A Multidisciplinary Evaluation of Pedagogy Courses' Influence on Graduate Student Development as Teacher-Scholars

Summary of Original Proposal

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d. **Funding Level Requested:** Phase II
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Purpose and Research Objectives:

Indiana University is among a small group of research institutions that devotes substantial resources and expertise to the preparation of graduate students for their teaching responsibilities. In addition to intensive workshops and individual consulting offered by the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL), IU is remarkable for its emphasis on faculty-taught courses in college pedagogy, offered in over two dozen academic departments and schools across campus. These courses are designed to educate graduate students in the best practices for teaching their particular subjects and the more general demands of the teaching role with which all faculty members are charged. Moreover, many graduate pedagogy courses assist with representing one’s teaching qualifications on the higher education job market by requiring the development of statements of teaching philosophy, among other assignments. The investment in these courses is high: faculty devote time and expertise, graduate students labor in teaching thousands of IU undergraduates, undergraduates hope to gain knowledge and skills from AIs that will make a difference for themselves and their families in the future, and colleges and universities around the world hire IU-educated new faculty. Thus, the impact of successfully teaching graduate students to teach is enormous.

Despite external recognition of the importance of graduate pedagogy classes (Marincovich, 1998; Schönwetter et al., 2008), most assessment of graduate pedagogy courses typically has been limited to participant satisfaction surveys. Abbott et al (1989) reviewed the literature on TA training and concluded more empirical research is needed that employs methods that lead to more valid conclusions. Despite Abbott’s (1989) call, the sparse literature tends to rely on single courses and single disciplines (Shannon et al, 1998, and Schonwetter et al., 2008 are exceptions). Still needed are multi-disciplinary and large-scale studies that assess how pedagogy course assignments prepare graduate students as teacher-scholars.

This project systematically examines the vertical transmission of knowledge from experienced teacher, to novice teacher, to undergraduate learner. It capitalizes on earlier studies at IU by all three PIs: on disciplinary and interdisciplinary pedagogy courses, on assignments that promote the learning of both graduate student instructors and their undergraduate students, and on discourses used in talking about teaching by graduate-student instructors. This new project synthesizes this complementary work into a collaborative research agenda that assesses what we know about the landscape of pedagogy courses offered at IU, the particular assets each offers, and the causal connection between what is taught and what is learned, all with special attention to disciplinary context and graduate students’ development as disciplinary experts.
A particular focus of the proposed study is to use statements of teaching philosophy, a staple of many higher education job and fellowship applications, to assess the impact of the pedagogy courses and the development of graduate students as teacher-scholars. This project will help us understand the similarities and differences among discipline-specific pedagogy courses and improve our ability to effectively prepare graduate students for their teaching responsibilities at IU and in the future.

The main goals of this multidisciplinary research endeavor are to:

- Substantiate the value of Indiana University discipline-based pedagogy courses for graduate student development as teacher-scholars
- Increase the sample size of students by pooling participants from multiple Indiana University-based pedagogy courses (and in so doing, have results with sufficient statistical and narrative richness persuasiveness)
- Gather data about and broadly compare and contrast disciplinary ways of preparing Indiana University graduate students to become teacher-scholars.

The specific research questions are as follows:

Research Question 1: How do graduate students’ visions of themselves as teacher-scholars develop as part of a pedagogy course?

Research Question 2: Does the timing of a pedagogy course in a graduate student’s career (i.e., early courses for beginning teachers vs. later courses for more experienced teachers) affect the development of graduate students as teacher-scholars?

Research Question 3a: What are the disciplinary similarities and differences regarding preparing graduate students to become teacher-scholars, as evidenced by examining pedagogy course structure and assignments?

Research Question 3b: What are the disciplinary similarities and differences regarding statement of teaching philosophy preparation and format? Are there disciplinary differences in the structure, style, content, format and type of evidence used?

Previous Research Results:

This grant builds on the research previously examined by the co-investigators of the study. Firstly, O’Loughlin and colleagues examined a pedagogy course (MSCI M620) in 2007. They discovered that graduate students were more reflexive, gained confidence in the classroom, and had a better understanding of how their students learned as a result of participating in the pedagogy course (Miller et al., 2010). Students enrolled in this class tend to be more advanced in their MS or PhD programs and have had prior academic teaching experience. O’Loughlin continues to collect data from this course since that publication and will incorporate this new data into this research.

Sherwood-Laughlin and colleagues have since developed and evaluated a doctoral-level public health pedagogy course (H750) to determine the participant’s teaching self-efficacy and their perceptions of the course (Lederer et al., 2015). Students enrolled in H750 reported better teaching outcome and improved self-efficacy by the end of the course. Students enrolled in this class tend to be beginning graduate student instructors (as opposed to more experienced teachers). Sherwood-Laughlin also continues to collect data from this course and will incorporate this new data into this research.

