

2018 OPID Spring Conference on Teaching & Learning

The Joy of Teaching in an Age of Digital Learning

Thursday, April 12 & Friday, April 13, 2018

The Memorial Union, Madison, WI

Each spring, some 200 faculty and staff from nearly every UW institution gather to share experiences, knowledge, and scholarship of teaching and learning in Wisconsin. This year's conference returns to Madison at the newly renovated Memorial Union overlooking Lake Mendota to consider *The Joy of Teaching in an Age of Digital Learning*. It is also the culminating event for the 2017-18 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows & Scholars Program when fellows and scholars share their year-long Scholarship of Teaching & Learning projects at a festive poster reception. What makes the spring conference special, in part, are the intentional relationships among teaching, learning, and making excellence inclusive. We envision a conference where participants return home rejuvenated with the joy of teaching.

This year's theme reminds us that despite ongoing stresses placed on faculty and instructors from multiple sources, what remains constant is the joy of teaching. What distinguishes teaching today from the past is the undeniable impact of internet and digital technologies in shaping the lives and minds of our students, and, consequently, our teaching. Together we will consider what this means to our work as educators.

Conference Registration Opens: January 16, 2018

Hotel Reservation Deadline: March 5, 2018

Keynote Speaker

Michael Wesch, Ph.D

LIFE 101: LESSONS FROM STUDENTS IN PURSUIT OF A REAL EDUCATION



Dr. Michael Wesch has been dubbed “the prophet of an education revolution” by the *Kansas City Star*. Wesch is internationally recognized as a leader in teaching innovation. The *New York Times* listed him as one of 10 professors in the nation whose courses “mess with old models” and added,

“They give students an experience that might change how they think, what they care about or even how they live their lives.” Wesch is well known for his digital work. His videos have been viewed over 20 million times, translated in over 20 languages, and are frequently featured at international film festivals and major academic conferences worldwide. Wesch has won several major awards for his work, including the U.S. Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation, *Wired* Magazine’s Rave Award, and he was named an Emerging Explorer by National Geographic.

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