

# Online Seminar on Undergraduate Mathematics Education

## Seeking and Embracing Opportunity in Imperfect Situations: A “Wabi Sabi” Approach to Active Learning in Large Classes

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Large courses are a challenge to teach for a variety of reasons, especially when incorporating active learning. In this talk, I take a philosophical approach informed by the notion of embracing and seeking opportunity in imperfection situations, without minimizing or discounting the real challenges instructors grapple with. While this talk will not focus on specific practical and readily implementable techniques, the hope is that attendees might find it useful to apply a Wabi Sabi lens in order to identify opportunities in their context. This talk has two parts. In the first part, I'll share my approach, and in the second part attendees will discuss and share their ideas.

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