Robinson and colleagues (2013, 2015) designed and studied an interdisciplinary seminar for graduate students that taught classroom-based research principles for higher education through multidisciplinary conversation and critique. Funded by the Teagle Foundation, the project identified enablers and constraints of disciplinary discourse among novice teachers in structured interaction with faculty mentors and recommended practices for developing a shared language that supports teaching.
Significance and Impact on Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching and Learning:

Our study helps fill a gap in the literature about the efficacy of using discipline-based pedagogy courses to prepare graduate students to be more reflective and scholarly future faculty. The findings will inform the implementation of a proposed Graduate Certificate in College Pedagogy sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education (spearheaded by Robinson). The larger sample sizes of our research should allow for generalizable results that may expand beyond IU Bloomington. The comparative nature of the study will allow us to develop “best practices” and greatest impact practices for said courses. By assessing these courses, we ultimately will be able to improve how research universities educate graduate students to be effective instructors at colleges and universities throughout the US—a mission that responds to both ethical concerns and the recent public outcry for improvement in higher education. Thus, this research has the potential to improve both graduate- and undergraduate-level teaching and learning. In addition, this study will contribute to future study that assesses the importance of teaching statements in faculty hiring.

Methodology:

Valerie O’Loughlin, Jennifer Meta Robinson, and Catherine Sherwood-Laughlin are the co-PIs of this grant. They will be working in close collaboration with Katherine Kearns (of CITL).

Study Sample

Instructors of and graduate student participants in multiple discipline-specific pedagogy courses at IUB will be included in this research. The research co-investigators already received preliminary approval from the following pedagogy course instructors to collect data from student assignments. These instructors will be considered contributors to this project:

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<td>Valerie O’Loughlin</td>
<td>Medical Sciences (IU School of Medicine)</td>
<td>MSCI M620 Pedagogical Methods in Health Sciences</td>
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<td>Catherine Sherwood-Laughlin</td>
<td>Applied Health Science (IUB School of Public Health)</td>
<td>H750 Pedagogy in Health Behavior</td>
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<td>Jennifer Meta Robinson</td>
<td>Communication and Culture Anthropology</td>
<td>ANTH A521 Internship in Teaching Anthropology</td>
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<td>George Rehrey</td>
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<td>Jennifer Lee</td>
<td>Sociology</td>
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<td>Laura Gurzynski-Weiss</td>
<td>Spanish and Portuguese</td>
<td>S517 Methods of Teaching Spanish</td>
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<td>Leah Savion</td>
<td>Graduate School</td>
<td>G700 Excellence in Teaching</td>
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<td>Margie Hershey</td>
<td>Political Science</td>
<td>Y550 Political Science and Professional Development</td>
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<td>Adam Maltese</td>
<td>School of Education</td>
<td>Q620 University Science Teaching</td>
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Each of the above contributors has confirmed that he/she will:

- Teach or lead a pedagogy course beginning spring 2015-fall 2016;
- Provide the co-investigators with students’ draft and final teaching statements;
- Provide to students and to the researchers the instructions for developing a teaching statement;
- Provide a written paragraph about their discipline's constructs and expectations for a teaching statement; and
- Be willing to be observed by a CITL staff member student participation in the study.
Additional instructors of pedagogy courses may be added to expand this list.

**Pedagogy Instructor Data to be Collected:**

As mentioned previously, we are asking pedagogy instructors to provide us with the following data:

- Current course syllabus
- A copy of the written instructions they provide their students about constructing a teaching philosophy statement
- A written paragraph about their discipline’s constructs and expectations for a teaching statement.

In addition, instructors will be asked to complete an online survey (developed by the co-investigators) that will gather information about the pedagogy course such as class composition (students’ disciplines and experience in graduate school), class size, course length (full, summer, or 8-week semester), assignment timing, and assignment preparation. The survey also will include questions related to how long the instructor has taught the course and his/her prior experiences with pedagogy (e.g., long-time teacher, pedagogy course or teaching workshop, degree in education, SOTL participation, publication, and/or presentation).

The data from the pedagogy instructors and students will allow us to compare the practices and success of different course designs at IUB in educating their graduate students for teaching. In addition, the co-investigators will be able to compare those courses designed for newer/younger graduate student instructors versus those for more experienced graduate student instructors and be able to see to what extent the timing of the course affects graduate students’ development as teacher-scholars.

**Graduate Student Instructor Data to be Collected:**

Of the graduate students who agree to participate in the study (who sign an informed consent document), we will compare how graduate students describe their learning goals, teaching methods, learning assessments, and reflections on practice between their draft and final teaching philosophy statements. These statements will be submitted in completion of their regular pedagogy course assignments. Teaching statements will be de-identified, but random numbers will link draft and final statements from a particular student, and another random generated identifier (for the pedagogy course) will be listed on the statement itself. Thus, the scorers will review teaching statements while blind to author identity and course participation.

Graduate student participants in these pedagogy courses also will be invited to participate in an online survey (to be developed by the co-investigators) about their development as teacher-scholars, as reflected in their teaching statements. Specifically, we will ask them about revisions they made to their teaching statements, the rationale for the revisions, and the origin of those revisions. Additional questions will ask them to compare draft vs. final teaching statements and describe whether and how the revision process reflected their development as teacher-scholars.

