

## Ep. 056: Let's Talk... Moving

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We take a break from teaching tips and expert advice to talk about the next big change coming to the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology. Find out what our move to Williams Hall... and, eventually, to destinations beyond... means for Illinois State instructors.

### Transcript

JIM: Hi there, I'm Jim.

CLAIRE: and I'm Claire.

JIM: Let's talk... moving.

CLAIRE: Oh! Oh, I see what you did there.

JIM: uh-huh.

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JIM: Welcome to Let's Talk Teaching, a podcast from the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology here at Illinois State University. I'm Jim Gee, joining me once again, our director Dr. Claire Lamonica. Hi Claire.

CLAIRE: Hi Jim.

JIM: So, what are all these boxes doing around here?

[Laughing]

CLAIRE: We are tripping over boxes. We have boxes in every nook and cranny here. I love it.

JIM: I was walking through the building and I kept hearing the sound [dispensing tape sound].

CLAIRE: The sound of tape coming off the roll and going down, going onto a box.

JIM: So, obviously, CTLT is moving. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who is a big fan of CTLT because I presume by the time, we release this episode there will have been some mass email. We're moving and we're excited.

CLAIRE: We are excited! We are excited. We are going to move from the Instructional... ITDC, Instructional Technology and Development Center.

JIM: Yeah. It has always rolled trippingly off the tongue.

CLAIRE: Yes, at 301 Main Street right next door to Jimmy John's.

JIM: Yes.

CLAIRE: Just as we have been describing ourselves for years. We're moving on to the quad, well not literally on the quad. We're moving to Williams Hall which is located on the east side of the quad just not too far south of Hovey Hall.

JIM: Yes.

CLAIRE: Um... was the original library for Illinois State University. I was actually having breakfast with a friend this morning who told me that she remembered, in her first year at Illinois State, going to the library in Williams Hall to study with her friends for three nights a week. And, you know, somebody my age remembers when it was the library... so I do. She's a little bit younger, so anyway... It's a beautiful, beautiful, building.

JIM: Right.

CLAIRE: You know it has suffered from delayed and deferred maintenance.

JIM: Yes.

CLAIRE: So, that's too bad but we're very excited.

JIM: It's happening rather quickly, but we've known that something was going to happen for a long time, so we've made preparations to make sure that this disruption to faculty and our support we do for faculty will be minimized at least.

CLAIRE: Yeah. It's talking quickly, um, the way things happened quickly at the university and that we talked about it for a year.

[Laughing]

CLAIRE: You know, and now, I assumed that somebody, you know, thought about it for a year before that. So anyway, now it feels like it's happening quickly, but we've, we have known it was on the horizon.

JIM: Sure. Sure, and should we mention where this may fall in a larger journey.

CLAIRE: Well yeah, so, you know, Williams Hall is a temporary destination for many units at the university. It's, I think, it's officially called a surge space it's a place that they can put you while you don't have a space.

JIM: Yes, um, and when I originally heard that, I thought the person said surf space...

[Laughing]

JIM: and having grown up in a landlocked state, for the most part, surfing's not really... it didn't go.

CLAIRE: No, it's a surge space. It's much nicer than I... I actually called it purgatory. I said it was where you go while you wait to find out where you're going next, but, anyway, our new permanent home in the next few years, very few years I hope, will be Milner library.

JIM: Right.

CLAIRE: So that's, that's really exciting!

JIM: And so, that's something that I'm sure we'll talk about down the road but in the meantime, we're looking at, hopefully, only having a few days, maybe a week where, our Opscan Evaluation service is offline. I mean we're really trying to get everything, you know, Unplug it, put in a box, move it over there, getting it plugged in because we know that there are services that we have, that faculty rely on, and, ultimately, students rely on.

CLAIRE: Yeah, well you know. We're going to try to do this with as little disruption as possible. I think Opscan is probably going to be the most noticeable to people who use that service because we are going to have to take Opscan, really offline for probably, a minimum of, three days. It just depends on how fast we really can get the machines moved over and, you know, all connected to the new network.

