

College of Liberal Arts Interdisciplinary Academic Workgroups

Workgroup Title	Purpose	Workgroup Members
Plateau Center for American Indian Studies	This CLA-based Center will sponsor research, teaching, and outreach focused on Native American issues. It will operate consistent with the MOU between regional tribes and WSU. Its primary focus will be research and service oriented toward the local Plateau peoples and their reservations.	Planning Group: Couture, Aston, Kicza, Andrefsky, Svingen, Inglebret, Kuo, Tolmacheva, Collins Advisory Group: Still being formed
Museum Studies Minor/Certificate	The College of Liberal Arts is working to create a Museum Studies Minor/Certificate in Pullman and Spokane. Vancouver already has developed a proposal. The goal is a common core of professional training courses, a set of specialized tracks, and internships. Outside funding will be sought.	Couture, Tolmacheva, Kicza, Goucher (Vancouver), Asher-Thompson (Spokane), Peterson (Vancouver), Schoonover (Spokane), Paul (Spokane), Aston, Collins, Mastrogiuseppe, Peterson, Mercier (Vancouver), Weber (Vancouver)
Center for Social and Environmental Justice	This proposed Center in the early planning stages, will facilitate projects that address fundamental problems of social inequalities and those that endeavor to make society increasingly just. It will promote research, education, and social action through multi-campus collaboration.	Sturgeon, Meuth, Alamillo, Bloodsworth, Heidenreich, Reed, Villanueva, Mercier, Hellegers, Moser, Hooks, Goucher; more to be added
Environmental Issues Workgroup	Address and coordinate the various environmental issues, research, and programs within the CLA and those in which College units or faculty collaborate substantially with other WSU agencies.	Hirt, Holbrook, Kicza, Lovrich, Meuth, Reed, Rosa, Sturgeon, Weber, Orr (Tri-Cities), Sonnenfeld (Tri-Cities), Hellegers (Vancouver)
Public Opinion Research Workgroup	Design and conduct public opinion research models and surveys for scholarly research and public and private sponsors. Support for these undertakings would derive from grants and fees paid by contacting agencies.	Appleton, Demerest, Dillman, Lovrich, Rosa, Tarnai
Instructional Reform Assessment Initiative	This workgroup is developing an alternative curriculum path for selected incoming freshmen who will be majoring in Liberal Arts. It is based around learning communities that will be focused around certain themes or methodologies that cut across disciplines. The communities will be supervised by faculty-advisors. Major funding will be sought from PEW and other foundations.	Couture, Kicza, Tolmacheva, Law, Condon, Reed, Brown, Busselle, Ray
Center for New Global Communications	The Murrow School of Communication proposes the creation of a world-class facility devoted to identifying, implementing, and staffing research and curriculum in new global communications. Major funding is sought from private donors and the MacArthur Foundation.	Couture, Tan and Kelly
Institute for Addiction Research, Treatment and Prevention	WSU is well positioned to sponsor an institute designed to bridge the gulf between basic research on addiction and applied work on addiction treatment and prevention. Proposal is in development stages	Couture, Hedge, Whitney, and Sorg
Ethics Interest Group	Inclusion of ethical issues in academic careers, research, and education.	Kilgore, Stearns, Kicza, Silverstein, Holbrook, Hooks

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Distance Delivery of Foreign Language Courses.	Explore the possibilities of on-line Foreign Language Instruction for on-campus students.	Winther, Chermak, Brewer, Harder, Tolmacheva, Sellen, Gordon
Global Studies Minor/Certificate - To be deleted - Minor will be submitted to Faculty Senate	The College of Liberal Arts plans to create a Minor or Certificate program in Global Studies to promote the international awareness of our majors and to enhance international components in our curriculum. We also seek to increase the number of students (particularly outside of Honors) who have study-abroad experiences.	Couture, Tolmacheva, Kicza, Appleton, Mazur, Law, Halverson, Cottam, Kale

Communities, Communications, and Decision-Making	This work group organizes and promotes research on culturally specific communications and decision-making processes to further intergroup dialogues involving the diverse populations and agencies in the Inland Pacific Northwest.	Sias, Salvador, Saul, and Parks
Decision Support Systems	This group focuses on the cultural processes that shape decision making and risk assessment among the various communities of the Inland Pacific Northwest.	Lutzenhieser, Rosa, and Saul
Traditional Foods and Fibers	This group promotes research on diverse cultural approaches to traditional foods and fibers, especially among the native peoples of the Plateau region.	Saul and Meuth
Integrated Resource Management	This group focuses on developing planning processes and communications strategies to optimize intergroup understanding and cooperation for the use and preservation of natural and cultural resources in the Inland Pacific Northwest.	Sias, Saul, and Salvador
Cultural Resource Protection/Management	This group specializes in the training of local groups and agencies in cultural resource identification and protection and the organization and accessing of historical resources and archives	Andrefsky, Collins, Kicza, and Saul