**IRB approval:**

Co-investigator Valerie O’Loughlin is spearheading progress on human subjects approval by the IRB. The process has begun, and we hope approval will be obtained by early April at the latest. We expect both instructors and students of the graduate pedagogy courses will complete informed consent statements.

**Dissemination of Results:**

The co-investigators have a proven track record of disseminating their educational research findings through multiple venues (see “previous research experience” document). We will share results with all
participants of this study in order to improve local practice. Our findings will be presented for review to
the Indiana University Collaborative on Advanced Research on Teaching and Learning throughout the
grant timeline (see “Research Timeline”). It will also be shared with administrators and stakeholders of
the proposed Graduate Certificate in College Teaching.

Once enough data has been gathered, the co-investigators plan to present their findings at multiple
discipline-specific (as well as multidisciplinary) venues. Meeting presentations may include
Experimental Biology, POD, IS-SOTL, American Public Health Association, and the Lilly Conference on
College Teaching. Finally, the investigators have a plan (see research timeline) to draft and submit
multiple manuscripts on this research.

**Reflective Teaching Practices:**

By its nature, a teaching philosophy statement is a reflective document in which the author articulates and
self-evaluates her assumptions, theories, practices, and goals for teaching and student learning. This
study makes this reflective process more transparent in order to draw conclusions about the efficacy of
pedagogy courses within and across disciplines. In particular, our multidisciplinary approach allows the
comparison of teacher-scholar development in diverse fields. In addition, we will tap the reflective
process as a research resource by reviewing multiple drafts of teaching statements within pedagogy
courses, surveying graduate students about revisions to their statement, examining writing prompts for
statements, and surveying instructors about the construction and expected outcomes of their assignments.
After review by on-campus peers, the conclusions from this research will be shared with all stakeholders.

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College Teaching,* 26 (1): 81-110.

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Graduate-Student Seminar on Inquiry in Teaching and Learning.” In *The Scholarship of
Teaching and Learning In and Across the Disciplines,* K. McKinney, ed, Bloomington: Indiana
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graduate courses on college and university teaching in Canada and the USA. *Studies in Graduate
and Professional Student Development,* 11: 22-44.

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Budget Narrative

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<td>(3) Graduate student scorers of teaching</td>
<td>In order to ensure unbiased results, the research team (who also are involved in the instruction of some of these pedagogy courses) should not be scoring said teaching statements. Instead, graduate students will be hired to review and score teaching statements. Due to the number of statements (~50 draft and 50 final statements for M620, ~20 draft and 20 final for H750, and about 10 draft and 10 final statements for each additional pedagogy class), multiple graduate students may be needed. These students will undergo a ‘norming’ session for scoring all draft and final teaching statements.</td>
<td>$15/hr per student Estimated 250-300 teaching statements to be scored (at rate of 2-3 statements per hour) Total cost: $1500</td>
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<td>Research Coordinator</td>
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<td>$20/hr for approximately 100 hours Total cost: $2000</td>
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<td>Travel to selected conferences (IS-SOTL)</td>
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## Previous research presentations and publications about graduate student development as teacher-scholars.

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<td><strong>O’Loughlin, VD</strong> and Braun, M. Can Graduate Pedagogy Classes Promote Lasting Scholarly Approaches to Classroom Teaching? Lessons Learned from Medical Sciences. (Keynote speakers)</td>
<td>Indiana University Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) symposia series (Bloomington)</td>
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<td>Kearns, KD, <strong>O’Loughlin, VD</strong>, Braun, MW, and Sullivan, CS. Intersections of Disciplinary Graduate Instructor Preparation at a Research University</td>
<td>CIRTL Forum: Aligning the Preparation of Graduate Students for STEM Early Faculty Careers (Madison, WI)</td>
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<td>Miller, LE, Kearns, KD, Heacock, I, <strong>O’Loughlin, VD</strong>, and Braun, MW. The Role of Pedagogy Courses in Graduate Students’ Socialization as Future Faculty in STEM Disciplines</td>
<td>Indiana University Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) poster session (Bloomington)</td>
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<td>Kearns, KD, <strong>O’Loughlin, VD</strong> and Griffith, LM. Developing evidence-based tools to assess pedagogy course outcomes for multiple teacher-scholar populations.</td>
<td>International Society of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (IS-SOTL) Conference (Bloomington)</td>
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<td><strong>O’Loughlin, VD</strong>. Do pedagogy courses matter? Assessing the role of a graduate pedagogy course in the development of future teacher-scholars</td>
<td>29th International Lilly Conference on College Teaching (Oxford, OH)</td>
<td>November 2009</td>
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<td><strong>O’Loughlin, VD</strong>, Braun, MW and Kearns, KD. Assessing the role of a graduate pedagogy course in the development of future teacher-scholars</td>
<td>Indiana University’s Edward C. Moore Symposium on Excellence in Teaching (Indianapolis, IN)</td>
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<td>Griffith, LM, Braun, MW, Kearns, KD and <strong>O’Loughlin, VD.</strong> A Pedagogy Course’s influence on Graduate Students’ Self-Awareness as Teacher Scholars</td>
<td>2010 Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD) (St. Louis, MO)</td>
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October 2007.

