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Who We Are
The Whitworth faculty includes 138 Christian teacher-scholars. These committed teachers engage in scholarship to advance their understanding of the world and to bring new discoveries into their classrooms. Organizations beyond our campus have recognized the high quality of our faculty scholarship, and they support Whitworth research programs. Whitworth faculty members have received research grants from a broad range of organizations, including the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, NASA, The National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Science Foundation.

What We Do
Whitworth faculty members are engaged in a wide array of research and scholarship projects. The work of our natural scientists includes investigating the physics of electric propulsion, studying organometallic chemistry in aqueous solutions, and reviewing Fibonacci numbers as quantum analogs. Scholars in the humanities conduct their daily classes and publish poetry, analyze histories of the American colonial and antebellum South, and compose biblical commentaries. In the course of their other teaching and research responsibilities, social scientists examine the effects of regional trade agreements on trade policy stability, analyze the impact of sexual abuse on male partners of female survivors, and evaluate ideas for reconstructing the political culture in Liberia. And faculty in the arts teach, perform, contribute to exhibits, create arrangements for jazz ensembles, direct staged readings in Spokane theatres, and display artwork based on and inspired by Gulf Coast communities in crisis.

Why We Do It
While teaching remains the central faculty responsibility at Whitworth, scholarship is also crucial. Faculty scholarship models lifelong learning for our students while keeping faculty members immersed in the joy of discovery and connected to the broader conversations of their academic disciplines. Some faculty conduct research and write monographs with their undergraduate students in special research programs that mentor students for graduate study. Some address disciplinary problems from explicitly Christian viewpoints as a unique contribution to discussions in the wider academy. And some integrate new knowledge into governmental policies and social programs to serve humanity. Regardless of faculty members’ motivation, their dedication leads to a common outcome: the discovery and synthesis of knowledge to serve humanity.

Why We Want You to Know about It
The purpose of this annual publication is to share some of the ways in which Whitworth's faculty contributes to the world of knowledge. In the following pages you will read about recent publications, scholarly presentations, professional service, research grants, fellowships and awards. You will also read (on the following page) the faculty-authored definition of scholarship and see how Whitworth faculty members engage across the four primary types of scholarship. While this publication is not comprehensive, it does highlight the breadth and depth of faculty scholarship at Whitworth as it provides a small taste of the fruit of the productive work of the university's teacher-scholars.
Whitworth University seeks to be a community of Christian teacher-scholars learning and growing together with our students. Whitworth affirms the vital importance of both scholarly activity and classroom teaching, and sees the two as mutually beneficial and fundamentally integrated in developing the minds and hearts of both students and faculty.

The concept of scholarship at Whitworth University recognizes the value of all who are engaged in critical thinking and intellectual pursuits that include the creation, discovery, integration, analysis and application of ideas. While our definition reflects our identity as a small liberal arts university dedicated to teaching and to a wide range of service opportunities and professional development, it also recognizes the traditional concept of scholarship informing the wider realm of academia.

Scholarship at Whitworth University is defined as systematic, focused attention on a question, problem, or idea – attention that is characterized by expertise, originality, analysis and significance. Scholarship results in a product that is shared with appropriate peer audiences within the wider academic community through media such as publication, performance, exhibitions, presentations and workshops.

Scholarship may explore new territory, build upon what is known, or interpret what is given; it results in a product or offering that contributes to the broader world of knowledge. A scholar is an active learner who brings his or her experience and knowledge into the classroom. Scholars manifest and model the qualities of exemplary students: Scholars ask questions, seek answers, look for connections, engage in problem-solving, and apply what they have learned. Good scholars, like good students, demonstrate a lifelong commitment to the pursuit of knowledge.
Published Books, Chapters, Music


Arlin Migliazzo, To Make This Land Our Own: Community Identity and Cultural Adaptation in Purrysburg Township, South Carolina, 1732-1865. University of South Carolina Press, 2007.


