

Peter Bloniarz, an instrumental figure in the founding of the Center for Technology in Government, has been named a Collins Fellow by the University at Albany for 2002. The annual award is given to faculty members who have shown extraordinary and sustained commitment to the University and its community. Peter has been recognized by both the President's and Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching. He is currently the interim director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, established as a vehicle to assist faculty and teaching assistants in the use of technology in delivering of course material, as well as in general pedagogy.

While his academic appointment is in the Department of Computer Science, Peter is also the director and long-time faculty member of the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in information science. He works indefatigably to improve the University as a whole, and enhance the teaching environment and technological infrastructure.

In 1992-93, Peter volunteered to work on a pilot project with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles that led to the creation of CTG. He served as CTG's technical leader and research director before moving to his current roles in CETL and the information science doctoral program. Peter continues to be involved in CTG's research programs and remains a valued friend and colleague to all the university, government, and corporate partners who have had the pleasure to work with him.