

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

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Scholarly Teaching

- **Focuses on student learning and “is well grounded in the sources appropriate to the field”**
 - **Lee Shulman, President
Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**

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- **Occurs when “our work as teachers becomes public, peer-reviewed and critiqued, and exchanged with other members of our professional communities so they, in turn, can build on our work. These are qualities of all scholarship.”**

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Benefits

- Increased student learning
- Improved reputation of faculty and the university
- Enhanced recruiting of excellent students
- Increased alumni recognition
- Improved relations with legislature

ISU Assumptions

- **Every faculty member should be involved in scholarly teaching**
- **Faculty that choose to do SoTL should have this form of scholarship valued the same as disciplinary scholarship**
- **SoTL should not displace scholarly teaching in the faculty review process**

Importance of SoTL

- **How do we know that our students are meeting our desired outcomes and truly learning the material?**
- **Accountability**
 - **Student outcomes assessment**
 - **Accreditation requirements**

Importance of SoTL

- **Creation of new knowledge**
 - Focused on how students learn
 - Influenced by disciplinary styles**with the goal of increasing student learning**
- **Sharing this knowledge with others - making teaching more public**

Getting Started

- **What would you like to know about your students' learning or the impact of what you do in the classroom?**
- **Develop the answer to these questions in the same way that you approach your disciplinary inquiry**
- **SoTL does not require you to become an expert in pedagogy or educational theory**
 - **Because you are studying learning in your discipline not in general terms**

Presenting SoTL Work

- **Disciplinary Conferences**
- **Specialized Conferences**
 - **International Society for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (www.issotl.org)**

Publishing SoTL Work

- **CELT has a database of journals that publish SoTL work online at:
www.celt.iastate.edu/sotl/journals.html**
- **The list is categorized by college.**

Scholarship Balance

- **For most of us, SoTL is not going to be the primary focus of our scholarly activities**
- **SoTL can supplement disciplinary research and can often be done with little or no resources other than time**