**Kearns**, K. and J. M. **Robinson**. “Campus Initiative Supporting And Disseminating Disciplinary Graduate Instructor Development.”

October 2006.

**Publications**


3. Lederer, AM, Sherwood-Laughlin, C, Kearns, KD, and O’Loughlin, VD. Development and Evaluation of a Doctoral-Level Health Promotion Pedagogy Course for Graduate Student Instructors. *College Teaching (accepted pending minor revision)*.


### Research Timeline

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| Spring 2015 | • Submit IRB approval for study  
• Obtain consent forms and collect data (i.e., draft vs. final teaching statements) from MSCI M620 class participants  
• Develop online survey (administered to instructors of pedagogy classes) to gather data for comparison including class composition, teaching statement assignment preparation, average enrollment, prerequisites, etc.  
• Develop online survey for graduate students about their development as teacher-scholars reflected in their teaching philosophy statements  
• Collect formal consent, syllabi, and survey responses from IU instructors of graduate pedagogy classes  
  o Determine timing and frequency of pedagogy classes, so as to best map when data collection will occur for each class |
| Summer 2015 | • Obtain consent forms and data from G700 graduate pedagogy class  
• Solicit graduate student survey participants from M620 and G700 classes  
• Organize and collect draft versus final statements of teaching philosophy from past M620 and H750 classes (note – this data was approved for use with a previous IRB)  
• Edit and revise rubric to score draft versus final teaching statements  
• Hire graduate student research assistant(s) to assist with the scoring of teaching statements, organization of disciplinary class data |
| Fall 2015   | • Graduate students to score of draft vs. final teaching evaluations from all semesters of M620 and H750  
• Prepare draft of manuscript comparing these teaching philosophy statements of H750 and M620 - two health sciences disciplines (with Alyssa Lederer)  
• Begin examination and comparison of syllabi, teaching statement instructions, and survey responses from instructors of all pedagogy classes in study  
  o (note: this analysis will not be complete until the data from the last pedagogy class is collected)  
• Obtain consent forms, statements, survey responses from graduate pedagogy classes offered this semester, including: SPH H750, ANTH A521  
• Share preliminary results with INCARTL (Indiana Consortium on Advanced Research on Teaching and Learning) and gather feedback from members |
| Spring 2016 | • Obtain consent forms, statements, survey responses from students in graduate pedagogy classes offered this semester  
• Present multiple-year findings about MSCI M620 class at the Experimental Biology/American Association of Anatomists meetings (April)  
• Submit manuscript comparing multiple semesters of M620 and H750  
• Graduate students to score draft vs. final teaching evaluations from summer and fall 2015 semester  
• Update INCARTL about more recent data |
| Summer 2016 | • Obtain consent forms, data, survey responses from students in G700 graduate pedagogy class  
• Graduate students to score draft vs. final teaching evaluations from Spring 2016 semester |
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|   | only once every two years)  
|   | • Finish examination and comparison of syllabi, teaching statement instructions, and survey responses from instructors of graduate pedagogy courses  
|   | • Present updated findings to INCARTL, gather further feedback from INCARTL members  
|   | • Present disciplinary class comparison findings at selected conferences (e.g., IS-SOTL, Lilly conference, POD, and/or APHA)  
|   | • Prepare draft of manuscript that summarizes disciplinary differences among graduate pedagogy courses in terms of student composition, timing in a graduate student’s career, and their development as teacher-scholars  
| Spring 2017 |  
|   | • Graduate students to score draft vs. final teaching evaluations from Summer and Fall 2016 semester  
|   | • Review and analyze all teaching statement scoring data across disciplines  
|   | • Review student survey responses about their own development as teacher-scholars, as reflected in their teaching statement  
|   | • Compare/contrast disciplinary instructions about how to develop a teaching statement  
|   | • Update INCARTL about our research findings  
|   | • Prepare draft(s) of journal manuscript(s) to report results of disciplinary differences and similarities about teaching philosophy statement preparation and development  |
Curriculum Vitae (abridged and teaching-focused)

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Indiana University, Bloomington
Degree
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Date
June 1995

Indiana University, Bloomington
M.A., Biological Anthropology (outside minor in Anatomy)
Date
June 1992

UNDERGRADUATE
College of William and Mary in Virginia
Degree
B.S., Physics & Anthropology
Date
May 1989

APPOINTMENTS:

ACADEMIC (in-rank position marked with an asterisk)

INSTITUTION
Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington
Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Director of Undergraduate Human Anatomy
Inclusive Dates
1997-2006

Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington
Associate Professor of Anatomy and Director of Undergraduate Human Anatomy
Inclusive Dates
2006-2010

*Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington
Associate Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology, (tenure track position)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS: (all memberships are in-rank)

American Association of Anatomists (AAA)
American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACA)
Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS)
International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (IS-SOTL)
National Science Teachers Association
Sigma Xi
American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA)
International Association for Medical Science Educators (IAMSE)