JIM: Yeah.

CLAIRE: All that stuff in here so we're going to, we're trying to make that happen. Offer the least disruption of any time and it would have been ideal if we could have done it over the summer but that couldn't happen for a lot of...

JIM: Yeah. By the time you're listening to this, and we will link in the show notes you can, mainly, go to our homepage [CTLT.IllinoisState.edu](http://CTLT.IllinoisState.edu) and you'll get the latest news on our move there. One other thing I want to talk about was the fact that there are other support services we offer. That are, you know...Except for dropping by.

CLAIRE: Right, So, we will have a week, probably, where we won't be taking walk-ins.

JIM: Right. ReggieNet support will be uninterrupted. Yes.

CLAIRE: That will continue by phone and by email uninterrupted. We won't be doing walk-in instructional consultations, or really very many instructional consultations, at all. If it's a real emergency, let us know, we'll come to your place and talk to you. Programming is going to be very, you know, in this fall, programming, will be hither and yon. We are... you know, putting it in spaces all over campus. So, you'll have to look kind of carefully.

JIM: And those are already scheduled so we've had a lot of support from partners around campus have opened up their spaces to us, especially computer labs and whatnot. We may not have as many duplicate workshops on the more technical side of things, but I think...I've already scheduled 60 workshops. So, I think, I say pretty good.

CLAIRE: Yeah, 60 short courses and, you know, technology workshops, and things, and there will be learning communities going on. There'll be reading groups going on. So, most of, the kinds of things we do during the school year, will still be happening.

JIM: So, to wrap it up what do you want the faculty to get out of this? What is the advantage to the to our instructors and, eventually, to our students of this journey, we're going to be taking, that will ultimately end up in the library?

CLAIRE: Most immediately it's bringing us to the main body of campus right on the quad, and then eventually in Milner library which, if you, you know, if you've been over to the renovated Bone Student Center, and seen the beautiful new entrances to the campus you know that is becoming more and more of a gateway in a hub to our campus. So that's going to be a real, that's going to be a real advantage too. So, I think there are a lot of advantages and I just, you know, I just want to let everybody know that there will be some short-term disruptions, you know. Right now, we're all, you know, it's one building and, we're all on the same floor and...

JIM: That's right we're going to be spread out a little bit more.

CLAIRE: Yeah, spread out over a couple of floors at Williams.

JIM: Yeah, and more information on that we're...actually, still kind of in placing fantasy.

CLAIRE: We don't know where we're going to be but we're working on... we know where we're going to be, but we just don't know exactly who's going to be where.

JIM: Exactly. We will have a front entrance, which is actually on the Stevenson Hall side of Williams Hall, but you can, you're going to be able to get to us, you're going to be able to get to us either way, and...

CLAIRE: So, we're going to have signage. There'll be a lot of... the thing that won't happen right away, probably, is the signage.

JIM: Right.

CLAIRE: You know we may have to provide Sherpas for the first, you know a, few weeks, but eventually there will be significantly... There'll be significant signage for CTLT, and I actually had a meeting this morning with someone who directs another unit located in that building, who was like, you know, it would really help us out if we could all have better signage. If we're creating signage, you know, why not have signage for everybody? So, it maybe that Williams Hall is just easier to navigate all around right

JIM: So, I think that I think the moral of the story is we're looking forward to moving. We realize this, is ultimately our goal, in fact, is to have this be a much more of a disruption to our lives than to the faculty, absolutely, and to instruction on campus. And I think that we're in good position to do that. So, Claire, I'll see you over in Williams Hall.

CLAIRE: I'll see you there.

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JIM: And that's all the time we have for this bonus episode of Let's Talk Teaching. You can find out more about our podcast and, of course, about our move, go to our website [CTLT.IllinoisState.edu](http://CTLT.IllinoisState.edu). for Dr. Claire Lamonica, for all my colleagues here at the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology until we talk again. Happy teaching!