

## College of Liberal Arts Interdisciplinary Research 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
Center for Social and Environmental Justice	This proposed Center in the early planning stages would 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)
Ethics Interest Group	Inclusion of ethical issues in academic careers, research, and education.	Kilgore, Stearns, Kicza, Shier, Silverstein, Holbrook, Hooks
The Media and Individual Decision-Making Workgroup	This research group focuses on how individuals process information from the media and use the information in making decisions concerning health behavior. It will consider the role of traditional and new, interactive forms of media and will study cognitive and emotional responses to media.	Andsager, Austin, Bolls, Pinkleton, Lee, Brigham, Parks, Tarnai
Cognitive Sciences Workgroup	CLA departments with faculty actively researching in this field include: Psychology; Political Science; Sociology; Communication; English; Speech & Hearing Sciences; and Philosophy. Through this workgroup, these researchers will learn more about each other's projects, bring in outside speakers, and possibly promote collaborative research.	Austin, Bolls, Busselle, Chermak, Cottam, Dillman, Fournier, Gray, Hinson, Hokanson, Kibby, Kirkpatrick-Johnson, Kicza, Kmec, Konty, Lotta, Lovrich, Rosa, Salamat, Shier, Schmitter-Edgecombe, Sitko, Slinker, Whitney, Williams, Wingate, Wright
Social Capital Research Workgroup	Organized to foster expanded utilization of WSU's uniquely valuable Stowell Data Sets, this research group is casting its net widely to promote greater usage of the Collection with the greater WSU community and the larger scholarly public.	Lovrich, Webb (Library), Kmec, Konty, Johnson, Goucher (WSU-V)
Global Justice and Security Workgroup	This new workgroup emerges out of a proposal for an Institute on this theme developed by members of the Political Science and Psychology departments and the Criminal Justice program. They are using the workgroup to develop a stronger proposal and to attract additional members.	Cottam, James, Preston, Lutze, Joireman