Faculty Scholarship at Whitworth

Who We Are
The Whitworth faculty includes 149 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.
Published Books, Chapters, Music


Published Articles (Refereed)


Victor Bobb, “Wrestlemania” (Ralph Moses and Rob Parisien) (May 2009); “A Caring Place” (Annie Kier and the Tribal Convalescent Center) (April 2009); “Man of Steel” (Smoker Marchand) (March 2009); “Experience to Share” (Monte Joseph) (January 2009); “Courage to Heal” (Don SunEagle Aiken) (December 2008); “NVEC Annual Meeting” (November 2008); “District Seeks Leader” (Lloyd Olson) (October 2008); “Standing Tall” (Shorty Womer) (September 2008); “Mill Pond Days” (August 2008); “Hip Hooray!” (Michael Misiaszek) (July 2008); “Life Around the Lake” (Meb Morris) (June 2008). Ruralite Magazine. Ruralite Services, Inc., Forest Grove, Oregon: 4-5.


“Olivier Messiaen et le Renouveau Liturgique dans l'Eglise de France du XXe siècle.” La Maison-Dieu, 2009/2: 9-34.


Laurie Lamon, “Pain Thinks of Something Without Description.” Ploughshares, Boston, Mass. (Fall 2008).

“Pain Thinks of the Deaf Dog the Subject.” Arts & Letters Journal of Contemporary Culture, Georgia College & State University, Ga. (Fall 2008)

“Pain Thinks of a Word.” Arts & Letters Journal of Contemporary Culture, Georgia College & State University, Ga. (Fall 2008)


Bendi Benson Schrambach, “Undergraduate Study Abroad as a Tool for Vocational Discernment.” The Journal of Christianity and Foreign Languages, 10 (March 2009): 930-943.


Published Reviews


Published Books and Articles (non-refereed)


**Formal Presentations**


**Benjamin C. Brody.** Music director, pianist. Whitworth University production of *The Cradle Will Rock*. Whitworth University, October 2009.


**Brooke Kiener.** Museum, by Tina Howe. Whitworth University Main Stage, spring 2008.


Write the 7 Minutes on one of the following in class and questions:

1. Summance the main highlights of the excerpt of The Lay of Igor’s Campaign.

2. “The princes fight against the infidel same to an end, And brother said to brother:
   “This is mine, And that shall be mine.”
   And the princes began to argue about trifles,
   Calling them, important matters,
   And began to create dissent among them.
   The infidels from all land began to invade.
   The Russian army ended to win victory.”

Analyze this quote from pg. 178 in light of the role of women on Medieval Russia.
Professional Service, Leadership and Consulting


Advanced-placement Spanish faculty consultant. The College Board.

Document rater, Educational Policy Improvement Center. The College Board.


Gregg Brekke, member, Planning Committee, Spokane Regional ESL Conference. 2009.


External reviewer, Emergency Trauma Management for Athletic Trainers, 1st Ed. Michael Miller and David Berry. 2008-09.

Warren Friedrichs, member, NCAA Division III Regional Selection Committee for women's golf for national tournament competitions. 2008.

Debbie Hansen, institutional representative. National Association of Schools of Music; Washington University Music Administrators.


James Hayford, member, National Association of Basketball Coaches Division 3 Congress Northwest Conference; NCAA Regional Advisory Committee for Men's Basketball West Region. 2008-09.


Helen Higgs, member, board of directors. NW Basketball Officials. 2008-09.

Carol Hollar, legislative chair, School District 1323 (Orchard Prairie) School Board; West Valley School District Community Engagement Committee and West Valley Higher Education Fast Force.


Adjudicator, Dance History and Choreography class to select dances to be performed in Broadway Unbound.


Tournament administrator, Spokane Falls Community College forensics tournament. Spokane, March 2009.
Host and tournament planner, National Individual Events Tournament District 2 Qualifying Tournament. Spokane, March 2009.


Brooke Kiener, vice chair, Spokane Arts Commission. 2008-09.

Co-director. By/For Artists Residency, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., June 2008.


Melinda Larson, member, Continuing Education Committee of the National Athletic Trainers Association. 2008-09.


Membership chair, Spokane Area Council, International Reading Organization. 2008-09.

Margo Long, member, National University Network Committee; Washington State Advisory Board for Gifted 2000-present.


Scott McQuilkin, baseball coaches’ liaison, Northwest Conference ADs Executive Committee Northwest Conference

Randall Michaelis, Washington State Site Visit Accreditation team, Heritage University, fall 2009.
Whitworth representative, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Performance-based Pedagogy Assessment instrument-revision committee.


Alan Mikkelson, new-faculty representative, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association.
Panel respondent, Western States Communication Association, Interpersonal Communication Division.
Panel chair, Western States Communication Association; Interpersonal Communication Division.
Member, editorial board. Journal of Family Communication.
Reviewer, Communication Quarterly; Communication Reports; Personal Relationships; Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
Scott Miller, assistant director, The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Inter-Mountain Region Board of Directors.
Volunteer host, National Association of Teachers of Singing Auditions. Nov. 2009.

