The Scholarship of Teaching:
A Canadian Perspective with Examples

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Abstract

Scholarship is the heart of academic work. Recognizing this the Carnegie report (Boyer, 1990) urges universities to extend the definition of scholarship to include application, teaching, and integration, as well as discovery, thereby making it possible to value all academic work. Although this inclusive view of scholarship holds promise, questions remain concerning the scholarship of teaching and how such scholarship differs from the activities which presently comprise teaching. How would scholarship be identified with teaching, enhance practices, and foster the development of teaching? These questions are addressed, examples given of teaching scholarship, and of institutional policies which support it. The enhancement of teaching, as it meets scholarship's criteria, is discussed.
Résumé

Les activités savantes sont au cœur du travail universitaire. Conscient de cette réalité, le rapport Carnegie (Boyer, 1990) incite les universités à définir l'activité savante de façon à y inclure la pratique de l'enseignement, son intégration et ses découvertes-ce qui permettrait de valoriser toutes les facettes du travail universitaire. Bien que cette définition élargie de l'activité savante soit prometteuse, il faut se poser de nombreuses questions sur "l'enseignement comme activité savante" et sur la façon dont cette activité savante se distingue des activités dont l'enseignement est présentement constitué. Comment peut-on incorporer la notion d'activité savante à l'enseignement, et dans quelle mesure viendrait-elle à la fois perfectionner les méthodes pédagogiques et favoriser l'essor de l'enseignement? Cet article se penche non seulement sur ces questions, mais aussi sur des exemples de l'enseignement comme activité savante et sur des politiques institutionnelles qui en font la promotion. Enfin, l'article discute du perfectionnement de l'enseignement au fur et à mesure que celui-ci répond aux normes de ce qu'est l'activité savante.

[We must] "... know when an idea ... extends the definition of the university and makes it more viable."

• Warren Bennis •

As calls for reform in undergraduate education become ever more insistent (AAC, 1985; Bok, 1992; Smith, 1991), the argument for a new vision of scholarship holds great promise. In Scholarship Reconsidered, Boyer (1990) urges the university to include application, integration, and teaching, as well as discovery, in its definition of scholarship because "...knowledge is acquired through research, through synthesis, through practice, and through teaching" (p. 13). Scholarship's centrality in the university, he reasons, will make it possible for all academic work to be valued and rewarded. Now the overwhelming emphasis on discipline research means that academics who wish to apply, teach, or integrate knowledge find their contributions receive little collegial approval and few rewards (Fairweather, 1993; Skolnik & Rowan, 1984).
There are further advantages to reconsidering scholarship which arises from the new opportunities to explore multiple ways of knowing: abstract-concrete and reflective-active (Rice, 1992). The creative tension generated as academics examine knowledge from these many perspectives enables them to fully explore their disciplines.

As academics and academic administrators examine Boyer's (1990) report, however, questions surface. What does he actually mean when he talks of the scholarship of teaching? Does he assume all teaching activities are a form of scholarship? Then will teaching become scholarship simply by calling it scholarship? Does he assume new words for describing teaching will make it possible to recognize and reward it? Or if, as Cerbin (1993) argues, all teaching in higher education is not scholarship, what teaching constitutes scholarly work? All faculty members know they teach. They wonder what more they would do if they engaged in the scholarship of teaching. Would they teach more than their colleagues who teach and also conduct discipline research? But if the scholarship of teaching is equated with quantity, does that assume there is a scholarly component in all teaching? If so, that would mean those teaching more could be rewarded.

Then there is the question of how the scholarship of teaching might silence higher education’s critics. Bok (1992), for example, thinks teaching is “...one of the few human activities that does not get demonstrably better from one generation to the next” (p. 18).