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS: (in-rank activities marked with an asterisk)

Award Name
Trustee Teaching Award
Elected member of FACET (Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching)
Nominated for outstanding professor in the Student Choice Awards Program
Basmajian Award (in recognition of excellence in teaching gross anatomy and outstanding accomplishments in biomedical research or scholarship in education)
*Who’s Who in America
*Who’s Who in Science and Engineering
*Who’s Who in the World
*Trustee Teaching Award
*Trustee Teaching Award
* IUSM Scholar Educator Award (Honors a faculty member who approaches teaching and learning from a scholarly lens)

Granted by
Indiana University
Indiana University
Student Alumni Association
Indiana University
American Association of Anatomists

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TEACHING: *(in-rank activities marked with an asterisk)*

   Role: Course Director and Lecturer (Fall and Summer sessions)

*2010-Present: **Human Anatomy for Medical Imaging Evaluation (ANAT A480/580)**
   Role: Course Developer, Course Director and Instructor

   Role: Course Director (since 2008) and Lecturer

*2007-Present: **Pedagogical Methods in Health Sciences (MSCI M620)**
   Role: Course developer, Co-Course Director and Instructor

*2008-Present: **Anatomy Seminar (Anatomy A850):**
   Role: Co-Course Director and Instructor

*2008-Present: **Research in Anatomy (Anatomy A800):**
   Role: Co-Course Director and Mentor

*2009-Present: **Anatomy Teaching Practicum (Anatomy A878):**
   Role: Course Director and Instructor/Mentor

*Selected: **Anatomy Readings (Anatomy A530):**
Semesters: Role: Instructor/Mentor

GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS IN TEACHING: *(in-rank activites marked with an asterisk)*

1. Indiana University, Teaching and Learning Technologies Centers, Media Assistant Grant, $1500, (November 2001)
2. Indiana University, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Research Grant, $1500, Valerie O’Loughlin, PI (8/2001-8/2002)
5. IHETS (Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System), Course and Module Development Grant for “Interactive Human Embryology Animation Modules for Medical Students, Medical Professionals and Patients,” $19,780, Valerie O’Loughlin, PI (6/1/03-3/31/05)

TEACHING PRESENTATIONS FROM LAST 5 YEARS: *(in-rank activities marked with an asterisk)*

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<td>1st Annual International Conference on Microscopic and Macroscopic Anatomy (Singapore)</td>
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**TEACHING PUBLICATIONS** *(in-rank activities marked with an asterisk)*

**Textbooks**

Published Book Chapters on Teaching

Published Papers on Teaching (last 5 years)
CATHERINE M. SHERWOOD-LAUGHLIN, HSD, MPH, MA
Clinical Professor
Assistant Department Chair
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School of Public Health-Bloomington
Department of Public Health
Indiana University
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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Health and Safety (HSD), June 1998
School of Public Health, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Major: School and College Health Education, Minor: Human Sexuality
Dissertation: "Health Motivation and HIV Risk Behaviors among Urban and Rural College Students"

Master of Public Health (MPH), June 2006
School of Public Health, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Concentration: Social and Behavioral Health (Accredited Program of the Council on Education for Public Health)

Master of Arts in Health Science (MA), August 1989
Department of Physiology and Health Science, Ball State University, Muncie, IN
Major: School Health Education

Bachelor of Science (BS), August 1988
Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Major: School Health Education, K-12 grades, Minor: Chemistry, Secondary Education, 7-12 grades

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2014-present
Clinical Professor, Department of Applied Health Science
School of Public Health, Indiana University-Bloomington

August 2008-present
Assistant Department Chair, Department of Applied Health Science
School of Public Health, Indiana University-Bloomington
Supervise the Associate Instructors, Evaluate the Associate Instructors’ teaching and performance in the classroom, Coordinate, plan and implement the Associate Instructor Orientation, Coordinate, plan and implement the Associate Instructor Workshops, Serve as the faculty of record for the Associate Instructor Pedagogy course

August 2011-present
Director, Public Health Programs
School of Public Health, Indiana University-Bloomington
Responsible for oversight of the current CEPH accreditation status of the public health program
Chair, Public Health Leadership Team
Responsible for ensuring the concentrations of the MPH Program are implemented consistently across the SPH in accordance with all policies and procedures outlined in the most current self-study, Implementation of the MPH Program Management Plan

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2014
Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Award for Innovative Public Health Programming, Indiana Public Health Association, Indianapolis, IN

2011
Women Excel Bloomington Award, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington, IN

Outstanding Professors Recognition, Student Choice Awards, Student Alumni Association, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Trustee’s Teaching Award, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

AWARDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

December 2014-present
Co-Project Coordinator
Proposal awarded by the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County to fund the support of a school health coordinator for the Monroe County Community School Corporation and surrounding counties.

January 2012
Principal Investigator

December 2012
Awarded financial support from the School of Public Health-Bloomington, Dean’s Office for
Community-Based Research Partnerships in Indiana. Funding supported the development and implementation of an anti-bullying curriculum in a 4th grade classroom at Stalker Elementary School in Mitchell, IN.

