



**The Faculty Development Committee  
invites you to the**



**Twenty-fourth Annual  
Faculty Development Conference**

**Wednesday, August 25, 2010  
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*Scholarship at St. Norbert College: Toward a New Consensus*

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As we engage in scholarship and creative activities, we contribute to the mission of St. Norbert College that calls us “to gain knowledge, solve problems, and seek truth.”

The St. Norbert College community last tackled the topic of scholarship two decades ago, and expectations and responsibilities for faculty have significantly changed since then. We have launched an initiative to re-examine the place of scholarship in light of these and other changes, including our recent ranking as a national liberal arts college, the President’s vision of excellence, and trends in higher education nationwide.

This year’s Faculty Development Conference on the role of and support for scholarship in faculty lives will explore the following questions:

- What is our new Dean’s vision of scholarship at the College?
- What do we expect of ourselves as teacher-scholars and artists at different career stages?
- How can we best pursue scholarship and creative activities?
- What can we learn about faculty load from aspirant institutions?
- What is the College prepared to do in the next five years to support scholarship?

Please come join in the conversation.

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This Conference Will Feature...

**Dr. William Craft**

Dr. William (Bill) Craft is Dean of the College, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of English at Luther College. He serves on the executive boards of the American Conference of Academic Deans and the Wye Faculty Seminar. He has worked with the faculty at Luther to establish definitions of scholarship, expectations for scholarly achievement at different stages of faculty careers, and the relationship of scholarly inquiry to excellence in teaching, and with Jill Reich of Bates College and Elizabeth Tobin of Illinois College, he has recently led a workshop on faculty workload.

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RSVP for the conference and for the lunch by contacting Gayle Lenz (x3860 or [gayle.lenz@snc.edu](mailto:gayle.lenz@snc.edu))

**See reverse side for full conference schedule**

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- 8:00 – 8:25** Coffee and light refreshments
- 8:25 – 8:30** Welcome and introductory remarks – Linda Beane-Katner
- 8:30 – 8:55** “A Vision for Scholarship at St. Norbert College” – Jeff Frick
- 8:55 – 9:25** “Living the Life of Inquiry in Community” – William Craft

The poet Wendell Berry writes that faculty members are trustees of the life of the mind in their community (*A Continuous Harmony*, 1972). If this is true, what we seek to do as scholars is live out a life of inquiry, discovery, and reflection, with peers and with students.

Given this, the first questions are not about how we “count” things, but rather these:

- What do we expect of ourselves as teacher-scholars and artists?
- How can we best organize our time to give ourselves joyfully to these tasks that we love?
- How can we ensure that our scholarship and artistry will enable our community to thrive?
- How can we best model the life of inquiry for our students?

**9:25 – 9:35** Break

**9:35 – 10:35** “The Luther College Experience” – William Craft

- The question of scholarship put to the Dean of the College ten years ago
- Feedback from department heads about the nature of scholarship in the disciplines, expectations at different career stages, and the relation of scholarship to College’s mission
- Review and revision of college-wide requirements and majors
- Reconfiguration of faculty load
- Changes in the culture of scholarship for faculty, teaching, and the College’s intellectual life
- Ten years on: still changing

**10:35 – 10:45** Break

**10:45 – 11:45** “St. Norbert College Opportunities” – Roundtable discussion on faculty aspirations/expectations in light of the mission of the College. Questions include:

- If you had more time, what type(s) of scholarship would you pursue and why?
- If you were free to do so, how would you choose to organize your professional time?
- How does scholarship bear fruit in your teaching?
- What range and depth of scholarship ought you to expect of yourself and others at various stages of your career?

**11:45 – 12:10** “Lessons Learned from Luther College” – Question and answer session

**12:10 – 12:25** “Finding More Financial Support for Scholarship at SNC” – Tom Kunkel and Jeff Frick

**12:25 – 12:30** Conclusion – Linda Beane-Katner

**12:30 – 1:45** Lunch and discussion – Please RSVP to Gayle Lenz for the conference and for the lunch