

Researching Assessment Methods in Tutorial Education Conference
Lawrence University
Richard and Margot Warch Campus Center
August 28-29, 2009

AGENDA

Friday, August 28, 2009

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Bill Skinner: Welcome
Overview of Teagle project
Overview of schedule
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

9:15-10:00 Keynote Speaker: Charles Blaich
Director of Inquiries, Center for Inquiry in the Liberal Arts, Wabash College
Title: Assessing the liberal arts – Lessons learned from the Wabash National Study

Charles Blaich currently serves as the Director of Inquiries at the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College. The Center collaborates with institutions to gather and use evidence to strengthen liberal arts education. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Connecticut in 1986. He served as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Psychology at Eastern Illinois University from 1987-1991. Blaich joined Wabash College in the fall of 1991. In addition to teaching Psychology at Wabash, Blaich served as the co-chair of Cultures and Traditions for two years. Cultures and Traditions is an interdisciplinary year-long course for all sophomores at Wabash College. While at Wabash College, Blaich received the College's McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award and two National Science Foundation grants. He previously received teaching awards from the University of Connecticut and Eastern Illinois University. In 2002, Blaich assumed his current position at the Center of Inquiry. Blaich's recent publications include "Do Liberal Arts Colleges Really Foster Good Practices In Undergraduate Education?" in the Journal of College Student Development, and "Liberal Arts Colleges And Liberal Arts Education: New Evidence On Impacts", an Association for the Study of Higher Education- Educational Resources Information Center (ASHE-ERIC) monograph.

10:00-10:15 Q&A with Keynote Speaker

10:15-10:30 Break and Set-up for Presentations

Faculty participant presentations:

10:30-11:00 Christopher Nugent, Department of Asian Studies, Williams College
11:00-11:30 Stefanie Solum, Department of Art History and Studio, Williams College
11:30-12:00 Nancy Grace, Department of English, College of Wooster
12:00-12:30 Pam Pierce, Department of Mathematics, College of Wooster

12:30-1:30 Lunch

Faculty participant presentations:

1:30-2:00 Rob Neilson, Department of Art and Art History, Lawrence University
2:00-2:30 Ron Peck, Department of Biology, Lawrence University
2:30-3:00 Jerald Podair, Department of History, Lawrence University
3:00-3:30 Claudena Skran, Department of Government, Lawrence University

3:30-4:30 Charles Blaich: Discussion of Presentations

4:30-6:00 Reception: cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

Dinner on your own

Saturday, August 29, 2009

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00 Bill Skinner: Summary of Rubric Analysis

10:00-12:00 Rob Beck and Faculty: Implications of SAM-I case studies for SAM-II rubrics

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:30 Bill Skinner, Rob Beck and Faculty: Considerations for SAM-II

(3:00-3:15 Snack Break)

Dinner on your own