**PUBLICATIONS**


**BOOKS AND CHAPTERS**


Provided consulting and editing for a teacher’s textbook on teaching methods in human sexuality for students with autism spectrum disorders.

**PRESENTATIONS**


Lederer, A. & Sherwood-Laughlin, C.M. (2013). *Lessons learned from the development, implementation, and evaluation of a doctoral-level public health pedagogy training course.* Presented at the American Public Health Association annual conference, Boston, MA


Sherwood-Laughlin, C.M. (2013). *Healthy relationships with yourself and others.* Presented at the “Youth to Youth” conference for middle and high school students sponsored by the West Central Indiana Educational Service Center, Bloomington Convention Center, Bloomington, IN


Sherwood-Laughlin, C.M. & Laughlin, J. (2014). *Talking with children and teenagers about sex.* Bloomington Sex Salon, Hosted by Dr. Debby Herbenick, Bloomington, IN

Sherwood-Laughlin, C.M. (2012). *Sexual health has no boundaries: Sexual health education and resources for parents with...*
children with disabilities and special health care needs. Presented at the Monroe County Disabilities Resource Fair, Bloomington, IN

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

Fall 2014-present  Educational Consultant- Olcott Center for Cancer IU Health Bloomington Hospital
Assisting with the revisions and development of the BSE and TSE educational materials for high school students in the IU Health Bloomington Hospital service area.

June 2014-present  Educational and Program Consultant- IU Health Bloomington Hospital, Community Health
Developed a module related to developmental milestones among students in K-6th grades that accompanies the GOAL University Program. GOAL U is a weight management program focused on healthy eating and physical activity designed for children in afterschool programs. The module was developed and presented to IU School of Nursing sophomore students during their community health engagement course.

April 2013-April 2014  Principal Investigator- Monroe County Community School Corporation, Sexuality Education Teaching Methods of Middle and High School Teachers
Responsible for assessing the current sexuality education methods used by MCCSC health teachers.

January 2011-December 2011  Evaluation Consultant, Monroe County Community School Corporation, Bloomington, IN
Responsible for providing evaluation services to MCCSC regarding their parent, staff and faculty health and wellness survey. Assisted with survey development, data analysis and development of final report.

January 2011-2013  Evaluation Consultant, Indiana State Department of Education, Indianapolis, IN
Responsible for developing, conducting, and analyzing a formal follow-up evaluation with participants of the “HIV and Sexuality Education Improvement Initiative”.

May 2011-present  Evaluation Consultant- G.O.A.L., IU Health Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
Responsibilities include the development and implementation of the Evaluation Plan for the G.O.A.L. program. G.O.A.L. (Get Onboard Active Living) is a free family-focused, community approach to decreasing childhood overweight/obesity and encouraging healthy lifestyles for children and their families through education and activity.

Spring 2010-present  Consultant- Lawrence County Domestic Violence Coalition, Bedford, IN
Responsibilities include providing consulting services to the DV coalition related to the piloting and implementation of a school curriculum on interpersonal violence and bullying developed by SPH graduate students which is designed for 3-5th grade students and currently implemented in 4th grade classes at the North Lawrence Community Schools and Mitchell Community Schools; a Parenting Toolbox is a “companion” piece to the school program and provides parents with information on bullying prevention and child safety; the Lawrence County Superior Court 1’s development of Indiana’s first Domestic Violence Problem Solving court by providing technical assistance which included assistance with drafting mission, goals and objectives, compiling portfolio of DV court models throughout the country; general presentations to rural communities focused on the prevention of bullying.

April 2007-present  Sexuality Education Training Facilitator-Indiana Department of Education
Assisted with the development, implementation, and evaluation of the IDOE program, “What Do Teachers Need to Know: Sexuality Education- Linking Facts, Skills and Strategies." The primary goal of this program is to provide Indiana teachers with the skills to develop a comfortable learning environment in the classroom, leading effective role playing, addressing and responding to difficult student questions, utilization of multiple classroom strategies for effective sexuality education instruction.

SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

April 2013-present  Principal Investigator
Proposal awarded by the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University-Bloomington, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Program Grants. The grant provides funding for new and ongoing students about teaching and learning. The project, “The Role of a Doctoral Level Public Health Pedagogy Course: Enhancing Associate Instructors’ Pedagogical Practices and Undergraduate Student Learning”, will assist in determining the extent to which AIs have demonstrated more effective ways to engage students in learning, exhibited varied teaching methods, and developed a deeper appreciation for the scholarship of teaching and learning. The
team will work towards understanding whether or not the pedagogy course is able to effectively prepare graduate students for their teaching responsibilities and their understanding of the pedagogical demands of faculty in a university setting. Co-PIs: Dr. David Lohrmann, School of Public Health-Bloomington, Ms. Kathy Finley, School of Public Health-Bloomington, Dr. Valerie O'Loughlin, School of Medicine-Medical Sciences, IUB, and School of Public Health Doctoral Candidate Ms. Alyssa Lederer

Fall 2012-present  **Faculty Member**, Preparing Future Professors, Faculty Learning Community, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University  
This faculty experience is a forum for sharing and disseminating resources to enhance departmental pedagogy courses and an advocacy group for improving graduate teaching assistant (associate instructor or AI) preparation across campus.

