

The Office for Teaching and Learning presents The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching Speaker Series

Gwen Gorzelsky is an Associate Professor in the WSU English Department. She specializes in literacy studies, composition pedagogy, and qualitative research. She received the esteemed WSU President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006.

Professor Gorzelsky distinguishes herself as an exceptional instructor by actively involving her students in their own learning experiences. In particular, she employs service learning as a means to foster the growth of her students as leaders in community development and problem solving.



Gwen Gorzelsky, PhD.
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12:00 – 1:30 pm

144 Purdy/Kresge Library
(Simons Room)

Ever wonder what innovative and exciting teaching methods your colleagues are using in their classrooms? Come hear how Professor Gwen Gorzelsky motivates students to do their best work and to apply what they are studying to real situations. She inspires active participation and involvement in the classroom by creating an environment in which students feel comfortable and confident in the fact that their voices matter.

Professor Gorzelsky's work with students outside the classroom distinguishes her from her colleagues. Through service learning she fosters the growth of her students as leaders in community development and problem-solving. She inspires them to take action in defining their community. Professor Gorzelsky has been a driving force in creating the new Urban Scholars/Leaders Program that aims to identify, train, and retain future generations of leaders in Detroit. She is also involved with the Center for Community-Based Education, which promotes service-learning and community-based education across WSU. She has had a profound impact on undergraduate and graduate students lives and has used her teaching to enrich the community.

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