Prospective student interviewer and representative at Whitworth Seminary Fair. Princeton Theological Seminary.

Pamela C. Parker, cofounder and president, British Women Writers Association.
Member, selection committee. Lilly Graduate Student Fellowships. April 2009.

Kathryn Picano, member, Washington State Co-Teaching Committee. 2009.

Donna Pierce, student coordinator for Pacific Northwest Mathematics Association of America.
Coordinator for Spokane Regional Mathematics Colloquium.

Moses Pulei, advisor, Life Water International.
Board member, Blood Water Mission. Helped develop culturally appropriate ways of working with people in rural Africa and strategy for hygiene training for people in rural villages.

Russ Richardson, treasurer, Northwest Athletic Trainers Association.
Chair, CAATE Accreditation Site Visit Team. CSU Pueblo. Fall/Winter 2008-09.

Past president and board member, Fellowship of Christian Librarians. 2008-09.


Barbara Sanders, evaluator, Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities. 2008-09.
Committee chair, Whitworth University NWCCU Accreditation Self-Study, Fall 2008.


Whitworth coordinator, Spokane Music Teacher Adjudications. Whitworth University. March 5, 2009.
Lindy Scott, treasurer, Fraternidad Teologica Latinoamericana (Latin American Theological Fellowship). 2008-09.


Corliss Slack, medieval consultant for online discussions. Conference on World Religions.


Dana Stevens, president-elect, Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis. March 2009.
Board-certified behavioral consultant, Triwest Insurance Company. Model program development and implementation of services to active military families who have children with autism spectrum disorders. April 2009.

Karen Stevens, reviewer, Environmental Health Perspectives; Journal of Chemical Education.

Chair, Principal Trombone Audition Committee. Spokane Symphony Orchestra. June 2008.

Doug Sugano, member, Act 6 Advisory Board.


Member, editorial board. Journal of Mass Media Ethics. 2007-present.
Paper reviewer, Media Ethics Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. 1998-present.

Coordinator, School Counseling Professional Education Advisory Board. 2008-09.
Member, School Administration Professional Education Advisory Board. 2008-09.

Betty Fry Williams, treasurer, Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis. 2008-09.
Member, Excelsior Youth Center Site Visit Team. Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. April 2009.


John Yoder, external reviewer, Liberia and the United States During the Cold War: Limits of Reciprocity. By Elwood Dunns. Palgrave Press.
Author's editor, Liberia and the United States during the Cold War: Limits of Reciprocity, by Elwood Dunns.

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External Grants Awarded

Kerry Breno, travel award given by American Chemical Society Division of Inorganic Chemistry ($350, 2009)

Janet Hauck, National Leadership Planning Grant, Institute of Museum and Library Services ($38,844, 2008)
Competitive Preservation Grant, Washington State Library ($14,987, 2008)

Scott McQuilkin, NCAA Strategic Initiative grants for the purpose of diversity education and leadership development ($3,024, 2008)

Kamesh Sankaran, NASA Washington Space Grant ($10,000, 2008-2009)

Richard Schatz, Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities mini-grant to support economic development research in Malaysia ($9,750, June 2008)

Dale Soden, Crowell Trust ($20,000, 2008)

Dennis Sterner, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Special Projects Grant to work with public schools and other universities on implementation of an evidence-based approach for teacher preparation. ($6,500)

External Teaching Awards

Awards for students competing in Music Fest Northwest: Angela Leonard (third place, Young Artist Competition), Michael Mortier (gold Medal, Concerto Competition Division), Michael Korpi (top score in solo Bach, String Division), Michael Korpi (top score in Concert Works, String Division), May 11-15, 2009.

Lisa Laurier, AILACTE Scholar, Association for Independent Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education, 2008-09

Arlin C. Migliazzo, Who’s Who in America, 63rd edition, 2009

Toby Schwarz, NWC Men’s Cross-Country Men’s Coach of the Year, 2008; NCAA West Region Men’s Cross-Country Coach of the Year, 2008; NCAA West Region Men’s Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year, 2009; USTFCCCA National Men’s Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year, 2009; USTFCCCA Men’s Track and Field Team of the Year, 2008; AI Carious Men’s Program of the Year, fourth place, 2009.

Gerald Sittser, Distinguished Alumni Award, Hope College, May 2009.

Jo Ann Wagstaff, NCAA Division III Western Region Coach of the Year; NWC Tennis Coach of the Year, 2009.

External Scholarly Fellowships


Rick Hornor, CCCU Leadership Fellow, Leadership Development Institute in Farmington, Minn., June 2008.

Pamela Corpron Parker, Armstrong Browning Library Fellowship, Baylor University, January 2009.
“History of the Book,” University of Virginia Rare Book School, July 2009.

East-West Institute China Field Seminar, Beijing, Chengu & Shanghai, China, 2009.