

What's It Like to Be an Academic Administrator?

Wednesday, October 5, 2:30 – 3:40 p.m.

Overview of the program and resources available

Dr. Mary Wright, Asst. Director, Evaluation, CRLT, and Assoc. Research Scientist

Panel presentation

Dr. Jann Joseph, Dean of the College of Education, and Professor, Department of Teacher Education, Eastern Michigan University

As Dean, Dr. Joseph is responsible for providing dynamic leadership, serving as the college spokesperson, and collaboratively identifying and facilitating the strategic direction of the college. A member of the Academic Affairs leadership team at EMU, her insights and contributions support the mission of the university. She is especially interested in initiatives that advance the professional development of the university's faculty and staff.

A successful grant writer, Dr. Joseph has been the PI for more than \$1.6 million of external grants including funding from the Department of Education and the National Science Foundation. She is passionate about teacher preparation in the sciences. Before joining EMU she was a faculty member and Associate Dean at Grand Valley State University (GVSU). She was the founding coordinator of the Integrated Science program at GVSU where she led a team of faculty to develop the curriculum and obtain state approval for a unique major that seamlessly blends science content with pedagogy. Her commitment to teacher preparation extends beyond the campus and she is a certified reviewer for the National Science Teachers Association's Science Program Improvement Review (SPIR). Dr. Joseph has made numerous presentations at regional, national, and international conferences and is an advocate and change agent for science teacher preparation in Michigan.

Dr. Steven Volk, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Teaching Innovation and Excellence, Oberlin College

Dr. Volk received his Ph.D. and M.A. from Columbia University, and his B.A. from Brandeis University. Dr. Volk's teaching interests include Latin American studies, museum studies, and human rights. In 2003, he was awarded the American Historical Association's Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award "in honor of his dedication to students of history through teaching and mentoring." He is currently working on a book tentatively titled, *Not a Part of History We're Proud Of: Chile, the Overthrow of Allende, and the Shaping of American Historical Memory*.

Dr. Henry Dyson, LSA Academic Advisor, LSA Individual Concentration Program, University of Michigan

Dr. Dyson earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at Emory University, his M.A. in classical studies at University of Missouri, Columbia, and his B.A. at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Before coming to LSA Advising, he taught in the Philosophy Department at The College of William and Mary and in the Philosophy and Classical Studies Departments at the University of Michigan. His research and teaching interests include Greek and Roman philosophy, especially the Hellenistic Schools (The Stoics, Epicureans, Cynics, and Skeptics) and comparative studies on happiness.

Q&A

Online resources about positions and job searches in academic administration are available at:

<http://www.crlt.umich.edu/gsis/wil.php>

PAST "WHAT'S IT LIKE?" SEMINARS AND FACULTY PARTICIPANTS

Recordings of the panels and resources are available online:

http://www.crlt.umich.edu/gsis/wil_past.php

What's It Like to Work at a Liberal Arts College? – January 28, 2011

Panelists:

- Dr. Clayton Koppes Professor, Department of History, Oberlin College
- Dr. Manish Mehta, Department of Chemistry, Oberlin College
- Dr. Andy Mozina, Department of English, Kalamazoo College
- Dr. Afia Ofori-Mensa, OK-UM Postdoctoral Scholar in Comparative American Studies and African American Studies, Oberlin College

What's It Like to Be a Postdoctoral Researcher? - October 6, 2010

Panelists:

- Dr. Shanna Daly, Research Fellow, Design Science Program, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan; Research Fellow, College of Engineering, University of Michigan
- Dr. Ferman Chavez, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Oakland University
- Dr. Peter Hitchcock, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Studies, University of Michigan Medical School; Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, Medical School

What's It Like to Be a Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Member? - September 16, 2010

Panelists:

- Dr. Catherine Misener, Formerly Social Science Chair, Kaplan University
- Dr. Lori Kumler, Part time faculty, Geography Department and Geological and Environmental Sciences Department, Youngstown State University
- Dr. Linda Wiechowski, Chair, Finance and Economics, Walsh College
- Dr. Victor Okafor, Department Head, Department of African American Studies, Eastern Michigan University

What's It Like to Work at a Liberal Arts College? - January 28, 2010

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- Dr. Grace An, Assistant Professor of French/Cinema Studies, Oberlin College
- Dr. Clayton Koppes, Professor, Department of History, Oberlin College
- Dr. Andrew Mozina, Associate Professor, Department of English, Kalamazoo College
- Dr. Amy Rodgers, Mellon postdoctoral fellow

What's It Like to Work at a Postsecondary Minority Institution? - February 12, 2010

Panelists:

- Dr. Bryant Marks, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Morehouse College
- Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Associate Provost Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Academic Committee, and Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Academic Technology, Dillard University, President, HBCU Faculty Development Network, President-Elect-Elect, Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network
- Dr. Jim Silliman, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

What's It Like to Work Where There's a Teaching-Research Balance? - October 7, 2009

Panelists:

- Dr. Samhita Rhodes, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, Grand Valley State University
- Dr. John Staudenmaier, Professor of History, The University of Detroit Mercy

What's It Like to Work at a Community College? - September 25, 2009

Panelists:

- Dr. Geri Jacobs, Professor, Department of Language, Literature and the Arts, Jackson Community College
- Dr. Roger Palay, Vice President for Instruction, Washtenaw Community College
- Andre Cavalcante, Ph.D. Candidate, Communication Studies (Previously, a full-time instructor at Suffolk County Community College and adjunct at Nassau Community College, New York)