

Dr. Marshall Welch
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Teaching Colloquium: Service-Learning
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Keynote address:

“Reflections on Service-Learning and
Higher Education”

Dr. Marshall Welch is Professor and Director of The Lowell Bennion Community Service Center at the University of Utah

Dr. Welch will reflect on how his accidental involvement in service-learning shaped his teaching and research in ways that ultimately led him to become director of a nationally recognized program.

He will discuss how this pedagogy provides deeper educational opportunities to students as well as how it can re-charge faculty members while meeting the academy’s civic mission in the community.

Dr. Welch will couple his personal experiences with best practice and theoretically-based techniques to illustrate the power and challenges associated with service-learning.



Short Biographical Description of Dr. Welch:

Marshall Welch has been at the University of Utah since 1987 as a faculty member in the Department of Special Education. Marshall was department chair for the last two years of his faculty appointment before being appointed Director of the Lowell Bennion Community Center in May of 2001.

Marshall began teaching a service-learning course addressing issues of children and became involved with the Bennion Center. He served on several advisory committees of the Bennion Center and was named the Borchard Service-Learning Faculty Fellow in 1996-97 providing assistance to other faculty across campus interested in service-learning courses.

His scholarly interests are in the area of service-learning, civic engagement, and community-based research. Marshall has co-edited a book on the research of service-learning as well as made numerous national and international presentations on the topic. He earned his doctorate in Special Education from Southern Illinois University in 1987. His wife, Julie, is a special education teacher in Jordan School District in Salt Lake City. He has two sons and a daughter-in-law. Justin and Kate are both 4th grade teachers in Salt Lake City. His other son, Jordan, is attending the University of Utah majoring in drama.