

Dead Ideas in Teaching and Learning Podcast Series

Season Two Trailer

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Catherine Ross ([00:05](#)):

Welcome back to Dead Ideas in Teaching and Learning. I'm Catherine Ross, the Executive Director at the Center for Teaching and Learning at Columbia University. In each episode of this podcast, guests are invited to share their discoveries of dead ideas, ideas that are not true, but widely believed and embedded in the pedagogical choices that we make. In our first season, we explored all of Diane Pike's original three dead ideas, and while talking with our guests, we discovered and explored several more. In this season, we'll continue our exploration, into grading and "ungrading", making assessment a tool for learning, rather than ranking, unpacking the power of the syllabus, and challenging our assumptions about online learning.

Catherine Ross ([00:56](#)):

When we began this podcast, our mission was to encourage instructors, students, and leaders in higher education to reflect on what they believe about teaching and learning. Now, almost a year into the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it remains a difficult and uncertain moment for higher education. But in that uncertainty, we have a profound opportunity to confront the many dead ideas that have been exposed by the move out of our traditional classrooms and to challenge what teaching means and how it happens.

Catherine Ross ([01:33](#)):

This podcast is a space for reflection, transformation, and learning. We hope these radically honest conversations will continue to inspire aha moments for those of you who are listening, as you reflect on and refine your understanding of your own teaching and learning. Dead Ideas is produced by the Center for Teaching and Learning at Columbia University. We hope you'll join us.