From October 23rd to 25th, I had the opportunity to attend the 14th conference for the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Quebec City, Canada. This was my first SoTL conference as my interest in this area has recently grown, so I was unsure as to the format and what to expect. The conference was divided into mini-sessions with one large session per day. This allowed me the opportunity to attend many different types of talks and gain information into a few of the areas of opportunity.

There was one talk in particular which I believe I started some ideas for research opportunities. This keynote lecture was by Georges Bordage, MD, PhD, titled “Three lessons from Educational Psychology”. He discussed what much of the evidence states about teaching. Another primary idea was to take the work that is already being done in the classroom and find a useful manner for using it as scholarship. This gave me several ideas for research studies - several of which I have already started discussing with a colleague.

In addition to the previously mentioned lecture, there were many other useful speakers and topics and many opportunities for conversation with individuals in all different fields regarding their SoTL research, and ideas for how to implement that into my discipline. I believe that this was an excellent conference for increasing my interest and knowledge into this field.