

**Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion**  
**Graduate Program Teaching Initiative**  
**Summative Conference**

April 23-25, 2012  
IUPUI Conference Place Hotel  
Indianapolis, Indiana

*Conference Purposes: 1) To continue the reflective work within each school about their doctoral program and how it contributes to the teaching preparedness of its graduates; 2) To contribute to the work and programming of the Wabash Center as it plans its future work with doctoral-granting institutions.*

**Monday, April 23**

*Afternoon arrivals*

6:00pm – Reception	Deans Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
6:30pm – Dinner	Presidents Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Welcome	
School introductions	
Opening Conversations about Teaching Initiatives	
• What motivated you to take on this work?	
• What did you learn through the conversations with your alumni/ae?	
• What are you considering doing next?	

**Tuesday, April 24**

7:00-8:30am – Buffet Breakfast	The Bistro, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
9:00-10:30am – Presentation of Wabash Center Findings	Room 137
10:45-11:45am – Table Conversations	
• What is your program doing very well?	
• What work would your program benefit from most?	
12:00 noon – Lunch	Presidents Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
1:30-2:30pm	Breakout Rooms
1. Teaching Aptitude/Capacity Discernment in Admission Decisions	
Who do you bring into the program?	Paul Myhre, Rm. 232
2. Dynamics of your Teaching Culture	Frank Yamada, Rm. 137
What are your implicit institutional messages about teaching?	

3. Mentoring for Teaching Tom Pearson, Rm. 236  
What are the challenges, choices, processes, and programs?

2:45-3:45pm Breakout Rooms

4. Structuring Transparency Willie Jennings, Rm. 232  
Formation through Teaching Assistantships

5. Formal Courses and Workshops Joretta Marshall, Rm. 137  
What are good strategies and topics?

6. Future Teaching Contexts Gene Gallagher, Rm. 236  
Who are the students your grads will be teaching?

4:00-4:45pm – Table Conversations Room 137

- Name three modest next steps for your program

6:00pm – Reception Bistro Lobby, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
6:30pm – Dinner Presidents Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### **Wednesday, April 25**

7:00-8:30am – Buffet Breakfast The Bistro, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

9:00-10:30am – Plenary Discussion Room 137

- What are you hearing?
- What needs to change in the larger ecology of doctoral programs?

10:45-12:00noon

- How can the Wabash Center help your program in the next steps or in changing the larger ecology of doctoral programs?

12:00 noon – Lunch Presidents Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

*Shuttle departures from Conference Place Hotel lobby*