

The Faculty Development Committee
invites you to the

Twenty-first Annual Faculty Development Conference
Thursday, January 17, 2008
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*Engaging our Students:
Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship*

Engaging our students in undergraduate research and creative scholarship contributes to St. Norbert College's mission of providing an education that is "intellectually, spiritually, and personally challenging."

St. Norbert has a long tradition of supporting undergraduate research and creative scholarship (URCS) through the Student Faculty Development Fund, the Research Fellows Program, and the Student Academic Travel Fund. In addition to these programs, there is an active pattern of student faculty collaborations in the sciences, where funds from grants and an endowed chair offer further opportunities. Moving forward, St. Norbert College has been named a McNair site, which means we will offer first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented populations mentoring and research opportunities to encourage students to pursue a Ph.D. There is exciting collaborative work happening already. Incorporating URCS into your teaching and scholarship results in concrete benefits for you, your students, and the institution alike.

This year's Faculty Development Conference on undergraduate research and creative scholarship will explore the following topics:

- Benefits to students, faculty, and the institution
- Incorporating URCS across the curriculum
- Supporting faculty and students doing URCS
- Overcoming obstacles and challenges to URCS

The program will include a faculty panel as well as reflections by current students and alumni on how their URCS experience was transformative. Please come join in the conversation.

This Year's Conference Will Feature...

Dr. Iain Crawford and Dr. Jeff Abernathy

Dr. Iain Crawford is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of English at the College of Wooster. The College of Wooster has a 60-year tradition of promoting undergraduate research and creative scholarship through required junior and senior-level independent study theses. Dr. Jeff Abernathy is Vice President and Professor of English at Augustana College, in Rock Island, IL. Augustana has recently developed a senior capstone program, Senior Inquiry, that is the centerpiece of the college's strategic plan. Drs. Crawford and Abernathy have made several presentations on undergraduate research and creative scholarship, and they are developing a grant proposal for a study of the value added by capstone programs at liberal arts colleges.

See reverse side for full conference schedule.

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8:15 - 8:45 Coffee and Conversation

8:45 - 8:50 Welcome and Introductions

8:50 - 9:50 **Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship: Theory**

URCS as a High-Impact Educational Practice in the Liberal Arts
URCS Across the Curriculum
URCS and Institutional Mission
URCS and Institutional Outcomes

9:50 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 11:10 **Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship: Assessment and Outcomes**

URCS Outcomes: Reviewing Research

Student Perspectives: St. Norbert, Wooster, and Augustana

Faculty Perspectives: The Transformative Nature of Student-Faculty Collaboration:

- Kari Cunningham, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- John Pennington, Professor of English
- Terry Jo Leiterman, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Kevin Quinn, Associate Professor of Economics

11:10 - 11:20 Break

11:20 - 12:20 **Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship: Practice**

A Program Built: Independent Study at the College of Wooster
Building a Program: Senior Inquiry at Augustana College

Roundtable Discussion:

- How can we support faculty in developing URCS?
- How can we support students in their research?
- How can we integrate research into the students' overall undergraduate education?
- How can we overcome obstacles and challenges?

12:20 - 12:30 Wrap Up: Questions and Comments

12:30 Lunch

**Please contact Gayle Lenz (x3860 or gayle.lenz@snc.edu)
to reserve a space for lunch.**