



Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences

CCAS Webinar on Interdisciplinarity

Thematic Interdisciplinary Programs

Outline

- Case Studies from our Presenters

 - Karen Kedrowski, Winthrop University
 - John Griffin, College of William & Mary
 - Kristin Sobolik, Wright State University
- Salient Issues
 - For Students
 - For Faculty
 - For Administrators
- Questions and Discussion



Karen M. Kedrowski

Dean of Arts & Sciences

Winthrop University

Rock Hill, SC

Winthrop University

- Regional, public, master's level institution.
- Rock Hill, SC
- 6,000 students
- College of Arts & Sciences
 - 14 departments, 18 majors, 9 graduate programs, 33 minors.
 - Social sciences, natural sciences, humanities, and accredited professional programs
 - Teaching load: 12 hours/semester, 24/year.

Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

- Graduate
 - Master of Liberal Arts (MLA)
 - Concentration in Political and Civic Engagement
- Undergraduate Majors
 - Integrated Marketing Communication (BS)
 - Environmental Science (BS)
 - Environmental Studies (BA)
 - Social Studies Education (BA)
 - Individualized Studies (BA)
- Contribute to:
 - Digital Information Design
 - Sport Management

Interdisciplinary Minors

- African American Studies
- General Science
- Gerontology
- Humanities
- International Studies
- Legal Studies
- Medieval Studies
- Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution Studies
- Social Sciences
- Sustainability
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Education Studies (Fall '15)

Organizational Structure

- Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (Established in 2011)
 - 5 degree programs; 13 minors
 - Four full time faculty; 9 more program directors
- Department of Mass Communication
 - Integrated Marketing Communication
- Outside Arts & Sciences



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John D. Griffin, Ph.D.

Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Arts & Sciences

College of William & Mary

Williamsburg, VA

College of William & Mary

- Public University in Virginia
- 6,400 Undergraduates (90% in A&S programs)
- College of Arts & Sciences
 - 80+ Degree paths (B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.), including several accelerated Masters, Ph.D. and Professional Programs
 - 22 Departments / 12 Programs

Faculty Teaching Loads: TE = 2/2, NTE = 3/3

Interdisciplinary Programs

- Africana Studies (B.A.)
- American Studies (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- Environmental Science & Policy (B.A.)*2ndary major
- Film Studies (B.A.)
- Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies (B.A.)
- Global Studies (B.A.)
- International Relations (B.A.)
- Linguistics (B.A.)
- Literary & Cultural Studies (B.A.)
- Medieval & Renaissance Studies (B.A.)
- Neuroscience (B.S.)
- Public Policy (B.A., M.P.P.)

Organizational Structure

- Program Director
- Affiliated Faculty
 - Tenured/Tenure Track: Departmental Home & MOUs
 - Non-Tenure Eligible
- Curriculum
 - Departmental Courses
 - Stand Alone Courses
 - Cross Listing



WRIGHT STATE
UNIVERSITY

College of
Liberal Arts

Kristin Sobolik
Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Wright State University
Dayton, OH

Wright State University

- Urban, comprehensive, doctoral level institution, high research classification
- Dayton, OH
- 18,000 students
- College of Liberal Arts
 - 12 departments, 9 interdisciplinary programs
 - Social sciences, humanities, fine and performing arts
 - Teaching load: TET 3/2; NTE 4/4

Interdisciplinary Programs

- Undergraduate

- International Studies
- Crime and Justice Studies
- Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGS)
- African and African American Studies (AAAS)
- Liberal Studies
- Social Science Education

- Graduate

- International Comparative Politics
- Masters in Humanities
- Applied Behavioral Social Sciences

Organizational Structure

- 9 Interdisciplinary Programs
 - Represents 30% of the majors in the college
- Not affiliated with a Department
- Program Directors
 - Stipend and Course Release
- Part-time administrative support – shared
- Faculty Advisory Committees
- WGS and AAFS have own course designators, clear location, and clear affiliation with Women's Center and Bolinga Center

SALIENT ISSUES

- For Students
- For Faculty
- For Administrators

SALIENT ISSUES FOR STUDENTS

- Incentives to disciplinary study
- Awareness of the programs
- Obtaining needed courses
- Relevance of the degree
- Physical Location
- Sense of Belonging, of Place
- Who are fellow students?

SALIENT ISSUES FOR FACULTY

- Appointments and Evaluation

 - Secondary Supervisor
 - Joint appointments?
 - Teaching/Service within programs
- Workload
- Compensation & Recognition
- Marketing and Student Recruitment
- Physical Location

SALIENT ISSUES FOR ADMINISTRATORS

- Reliance on Departments
 - To provide faculty time
 - To provide courses
 - Ensuring goodwill
- Managing enrollment
- Managing details of faculty appointments
- Operating Budget & Support
- Physical Location

Questions for Our Panel?