E. Victor Bobb, *Ruralite Magazine*. Ruralite Services, Inc; Forest Grove, Oregon. 4-5. “Past, Present, and Future: All AOK” (Jimmer Tillman) (May 2007); “It’s Always Changing” (Jody George) (June 2007); “At Home in Okanogan County” (Elizabeth Sullivan) (July 2007); “Gathered as a Community” (Millpond Days) (Aug. 2007); “An Affirmation of Life” (Danny Miller) (Sept. 2007); “Leader of the Herd” (Casey Nissen) (Oct. 2007); “An Evening of Reassurance” (NVEC Annual Meeting) (Nov. 2007); “In Tune With Kayla” (Kayla Newland) (Dec. 2007). “A Vital and Historical Record” (Cindi Seymour) (Jan. 2008); “The Beat Goes On” (Steve Lukes) (Feb. 2008); “The Man Who Tells the Stories” (Vic Bobb) (March 2008); “Keeping the Past Alive” (Pat Spence) (April 2008); “To Your Good Health” (Yvonne Misiaszek) (May 2008).


Michael Ingram, Ingram, Michael and Ester Louie. “Advising Special Student Populations: Exemplary Practices.” *NACADA Monograph Series* #17 (Fall 2007).


Published Reviews

**Angeles Aller**, ¿Qué onda? Urban Youth Culture and Border Identity, by Cynthia L. Bejarano. RMMLA e-review Journal (Fall 2007).

**Forrest Baird**


**Todd Cioffi**


**Arlin Migliazzo**


Published Book and Articles (non-refereed)


**Gerald Sittser**, Love One Another: Becoming the Church Jesus Longs For. IVP, 2008.


Formal Presentations


Karin Heller, “Liturgical movements between ressourcement and aggiornamento in the context of the 20th-century Church of France.” Catholic Faculty of Theology. Tolburg University, Netherlands, 2008.


Dennis Sterner


**Non-juried Shows**


Director, Whitworth Choir performances at Mead High School and Saint George’s School, Feb. 13, 2008; Sharon United Church, Langley, B.C., Feb. 22, 2008; Spring Concert, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, April 20, 2008; Whitworth Men’s Chorus Spring Program, Chapel, April 30, 2008.

Debbie Hansen, Conductor, Chancel Choir, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Conductor, Whitworth Women’s Choir for Christmas Festival Concerts, Dec. 2007; Spring Concert at St. Augustine Church, April 2008; and Whitworth Chapel and First Presbyterian Church, Spokane, 2007-08.


Angeles Aller, West-E World Languages Test Development Committee Higher Ed Consultant (ongoing).
World Languages Endorsement Review Committee Member, OSPI. Fall 2007.


Benjamin Brody, Chair, Music in Worship Committee, Northwest Division American Choral Directors Association. 2007-08.


Sean Bushéy, NCAA Regional Ranking Committee. Technical director of Spokane Shadow Youth Soccer Club. 2007-08.
Head coach of boys’ 1992 age group for Region IV’s Olympic Development Program. 2007.

David Cherry, Treasurer of Executive Committee, Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.


“Oh, Holy Night.” Jazz big-band arrangement commissioned by Spokane Jazz Orchestra for jazz vocalist Dee Daniels.


Angela Gonzalez, Review board. Composition Studies. 2007-08.

Chairperson, 2008 WA-ACDA Summer Institute.
Deborah Hansen, Choral arrangement for SSAA of Agnus Dei (by Paul Halley, originally for SATB), performed by the Whitworth Women’s Choir.

Janet Hauck, Member. Northwest Digital Archives Steering Team. 2007-08.

Carol Hollar, Member. School Board for District #123, Orchard Prairie. 2007-08.


Michael Ingram, Tournament director. Spokane Falls Community College Speech and Debate Contest. March 7-8, 2008.