We will consider the various arguments and queries raised in Scholarship Reconsidered (Boyer, 1990) by addressing three fundamental questions: What is scholarship? What is the scholarship of teaching? How would the scholarship of teaching lead to the development of teaching and its advancement? To expand on the responses to these questions we will give Canadian examples of the scholarship of teaching and institutional policies which support scholarly diversity. These instances are critical because, as Schón (1990) notes, without examples it is difficult to know what someone means.
Scholarship: Criteria and Characteristics

If teaching is to be scholarly, it must meet the same standards as all scholarship. Lynton (1993) suggests scholarship has three characteristics and criteria:

1. Scholarship is a reasoned and reflective process in which the scholar makes a number of deliberate choices as to objectives and methods for achieving them, adapting these as the process evolves.

2. The scholar always strives to acquire new, generalized knowledge from the specific activity.

3. Scholarship is communicated to others. He thinks the "...individual has an obligation to share such newly acquired insights with colleagues."

Braxton (1991) believes scholarship is characterized by skepticism - no knowledge claim or research findings should be accepted without empirical or logical criteria. He, too, thinks scholarship's results belong to the academic community and, hence, peers must be aware of the findings.

Time is not included in the above criteria. Just as no one argues that spending time in the laboratory, archives, or field automatically produces the scholarship of discovery, academics cannot argue that time spent teaching equates with scholarship in teaching.²

The characteristics which mark scholarly work are evidence, interpretation, and critical appraisal. The last requires that peers review the work, i.e., colleagues who are knowledgeable in the discipline and can make critical comments on content, objectives, and their attainment (Hutchings, 1994). Now, student ratings are the most commonly relied upon and standard method used to assess teaching. On the questionnaires used for this purpose, students are asked if the instructor is organized, accessible outside class, fair, and enthusiastic. None of those questions are designed to reveal if teaching is scholarly.

Shulman (1993) clearly thinks teaching must be reconnected to the disciplines and peers must review teaching. As with research, academics need to create hard evidence of their teaching scholarship. He argues,
“We do not judge the quality of scholarship on a casual comment made in the hall. We say, ‘You must write that up.’ We go about making visible the invisible.... If pedagogy is important then we will need to do the same.” (p. 7).

**Parallels in Research and Teaching**

The idea of teaching as a scholarly pursuit is not new. Dewey (in McEwan & Bull, 1991) early claimed that mature reflection on teaching shares the same general features as the scientific method because, “They are both acts of inquiry that lead out into an expanding world of subject matter” (p. 331).

At the 11th Annual Conference of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE), Hansen and Roberts (1991) examined the parallels between approaching a typical “research” and a typical “teaching” problem. Their basic model, with some modifications, is presented in Table 1.

The parallels elaborated above reveal that this model of teaching meets scholarship’s criteria; the individual is skeptical, gathers evidence, interprets evidence, and makes new ideas accessible to colleagues and students. When this occurs, teaching is available for critique and revision. It, thus, has the collegial nurturing which maintains academic vitality.

Although the model clearly shows the parallels in scholarly research and teaching, it does not represent the vision of teaching held by most academics. Geis and Smith (1979) find faculty members think of teaching as a combination of content knowledge and enthusiasm. When Smith (1995) reminds us that the way we frame a problem influences how we solve it, it is reasonable that faculty assume teaching improves by learning more content not by considering strategies for making the discipline more accessible to students (Gaff, 1975).

**The Scholarship of Teaching: A Force Field Analysis**

While all academics must show evidence of continuing scholarship, all may not wish to conduct traditional discipline-based research. Individuals choosing other scholarly pursuits often feel marginalized because few institutions have embraced Boyer’s (1990) more comprehensive vision of
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scholarship. In an attempt to clarify the reasons the academy is not embracing the extended view of scholarship, the authors asked participants at a workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching (Annual Conference of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 1992) what forces work for, and against, the following goal: “Enhancing the recognition and reward for scholarship in teaching within our university community.” Their responses in a force field analysis format are given in Table 2.

Many of the same forces were identified as working for and against the goal. We suggest this indicates the participants’ ambivalence to change. Factors which influence the seeming paradox will be addressed below.

