop, one of which is included here:



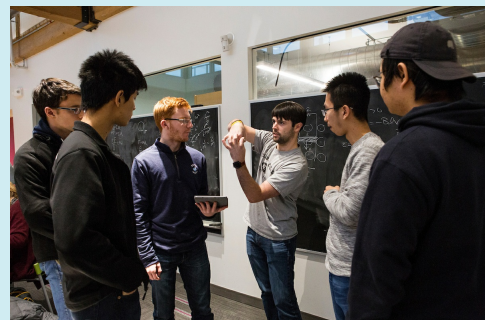
"In many of our classrooms, it's common on the first day to ask students to share their names and pronouns. While this can be a valuable exercise in normalizing the idea of gender as a social construct, it also has the potential to make some trans and gender-nonbinary students uncomfortable. [As Susan Marine shows](#), for students who are grappling with questions about their identity or do not feel safe revealing their gender identity, **forcing them to identify their pronouns before they are ready can further marginalize them**. To mitigate this, give students the option to reveal their pronouns but do not mandate it."

[To read more, click here.](#)

Upcoming Opportunities



Sign Up Now for Mid-Term Feedback



Workshop: Empowering Neurodiversity in the

CELT's popular program provides faculty with student feedback midway through the semester, allowing them to make timely adjustments to their courses during the semester. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The program will run **February 20 - March 6.**

We fill up fast, so sign up now by completing this [online application.](#)

Classroom

Participants will gain a better understanding of the experiences of students with diverse abilities at Tufts. Presenters will share concrete strategies for how faculty can teach in a manner that recognizes the strengths and contributions neurodiverse students bring to their classrooms. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Monday, Feb 10, 12:00-1:30 PM. Medford campus. Lunch will be served. Email celt@tufts.edu to sign up.

Save the Date



University-Wide Teaching Conference: "Lessons in Learning"

The annual spring teaching conference will take place on Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20 on the Boston Campus. More information to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

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