Fall 2012-Spring 2014  **Faculty Member**, Engaging Differences Community of Practice, Faculty Learning Community, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University  
The Engaging Differences Community of Practice utilizes the Decoding the Disciplines method to explore bottlenecks in the classroom. The differences and intersections of these projects provide insights into how to teach the crucial operations in various fields.

Summer 2011  **Faculty Member**, Course Development Institute, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Bloomington,  
Attended a four day course development institute to revised *HPER-C 403 Public Health Program Planning*.

Bloomingon, 2010  **Award Recipient**, Active Learning Grant, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University  
Awarded $1,500 for the development of a new course, *HPER-H317 Teaching Methods in Human Sexuality*. The accepted proposal contained documentation to show how students are more actively engaged in learning and the opportunity for transformative learning experiences through the development of this new course.

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### COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, LEADERSHIP ROLES

American Public Health Association  
Indiana Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health  
Monroe County Community School Corporation, Health Council  
CHART, Achieve Monroe County
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EDUCATION
Ph.D. in English, Doctoral Minor in Folklore. Indiana University 2001.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS
Indiana University, Bloomington
Professor of Practice, Department of Communication and Culture, 2013-present, and Department of Anthropology, beginning July 1, 2015.
Course Director for Interpersonal Communication, 2008-present.
Affiliated faculty, Center for the Study of Global Change, 2007-present.
Senior Lecturer, Department of Communication and Culture, 2008-2013.
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Communication and Culture, 2000, 2006-2008.
Director, Campus Instructional Consulting, Indiana University, 2002-2008.
Director, Instructional Consulting, Indiana University, 2000-2002.
Associate Director, Instructional Consulting, Kelley School of Business, 1999-2000.

PUBLICATIONS, Selected
Books

Book Series Editor

Articles and Book Chapters—Performance and Environment—redacted for short CV
Articles and Book Chapters—Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Selected
Forthcoming 2015.


**PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS, Selected**

**Keynote and Plenary Presentations**


“ISSOTL founding members on the past, present & possible futures of SOTL.” International Society for the
“The Ecology of SoTL: The Long-Term Impact of a Learning Community on Environmental Literacy.”
International Institute for SOTL Scholars and Mentors, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, June 3, 2012.

Plenary Panel with Mary Taylor Huber and Jacqueline Dewar. International Institute for SOTL Scholars and Mentors, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, June 1, 2012.

“Stories from the Field: Space, Place, and the Performance of Self.” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment biannual meeting, Bloomington, IN, June 2011.

“Faculty Inquiry Networks in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning” SOTL Commons Conference, Statesboro, GA, March 2011.

“Building Faculty Development Networks.” International Symposium, Future of Faculty Development in Japan: Building the Core in Faculty Development, Kyoto University. January 2009.


“Expanding the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.” Continuous Improvement Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business, St. Louis, October 2001.

Invited Presentations, Selected


Conference Papers and Presentations (Peer Reviewed), Selected


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GRANTS, Selected


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AWARDS, Selected

Trustees Teaching Award, $2500, 2012. Indiana University.

Theodore M. Hesburgh Faculty Development Award, for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Initiative. Sponsored by TIAA-CREF. Initiative director and proposal co-author. $30,000. 2003.

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SERVICE, Selected

**Guest Lectures, Selected**

“Teaching in Community: Pedagogical Communication across the Four Fields.” E521 Internship in Teaching Anthropology, sponsored by Chancellor’s Professor Anya Peterson Royce. Anthropology Department, Indiana University, November 6, 2014.


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**International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Selected**

April 13, 2015

SOTL Grant Committee
Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
Wells Library, 2nd Floor
Indiana University
Bloomington, IN 47405

Dear Members of the Grant Committee:

This letter is provided to enthusiastically support of the 2015 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) grant proposal submitted by Dr. Valerie O’Loughlin of the Medical Sciences Program, Dr. Catherine Sherwood-Laughlin of the Department of Applied Health Science and Dr. Jennifer Robinson of the Department of Communication and Culture, entitled “A Multidisciplinary Evaluation of Pedagogy Courses’ Influence on Graduate Student Development as Teacher-Scholars.” The multidisciplinary team of productive scholars have developed an outstanding proposal that is absolutely worthy of your recognition with an award.

Dr. Valerie O’Loughlin and colleagues have previously demonstrated the effectiveness of a Medical Sciences pedagogy course on the development of graduate students as teacher-scholars, and they have presented and published their current findings in top-tier journals and at regional national and international meetings. More recently, Drs. O’Loughlin, Sherwood-Laughlin, Kearns, and Alyssa Lederer have examined similar questions asked of a doctoral-level public health pedagogy class. Both educational research projects have contributed to our understanding of graduate student teacher development, but more global questions remain unanswered. For example, would similar results be found in pedagogy courses offered by multiple different disciplines? Does the timing of a pedagogy course in a graduate student’s career affect the research outcomes? This current proposal seeks to expand on this earlier work by comparing IU graduate pedagogy course outcomes from multiple disciplines. The research team has already obtained interest in study participation from IU pedagogy instructors in Communication and Culture, Anthropology, Political Science, SPEA, the Graduate School, Public Health, HISP, Sociology, and the School of Education. This multi-disciplinary approach should provide large sample sizes so the educational research results may be more generalizable. This research team hopes to expand our knowledge of graduate student development as teacher-scholars, and provide needed data about the timing and efficacy of graduate pedagogy training.