Kent Jones, Regional contest judge. Pacific Northwest Regional Programming Competition sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery.
Site director for the 2007 annual Pacific Northwest Regional Programming Competition sponsored by IBM and put on by Association of Computing Machinery.
Director. Spring 2008 local programming competition.


Scott Kolbo, Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture Art Committee.

Wrote introduction to Akiane’s second poetry collection, My Dream is Bigger Than I: Memories of Tomorrow.

John Larkin, Board of directors. Pacific Northwest Association for College Physics. 2007-08.

Melinda Larson, Member of National Athletic Trainers Association Continuing Education Committee.

Lisa Laurier, coordinator. Spokane Area Council of the International Reading Association. 2007-08.
Editorial Review Board member. AILACTE Journal, Association for Independent Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education. 2007-08.

Michael Le Roy, Workshop leader for new chief academic officers, Council of Independent Colleges, Chief Academic Officer Institute, Nov. 2008-10.

Member. State Advisory Board. Gifted and Talented, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.


Scott McQuilkin, Marketing Committee chair. Northwest Conference.


Scott Miller, Assistant director. The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, Inter-Mountain Region Board of Directors. 2007-08.

Collaborator. “Songs for Soulmates.” Composition for tenor, oboe, and piano by Christopher Stanichar. 2007-08.


Sharon Mowry, Higher education representative. State Board of Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Member of Hearing Panel for Professional Educator Standards Board for Central Washington University's appeal.

Member of Conference Committee for WSASCD. Nov. 2008.

Task Force Member to review Standard V for Principal Preparation Programs in Washington state.

Task Force Member to review the PESB appeal process for university educator preparation programs.

Math/science partnership grant evaluator in partnership with ESD 101.

Submission of a proposal, through Phase 1 and Phase 2, to the Professional Educator Standards Board for a Washington state specialty endorsement for gifted education on behalf of Whitworth University.


Prospective-student interviewer. Princeton Theological Seminary.

Pamela Corpron Parker, Chair. British Women Writers Association. 2007-08.


Consulting. Deer Park girls’ basketball coach on improving team strength, conditioning and speed.


Russ Richardson, Secretary/treasurer. Northwest Athletic Trainers Association.

Consultant. Accreditation site visit chair, CAATE.

Professional consultant. Nebraska Wesleyan University; Washington State University; Hastings College.

Tami Robinson, Past president and member of the board of directors. Fellowship of Christian Librarians & Information Specialists. 2007-08.


Heather Rogers, Vice president. Spokane chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. 2007-08.


On-campus champion. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. 2007-08.

Forensic accountant. Spokane County Prosecutor’s Office and Spokane Police Department. Provide expert assistance with fraud investigations.
Marketing blog: consumermindset.blogspot.com.


Western regional representative to the Executive Committee. Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education. 2007-08.


Michael Sardinia, Reviewer. Heart Failure Reviews.
Advisor. Draft Horse Club, Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine.
Chemistry synthesis consultant. Pacific Northwest Biotechnology.

Steve Schadt, Liaison. College Swim Coaches Association to the Northwest Conference Board.
Member and consultant. Spokane Waves Age Group Swim Team.
Expert and consultant. Waves Swim Team Board of Directors.

Richard Schatz, Forensic economics consultant. Expert witness on six cases for three law firms. Researched and prepared reports on economic losses associated with wrongful discharge from employment and wrongful death. 2007-08.

Judith Schoepflin, Education board member. Washington State Music Teachers.
Member. Musicfest Piano Advisory Board; Musicfest Young Artist Concerto selector.
Member. Musicfest Solo Repertoire and Quick Study Committee.
Adjudicator. Seattle Music Teachers.

Toby Schwarz, Representative. West Region Division III NCAA, track and field.
Director, head presenter. Third Annual Whitworth University Cross Country Coaches’ Clinic, Aug. 18, 2007.
Director, head presenter. Third Annual Whitworth University Track and Field Coaches’ Clinic, Feb. 16, 2008.


