

The OTL presents...

The Pleasures and Perils of Team Teaching

Lawrence D. Lemke, Ph.D., specializes in applied geology and the movement of contaminants through groundwater aquifers. He received the esteemed WSU President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006.

Larry believes that learning is a lifelong process of discovery which he likens to a geology field trip. He explains, "Under the direction of an experienced guide, we may hike long distances together to reach a point where we each break off and explore natural features on our own, later returning to discuss and develop a shared understanding of what we have seen and experienced."



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144 Purdy/Kresge Library
(Simons Room)

This month we're featuring Dr. Larry Lemke from the Department of Geology. Whether he is teaching introductory to advanced courses or leading his students on field trips, Larry engages his students deeply in the subject and he engages *with* them in the learning process. He makes complex subjects understandable, incorporates computer modeling programs into his courses to bring the subject matter to life, and has created challenging and educational games to help students study and learn.

One teaching approach Larry utilizes is team teaching. Team teaching involves the sharing of instructional responsibilities with other faculty members. It can be an exhilarating experience – providing an opportunity for faculty to learn from one another and to model active learning for the students in their class. Unfortunately, if the dynamics between professors or among professors and students are poor, team teaching can backfire and potentially impede learning in the classroom. Larry will describe several of his experiences utilizing team teaching (both highly successful and less than perfect, based on student evaluation) and suggest key strategies that can contribute to successful team teaching endeavors at the university level.

Join us for lunch and networking with fellow WSU faculty as we discuss creative approaches to teaching across the WSU campus!

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