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### 2007 Fall Faculty Conference: The Role of Scholarship And Creative Work at Otterbein College

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## Fall Conference 2007:

The role of scholarship and creative work  
at a comprehensive liberal arts college

### Schedule

- 8:30-9:00** Coffee (*Battelle lobby*)
- 9:00-10:00** Welcome, announcements, and introductions of new colleagues  
(*Riley Auditorium*)
- 10:00-10:10** Opening comments by Dr. Abíódún Gòkè-Paríolá, VPAA, and introduction of  
Dr. Scott Colley
- 10:05-10:25** Remarks by Dr. Scott Colley
- 10:30-11:30** Break out groups for discussion (*Roush Hall rooms*)  
Group 1: Roush Hall 212  
Group 2: Roush Hall 213  
Group 3: Roush Hall 330  
Group 4: Roush Hall 424  
Group 5: Roush Hall 426  
Group 6: Roush Hall 429
- 11:45-12:30** Discussion with Dr. Colley (*Roush Hall 114*)
- 12:30-1:00** Buffet lunch (*Roush Hall 116, 117, 118, and second floor Fischer Gallery*)
- 1:00-3:00** Discussion with Dr. Abíódún Gòkè-Paríolá, VPAA (moderated by Dr. Scott Colley)  
(*Roush Hall 114*)



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**Date:** August 1, 2007

**To:** Fall Conference Participants

**From:** Abiódún Gòkè-Pariólá  
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean

**Re:** Fall Conference 2007

Welcome back to the new academic year!

This year's Fall Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Riley Auditorium in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. A schedule for the day's activities is enclosed.

The theme for this year's conference is "The Role of Scholarship and Creative Work at Otterbein College." Over the past year, we have grappled with the issue of how to ensure that we are meeting the expectations about faculty work specified in the *Faculty Manual*. Also, among other things, our draft Strategic Plan asks that we strengthen our record in the area of scholarship and creative work. My hope is that this conference will provide an opportunity for faculty to discuss the various issues involved in the context of faculty work at Otterbein College.

Dr. Scott Colley, former president of Berry College, will be facilitating our discussions at the Fall Conference. I have invited him because I am familiar with and respect his thinking and his writing on the role of scholarship at colleges like ours. More important, he understands the importance of the work of faculty, and is able to clearly articulate issues while leading discussions in a collegial manner. Dr. Colley will moderate our after-lunch discussion and facilitate an open community dialogue about our work together.

As a complement to the day's discussions, you'll find enclosed two essays: (1) "Notes on Tenure and Promotion for New Faculty Members" and (2) "From Athens and Berlin to LA: Faculty Work and the New Academy," which will provide some context for the conference. The breakout sessions will address the following questions:

1. How can faculty balance teaching, scholarship/creative work and service?
2. How is the nature of faculty work changing, and how can faculty keep up?
3. What can we do to help faculty with their scholarship/creative work at different stages of their career?
4. How important is it to have comparable expectations for scholarship/creative work across departments and divisions?

You will be receiving an online registration e-mail notification for the conference. Please complete this no later than **August 22, 2007**. Also included in this packet is information regarding the New Student Convocation. Please return this to our office using the enclosed envelope no later than **August 22, 2007**.

I look forward to seeing you on September 4 for a productive beginning to the 2007/08 academic year!

Enclosures:   Conference Schedule  
                  The Readings  
                  Invitation to New Student Convocation

New Faculty/Administrators 2007-08

| Faculty          |   | Education  | Moving from:  |
|------------------|---|--|---|
| Sheri Birmingham | Assistant Professor of Equine Science             | DVM, The Ohio State University, 2005<br>B.S., Otterbein College, 2001  | Associate Veterinarian at Johnstown Animal Health Center; Adjunct Professor at Otterbein College. |
| Margaret Colvin  | Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages          | Ph.D., University of Connecticut, 2004<br>M.A., The University of North Carolina, 1974<br>B.A., The University of North Carolina, 1972                   | Lector at Yale University.  |
| Joan Esson       | Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry | Ph.D., University of Michigan, 1999<br>B.S., Baldwin Wallace College, 1994   | Assistant Professor at Kalamazoo College.   |
| Meredith Frey    | Assistant Professor of Psychology                 | Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University, 2006<br>M.A., Case Western Reserve University, 2005<br>B.A., Ursuline College, 2000                              | Collegiate Traveling Faculty at University of Maryland University, European Division.             |
| Sunhwa Jung      | Assistant Professor of Education                  | Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 2003<br>M.A., Ewha Womans University, Seoul Korea, 1993<br>B.A., Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea, 1986            | Senior Research Associate at Oakstone Academy in Columbus, OH.                                    |
| Kristin Reninger | Assistant Professor of Education                  | Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 2007<br>M.S., State University of New York College at Postdam<br>B.A., State University of New York College at Potsdam | Instructor at Center for Teacher Education, Dept. of Education, Ohio Northern University.         |
| Brian Sell       | Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy      | Ph.D., University of California, Davis, 2007<br>M.S., University of California, Davis, 2001<br>B.S. Mount Union College, 1999                            | Lecturer at University of California, Davis.  |
| Karen Steigman   | Assistant Professor of English                    | Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 2007<br>M.A., University at Buffalo<br>B.A., University at Buffalo   | Instructor at University of Minnesota.  |

New Faculty/Administrators 2007-08

| Faculty               |  | Education  | Moving from:   |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Kevin Svitana         | Assistant Professor of Life and Earth Sciences             | Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 2005<br>M.S., West Virginia University, 1983<br>B.S., Juniata College, 1981                                      | Post Doctoral Researcher at The Ohio State University.   |
| Rebecca White         | Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance                   | MFA, University of Minnesota, 2005<br>B.S., University of Wisconsin, 2001  | Costume Studio Supervisor at St. Cloud State University. |
| Wendy Sherman Heckler | Associate Professor of Education                           | Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 2001<br>M.A., The Ohio State University, 1997<br>B.S., The Ohio State University, 1991                           | Associate Professor at Kent State University.            |
| Clare Kilbane         | Associate Professor of Education                           | Ph.D., University of Virginia, 2000<br>M.A., The Ohio State University, 1997<br>B.A., University of Dayton, 1993                                   | Adjunct Instructor at Otterbein College.                 |
| Marjorie Kukor        | Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology                 | Ph.D., Miami University, 1991<br>M.A., Miami University, 1981<br>B.A., University of Cincinnati, 1978  | Disaster Mental Health Manager at American Red Cross.    |
| Leslie Newman         | Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry | Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 2000<br>M.S., Louisiana State University Medical Center, 1995<br>B.S., University of Louisiana, 1992             |  |
| Aderaw Fenta          | Visiting Instructor of Mathematical Sciences               | Ph.D., Kent State University-anticipated Dec. 2007<br>M.S., Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 1987<br>B.S., Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 1982 | Graduate Assistant at Kent State University.             |

| Administrators  |  | Education  | Moving from:   |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Diane Nance     | Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs         | B.F.A., The Ohio State University  | Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Kenyon College.    |
| Barbara Wharton | Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning | Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 2007<br>M.A., The Ohio State University, 2002<br>B.S., The Ohio State University, 1991 | Director of Student Affairs Assessment at The Ohio State University. |

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