

## Teaching Colloquium: Service-Learning

### Presenter Biographies:

#### **Karyn Biasca:**

Karyn Biasca is an Associate Professor in the Paper Science Department at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point where she has taught since 1989. She received her B.S in Chemical Engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1981 and her Ph.D. from the Institute of Paper Chemistry (Appleton, WI) in 1989. Her research interests concentrate in the scholarship of teaching and learning for science and engineering.

#### **Michele Dickinson:**

Michele Dickinson has served as UWSP's Service-Learning Coordinator since February, 2006 through the AmeriCorps\*VISTA and Wisconsin Campus Compact programs. As service-learning coordinator she has worked with many faculty and potential community partners to help identify community needs, identify potential projects, and assist with the full integration of service-learning projects into the course. Michele is involved with the community through a number of various committees, associations, and groups so that she is able to easily help faculty identify potential needs in the community.

#### **Patricia Dreier:**

Patricia Dreier has been the Portage County Grant Writer since April 2003. Since then, she has won over \$30 million in grant awards with government, community, and business partners on a broad range of grant topics. Her template for successful county grants program is now being shared with other counties!

#### **Shari Ellertson:**

Shari Ellertson serves as Visiting Assistant Professor and Assessment Consultant for the Department of Mathematics and Computing at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She earned a Ph.D. in Education, specializing in higher education, from Iowa State University, a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Student Affairs from Minnesota State University Moorhead, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from North Dakota State University. Her areas of expertise include: student learning outcomes assessment, program evaluation, faculty development, and student success initiatives.

#### **Rob Manzke:**

Rob Manzke is the Executive Assistant for the Chancellor at UWSP. Before assuming his new position in January, 2007, he has held numerous positions within student affairs including adviser for the Association for Community Tasks (UWSP's student volunteer organization) and leadership and employment development coordinator for the Student Involvement and Employment Office. His community engagement includes being past president of the Greater Portage County Rotary Club, United Way Volunteer Center advisory board member, marketing committee member for Leadership Portage County, chair of the Portage County Association of Volunteer Administrators and chair of the Wesley Foundation.

#### **Pamela M. Proulx-Curry, Ph.D.**

Pamela M. Proulx-Curry received a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Maine in 1990 and a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of New Hampshire in 1997. She began her college teaching career in 1995 and served as Asst. Professor of Chemistry at the University of Maine at Machias. In 1999 Dr. Proulx-Curry moved to Unity College, and was promoted to Associate Professor of Chemistry in 2001. While at Unity College she also held a half-time appointment as Faculty Administrator for Teaching and Learning from January 2004 through May 2005. She is currently serving as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Campus Compact. Dr. Proulx-Curry has been involved in a number of K-16 collaborations aimed at improving math and science education, and helped to coordinate Unity College's service learning efforts. She has given many presentations and invited talks on math and science education as well as on service-learning.

#### **James Sage:**

James Sage is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Anthropology at UWSP. James teaches courses in philosophy of science, epistemology, science and values, environmental ethics, and American Pragmatism (including John Dewey). His interests in service-learning developed during graduate school at the University of Utah, when he participated in numerous service projects in the Salt Lake City area.