



*THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
AT
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY*

INVITES YOU TO OUR

14TH TEACHING CONFERENCE

*SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION:
THE INTEGRATION OF CRITICAL
THINKING TO
SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES*

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008

BOWEN-THOMPSON STUDENT UNION
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

SERVICE LEARNING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

After a hiatus of two years, the Department of Economics is planning its teaching conference for 2008. The program will integrate the common theme of past conferences, the development of critical thinking skills, to service learning. We hope to provide attendees with teaching skills that develop questioning and values discussion in the classroom, while also providing practical guidance to instructors desiring to add service learning to their teaching.

Service learning can provide many different avenues for the instructor. Such courses can teach students about cultures other than their own, the importance of giving, and how to make improvements in their world. One only has to google “service learning” to see the myriad of teaching techniques that fall under the service learning label. What we hope to supply with our conference is the added component of critical thinking development. In other words, how does the instructor use the service learning experience to promote a deeper understanding of the experience? Like many new and hot topics, service learning is still in development as a learning tool. This conference will help the instructor define the relevant questions, suggest ways to develop student communication, and provide ideas for assessment and achievement. It will also enable faculty from Bowling Green and other local institutions of higher education to develop connections to community organizations that can benefit from scholarly aid from a service learning initiative. We hope to add some community organization tables at our conference in order to facilitate these connections.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MORNING SESSIONS

8:00-9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
8:30-2:45 Publisher’s displays

9:00-9:15 a.m. Introduction
9:15-10:15 a.m. Richard M. Bassistoni, Providence College, Political Science.
Active Citizenship across the Social Sciences: Student Learning Outcomes and Community Engagement.

10:30-11:30 a.m. KimMarie McGoldrick, University of Richmond, Economics.
Service-Learning Experiences that Enhance Student Skills: An Economist’s Approach.

11:30-noon Interactive session with Richard and KimMarie

Noon to 1:15 p.m. Lunch
Robert Frank, Cornell University, Economics
The Economic Naturalist

Break before next sessions – mingle with our speakers, visit our textbook publishers.

Afternoon workshops (participants are divided into two groups to allow for more interaction with presenters).

1:30-2:30 p.m. Robert Rycroft, University of Mary Washington, Economics
Studying Philanthropy and Doling Out Real Cash

Jen Gilbride-Brown, Senior Program Director: Faculty and Campus Development, Ohio Campus Compact
and
Jane Rosser, Bowling Green State University, Higher Education & Director of Service Learning at BGSU.
Building a Service Learning Course

2:45-3:45 p.m. Workshops are repeated.

Our Presenters:

Robert H. Frank is the Henrietta Johnson Louis Professor of Management and Professor of Economics at Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management. His "Economic Scene" column appears monthly in *The New York Times*. Frank's books, which include *Choosing the Right Pond*, *Passions Within Reason*, *Microeconomics and Behavior*, *Principles of Economics* (with Ben Bernanke), *Luxury Fever*, *What Price the Moral High Ground?*, *Falling Behind*, and *The Economic Naturalist*, have been translated into ten languages. *The Winner-Take-All Society*, co-authored with Philip Cook, received a Critic's Choice Award, was named a Notable Book of the Year by *The New York Times*, and was included in *Business Week's* list of the ten best books of 1995. He was awarded the Johnson School's Stephen Russell Distinguished teaching award in 2004 and its Apple Distinguished Teaching Award in 2005.



Rick Battistoni is Professor of Political Science and Public and Community Service Studies at Providence College. Rick has been a leader in the field of service-learning, especially as it relates to questions of civic education and engagement. From 1994-2000, he served as the founding Director of the Feinstein Institute for Public Service at Providence College. Rick has been a leader in the field of service-learning, especially as it relates to questions of civic education and engagement. From 1994-2000, he served as the founding Director of the Feinstein Institute for Public Service at Providence College. He has led or facilitated workshops for several national organizations (e.g., AACU, NSEE, Campus Compact, The Kettering Foundation), and has lectured or made presentations on a number of college campuses.



KimMarie McGoldrick is a Professor of Economics at the University of Richmond. Her research investigates methods of making economics more meaningful to students and includes the volume *Putting the Invisible Hand to Work: Concepts and Models of Service Learning in Economics* (with Andrea Ziegert). Over the past 7 years she has (co)coordinated a number of workshops. She is a member of the staff of the Teaching Innovations Program (TIP). She received the University of Richmond Distinguished Educator Award, and has received all three of the Robins School of Business Outstanding Activity Awards in the areas of Teaching, Research, and Service.



Robert S. Rycroft, Professor of Economics, earned a Ph.D. (1978) and M.A. (1974) from the University of Maryland, after having received a B.A. (1972) in economics from the College of William and Mary. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Economic Association, Dr. Rycroft is the author of *Essentials of Macroeconomics I and II* and a contributor to *The Economics Problem Solver* and *GRE Economics Test*. He is currently writing about the economics of inequality, poverty, mobility, and discrimination. He is President-elect of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national economics honor society.

Jane Rosser is the Director of Service-Learning at Bowling Green State University. Her professional work has encompassed student affairs, women's centers, community partnerships, and more recently service-learning and civic engagement. At BGSU she serves on the Women's Studies Steering Committee. She was instrumental in bringing an AmeriCorps program to Northwest Ohio, and Wood County Corps has developed into a very successful civic outreach program. She is actively involved in a range of community based partnerships, local and national grant related activities and in work with Ohio and National Campus Compact.



Jen Gilbride-Brown is the Senior Program Director: Faculty and Campus Development. She will partner with Jennifer Haren in providing support for the Learn and Serve Great Cities*Great Service grant. Jen is also responsible for providing resources and guidance to campuses regarding engaged teaching, learning, and scholarship initiatives among other things. (Picture unavailable).

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Fee Schedule \$65 before March 20, 2008, non BGSU faculty
\$55 before March 20, 2008, BGSU faculty
\$75 after March 20, 2008, all individuals
Includes continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00 a.m., lunch and refreshments

Lunch only (Frank Presentation): \$20 faculty
\$10 students