Making Changes

Bergquist and Barber (1977) find the negative forces acting on a goal increase as positive forces become more insistent. Consequently, it requires less energy and is more effective to remove or reduce the forces working against the goal than push harder and harder to reach the goal.

Perhaps the first forces to consider are tied to the value system which clearly places disciplinary research first (Fairweather, 1993; Jaspers, 1960; Ladd, 1979; Neatby, 1982; Skolnik & Rowen, 1984). Changing the university’s view of teaching and accepting it as a legitimate form of scholarship requires a major cultural shift. Shulman (1993) knows this and suggests that teaching, like research, must be public. Consequently, academics must remove the forces which maintain teaching’s solitude. Only when teaching becomes accessible to the collegial conversations which refine ideas, and the collegial reviews which judge and further sharpen them, will teaching be recognized as serious academic work.

Placing the same forces on both sides of the goal also may reveal a lack of trust. Academic administrators, for example, have been saying for years that they value teaching and that it is taken seriously by Promotion and Tenure Committees. Yet, the data clearly show that teaching is not as well rewarded as research (Fairweather, 1993). When contemplating this reality, we must remember most teaching is not peer reviewed because faculty in general are reluctant to engage in this
### Table 2

**Forces Working For and Against the Goal**

**Forces Working FOR the Goal**
- Instructional development units, teaching services
- Faculty energy/ideas/creativity
- Activities of The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
- Professional Associations
- The move to teaching dossiers (to document teaching)
- Independent evaluation/peer review of teaching
- Boyer's Report
- Low faculty morale
- Synergism between teaching and research
- Public pressure
- University mission/goal statements
- Funding (tied to public pressure)
- Support from the private sector
- Students
- Parents
- Deans and Vice-Presidents who are teachers
- Faculty Associations fighting for teaching faculty
- The rise of feminism and feminist pedagogy

**Forces Working AGAINST the Goal**
- The actions of Management (lip service but nothing else)
- Boards of Governors
- Rewards primarily for discipline research
- Lack of experience assessing the scholarship of teaching
- The reluctance of faculty to open up their classrooms to colleagues
- Graduate schools that provide no preparation for teaching
- Shortage of journals for exchanges about teaching
- Myths about teaching
- The backlash against the rise of feminism
- The attitudes and influence of senior faculty
- The attitudes of department heads/chairs
- The culture of universities
- The politics of universities
- Lack of portability of teaching
- Inertia
- Competitiveness
- Faculty unions
- Professional Associations
- Low faculty morale

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process. Until it is, academics and academic administrators will be loath to offer it the same stature and rewards as disciplinary research.

What would constitute peer review of teaching? Usually when academics think of reviewing teaching, they think of classroom visitations often by the chair. But, academics do not think they have reviewed a peer’s research by observing the individual in his/her lab, archive, or field. Hence, coming into the classroom cannot constitute peer review. Added to the issues surrounding classroom visits are the findings which show colleagues are so generous in their ratings of classroom teaching that their observations are not a reliable source of evidence (March, 1987).

Peers also think they are reviewing teaching when they examine and assess the students’ comments and ratings. This, too, does not constitute peer review. Peers need to review the individuals’ thinking about their teaching. Ideas must be shaped, sharpened, and argued logically before being reviewed by peers. It is for these reasons Shulman (1993) states, “...artifacts of teaching must be created and preserved so that they can be judged by communities of peers beyond the office next door” (p. 7).

An artifact, thus, could be created as the individual publishes the outcomes of ideas generated through reflective teaching. To accomplish this, faculty must become aware of the journals devoted to university teaching and the kinds of articles such journals accept. Now most faculty members are unfamiliar with the teaching literature and know little of how to publish in it. To assist them, we provide a partial list of journals, both general and specific (Appendix A). Faculty also will want to attend meetings to present and discuss their ideas. We include a selection of colloquia where results can be presented (Appendix B).