Member. State visitation team to Evergreen State College. 2007.
Member. State Partnership Committee for the National Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. 2007-08.
National member representing the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
Member of the board and co-chair of the Education Committee. Pacific Education Institute. 2007-08.

Member. OSPI: Alternative Assessment Advisory Panel. 2007-08.

Karen Stevens, Reviewer. Environmental Health Perspectives; Journal of Chemical Education.
Presentation regarding departmental approval to Committee on Professional Training at the ACS national meeting, Boston, Mass. Aug. 2007.


Adrian Teo, Member. Advisory board. Christian Association for Psychological Studies 50th-year celebration book project, Psychology and Christianity Integration: Seminal Works that Shaped the Movement. 2007.

Peter Tucker, Article reviewer. IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering. Reviewed article for major research journal. 2008.


Noelle Wiersma, Member. Western Psychological Association Council of Representatives.

Roberta Wilburn, Member. Planning Committee. International teacher education symposium, Mukogowa Institute. The first annual international teacher education symposium in collaboration with Gonzaga and Eastern Washington University.

Consultant. Excelsior Children’s Center. Trained staff on understanding the development of middle adolescents and attachment disorders.

Coordinator. School Counseling Professional Education Advisory Board.

Member. School Administration Professional Education Advisory Board.

Betty Williams, Director. Whitworth Literacy Center After-School Program. 2007-08. An educational service center for children ages 6-12 years and a training center for undergraduate and graduate students.

Director. Whitworth Literacy Center, Summer Program. 2007.

Treasurer. Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis. 2007-08.


Member. Working study group. Carter Center, Emory University, Working group to West Africa. March 2008. Preparation and presentation of a 10-page report of findings, including an agenda for further research.

Raja Tanas. Project director for a Fulbright grant, “Direct Access to the Muslim World” (approved in 2008). Grant will fund a six-week visit to Whitworth for Sajida Tabbara, a visiting Fulbright Scholar and assistant professor of language and linguistics at the University of Bahrain.


Jo Wagstaff. NCAA grant for expenses to Student-Athlete Leadership Conference. Dallas, Texas, with two students (Jan. 2008).

NCAA grant for Student-Athlete Advisory Council spring activity with elementary school children ($300, 2008)

Betty Williams and Elsa Distelhorst. Spokane North Rotary for Literacy Center scholarships ($550, 2007).

Betty Williams and Elsa Distelhorst. Anonymous donor for Literacy Center books ($750, 2007).

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External Grants Awarded

Drew Budner and Deanna Ojennus. Memorial National College Grants Program for the purchase of a new HPLC in chemistry, Pittsburgh Conference ($10,000, 2008).

Kent Jones. Xilinx University Program grant of software commercially valued at $4,680 ($750, 2007).


External Teaching and Coaching Awards

John Tully, 2007 Northwest Conference Coach of the Year

Toby Schwarz, 2008 NCAA Division III West Region Indoor Track and Field Men’s Coach of the Year
2008 NWC Track and Field Male Coach of the Year
2008 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field West Region Men’s Coach of the Year

Lisa Laurier, AILACTE Scholar Award, Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education, 2008

Pamela Corpron Parker, British Women Writers Award for contributions to the field of British women writers, 2008

Peggy Johnsen, Celebrate Literacy Award, International Reading Association and the Spokane Area Council, for exemplary service in the promotion of literacy, May 2008

Jim Hayford, Northwest Conference Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year, 2008

Sean Bushey, Northwest Conference Men’s Soccer Coach of the Year, 2008
Northwest Conference Women’s Soccer Coach of the Year. 2008
National Soccer Coaches Association of America Regional Coach of the Year, 2008

Steve Schadt, Northwest Conference Women’s Swim Coach of the Year, 2007-08
American Swim Coaches Association Certificate of Excellence, 2007-08

Melinda Larson, Outstanding Educator, Northwest Athletic Trainers Association

Mike Ediger, Service Award, Northwest Athletic Trainers Association College and University Athletic Training Student Committee


External Scholarly Fellowships

Patricia Bruininks, Fellowship to attend the Summer Institute in Informed Patient Choice, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 2007

James Edwards, Member (one of 12 from around the world) of the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, N.J., fall 2007

Faculty/Student Collaboration

Angeles Aller, Three faculty-directed studies during academic year 2007-08. Assisted three Spanish majors applying for Spanish Ministry of Education grants to be English language and culture assistants.