Please strongly consider this worthy proposal for a 2015 SoTL grant. This office and our faculty are strongly committed to this project and are eager to share the results of our educational research efforts. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John B. Watkins III, Ph.D.
Associate Dean and Director
Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology
Adjunct Professor of Optometry

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February 17, 2015

SOTL Grant Committee
Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
Wells Library, E250
Indiana University Bloomington

Dear Members of the Grant Committee,

This letter is in strong support of the SOTL grant application submitted by Dr. Catherine Sherwood-Laughlin. Dr. Sherwood-Laughlin is a respected member in the Department of Applied Health Science is acknowledged for her dedication to teaching and learning. Dr. Sherwood-Laughlin is a co-PI on this project with Dr. Valerie O’Loughlin in Medical Sciences, Dr. Katherine Kearns in the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL), and Dr. Jennifer Robinson from the Department of Communication and Culture. The SOTL grant is focused on a multidisciplinary analysis of pedagogy courses taught on the IUB campus, specifically focusing on an assessment of teaching philosophy statements developed by the graduate students enrolled in those courses. This team brings knowledge and skills related the scholarship of teaching and learning along with many years of combined teaching experiences in a variety of settings and with a variety of learners. The title of the project is, “A Multidisciplinary Evaluation of Pedagogy Courses’ Influence on Graduate Student Development as Teacher-Scholars.”

I am confident that this highly skilled team will be able to assess the disciplinary differences among graduate students’ development as a scholarly teacher. They will accomplish this by comparing teaching philosophy statements, conducting interview sessions with graduate students, content analysis of the pedagogy course syllabi, a survey of the instructors of the pedagogy courses regarding the assignment requirements, and a final survey of the graduate students at the conclusion of the course to determine how the students have evolved as scholarly teachers over the course of the semester. The research team has already identified and obtained interest in this study from pedagogy instructors from the following disciplines: Public Health, HISP, Communication and Culture, Medical Sciences, Education, Graduate School, Political Science, Public and Environmental Affairs, and Sociology. The depth and breadth of the disciplines included in this project will provide SOTL researchers with a better understanding of how graduate students begin to think of themselves as scholarly teachers within their specific field of study.

Please extend my gratitude to the SOTL grant review committee and to all of the staff at CITL for their hard work and dedication towards supporting faculty in their teaching responsibilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David K. Lohrmann, Ph.D., MCHES
Professor and Chair
Applied Health Science
February 13, 2015

SOTL Grant Committee
Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
Wells Library, E250
Indiana University Bloomington

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to offer enthusiastic support for Dr. Jennifer Meta Robinson’s proposal for a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning grant. Dr. Robinson is currently a valued member of the Department of Communication and Culture and will be joining the Department of Anthropology on July 1, 2015. As a professor of practice, her central commitments to the University lie in the practice and study of pedagogy. Thus, this grant will provide important resources for her work, which provides evidence-based impact on pedagogy at IU and beyond. Dr. Robinson is a co-PI on this project with Dr. Valerie O’Loughlin in Medical Sciences and Dr. Catherine Sherwood-Laughlin with the School of Public Health. The SOTL grant proposal is focused on a multidisciplinary analysis of pedagogy courses taught on the IUB campus, specifically focusing on an assessment of teaching philosophy statements developed by the graduate students enrolled in those courses. This research team brings knowledge and skills related to scholarship of teaching and learning and to the teaching of graduate students in pedagogy.

This project will have an immediate impact on the preparation of Indiana University graduate students for their roles as future faculty. The project assesses the disciplinary differences among graduate students’ development as scholarly teachers and the role of IU’s pedagogy courses in that development. The study will compare teaching philosophy statements written during these courses, conduct interviews with graduate students, analyze the content of pedagogy course syllabi, and survey the instructors and students of these courses. The research team has already confirmed that other IU faculty members will also contribute documentation from their courses, from the departments of Public Health, Spanish and Portuguese, Communication and Culture, Medical Sciences, Biology, Philosophy, Political Science, Public and Environmental Affairs, and Sociology. The breadth of disciplines included in this project speaks to the widespread concern to know more about the real impact of the University’s pedagogy courses and the developmental trajectory of graduate students as they prepare for the job market and their professional roles. Moreover, this research will
inform the proposed graduate certificate in college pedagogy that the College of Arts and Sciences is submitting under the leadership of Professor Robinson.

I am confident that this team will make a far-reaching contribution to graduate student education. Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Tucker, Ph.D.
Chair and Associate Professor