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
6:30pm – Dinner
   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
9:00-10:30am – Presentation of Wabash Center Findings
10:45-11:45am – Table Conversations

12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30-2:30pm

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
   What are your implicit institutional messages about teaching? Frank Yamada, Rm. 137
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, 2nd floor
6:30pm – Dinner  
   Presidents Room, 2nd floor

Wednesday, April 25

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

Shuttle departures from Conference Place Hotel lobby