Forrest Baird, Faculty research advisor for Amy Bernard, “Compatibilism Revised”; Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference.
Faculty-supervised student translation of Plato’s Republic.

Philip Baldwin, Student-faculty collaboration with composition student Shawn Tolley and Music Professor Brent Edstrom to bring a guest composer (Bruce Frazier) to campus as part of CompFest, in April 2008.

Nadine Chapman, Faculty/student research with Julie Lauterbach as a research assistant, reading articles on Gabriel Mistral from scholarly journals available only in Spanish. Summer and fall 2007.


Brent Edstrom, CompFest 2008 in collaboration with senior composition student Shawn Tolley. The festival featured an intercollegiate composers' forum with students from Whitworth and Gonzaga as well as clinics with visiting guest artist, Bruce Frazier, and a performance by the Whitworth Symphony Orchestra directed by Philip Baldwin.


Carol Hollar, Faculty/student collaboration for elementary school art exhibit. EDE 345 students Kelly Barnett and Amber Smith, 2008.


Scott Kolbo, Faculty/student collaboration to create prints for Loop Press.
Faculty/student collaboration to develop sections of printmaking manual.


Susan Mabry, Faculty/student research with Robert Wahlstedt on SmartMedAgents, 2007-08.
Faculty/student research with Alice Clawson, Marcus Hagerott and Kayla Lewis on SmartMedAgents in conjunction with autism research, spring 2008 and continuing into the summer.


Scott Miller, Faculty/student performance with Molly Mason. Seattle Area Alumni Dinner following Seattle Christmas concerts, Dec. 2007.
Faculty/student performance with student string quartet and student choirs. Whitworth Choir Christmas concerts, Seattle and Spokane, Dec. 2007.

Faculty/student collaboration with Shawn Tolley. Performed student composition for Composers Forum, Whitworth University, 2008.

Roger Mohrlang, Faculty research advisor for Evan Cate and Eric Brewer for study of the “New Perspective on Paul” for the Weyerhaeuser Young Scholar Research Seminar, spring 2008.

Pamela Corpron Parker, Faculty research advisor for Allison Geeslin, “Literary Tourism,” an Opportunity Scholar research project, fall 2007.


Moses Pulei, Faculty research advisor for Amy Johnson, “Environmental Care as Mission,” spring 2008.


Richard Stevens, Faculty/student collaboration with Carissa Humrickhouse to develop a new computer control for the observatory using wireless technology, Jan. 2008.

Adrian Teo, Faculty research advisor for Derek Gruen, PY475 Research Colloquium Washington State Department of Health, Healthy Youth Survey, fall 2007.


John Tully, Faculty/student collaboration with Jeremy Scroggins and Matt Johnson, “Play Fast, Practice Fast.” PowerPoint and video presentation for the Nike Oregon Coach of the Year Clinic, March 8, 2008.


Noel Wescombe, Faculty research advisor for Tori Crain and Jael Hagerott, “Considering the personalities of women soccer players and the positions they prefer to play on the Whitworth women’s soccer team.”


Betty Williams, Faculty/student research with McDonald Opportunity Scholar Elizabeth Lee, “Autism spectrum disorder.”


Nicholas Willis, Faculty research advisor for Kevin Sonnanburg, Marisa Billington, Annie Didier and Danielle Chiavetta, “Singular points of real septic curves.” Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference, April 2008.


Gordon Wilson, Faculty/student collaboration with Amy Newton. Student art exhibit and workshop, Tinman Gallery, Spokane, April 2008.