Another artifact of teaching is the teaching dossier (Shore et al., 1980), which is gradually being adopted in many Canadian universities. For example, recently the University of Guelph revised article 9.04 (iv) of its policy on Tenure, Promotion and Time and Performance Step Increase Considerations, (University of Guelph, 1995). It now states, “Part of the regular evaluation by the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be based on a teaching dossier which provides a vehicle for faculty to report teaching accomplishments.” The policy statement expands on the minimal requirements of the dossier by stating, “This dossier will include
a teaching statement in which the faculty member provides a contextual commentary on teaching experiences and objectives.” At McMaster University a new policy (February 9, 1994) calls for assessment of teaching by peers and students. The policy states that “...information and material should be organized into a ‘teaching portfolio’...this portfolio should contain whatever information is felt to be relevant to a review of the instructor’s teaching and accomplishments....” (p. 2).

Besides the introduction of the teaching dossier, there are other indications that the culture of teaching is changing. Universities are offering courses to graduate students preparing them for a future teaching role. Likewise, programs for new faculty members, now found on most campuses, increase awareness and encourage collegial conversations about teaching.

**Canadian Examples of The Scholarship of Teaching**

Boyer’s (1990) report lacks the specific examples of scholarship in teaching which Schon (1990) claims are essential for understanding. The work of faculty members who have received Canada’s 3M Teaching Fellowship provide useful illustrations of the scholarship of teaching. The award, sponsored by 3M Canada Inc. and administered by The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, is awarded to faculty whose teaching is exemplary and who display educational leadership. The criteria for the award are those used to assess scholarship: the faculty member questions, makes interpretations based on evidence, draws conclusions which she or he makes available to colleagues for their critical assessment. The award has been presented annually for the past ten years indicating that scholarly teaching exists and can be identified.

Clearly, an exhaustive list of the 3M Fellows contributions is beyond the scope of this paper. However, the following selection of examples is provided to indicate how the work of the 3M Fellows extends the vision of scholarship in teaching.

1. **Research on Teaching**

Nearly 50% of 3M Fellows conduct research and publish peer reviewed articles on teaching in higher education. Topics
include: problem-based learning, problem-solving, teaching communication skills, individualized instruction.

One in ten write/edit/publish newsletters on higher education, e.g., P(roblem) S(olving) N(ews) is one with an international circulation. Other newsletters circulate primarily within an institution.

A quarter of the 3M Fellows present educational findings at national and international conferences. Some typical titles include:

- "Faculty Development in Teaching: Some Experiences, Perspectives, and Blueprints," STLHE (Canada).
- "Improving Teaching by Reflecting on Practice," POD (United States).
- "The North American Approach to Veterinary Medical Education," University of Ghent (Belgium).

In addition, the 3M Fellows are involved in organizing conferences or symposia on pedagogy in their discipline.

2. Curriculum Development

3M Fellows talk with colleagues about curricular questions on committees and during workshops, seminars, and symposia. These avenues enable them to break the silence which surrounds teaching (Weimer, 1987; Gaff, 1975). Often the discussions result in significant curricular changes, e.g., Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum, Computers Across the Curriculum, Women’s Studies.

3. Course Materials

The 3M Fellows write textbooks, course manuals, develop videos, and create software. The high quality of this work (as determined by peers) means that these resources are often adopted by other departments and institutions.

4. Faculty Development

Nearly all of the 3M Fellows offer leadership in campus-wide faculty development programs by conducting collegial
consultations, offering workshops for colleagues at their own institutions, and at institutions across Canada and abroad – Australia, Germany, Malaysia, China, and the United Kingdom.

5. Institutional Development

Nearly one-third of the 3M Fellows play pivotal roles in changing the culture of teaching and learning at their institutions by developing documents on topics like “Teaching Writing” (York University), “The Evaluation of Teaching and Courses” (University of Ottawa), and “Learning Objectives” (University of Guelph). Realizing that documents alone do not produce change, the 3M Fellows create pilot projects which demonstrate the innovation’s viability and discuss the reports and innovations with colleagues in open meetings, seminars, and workshops.

6. Teaching Students

The 3M Fellows continually question what they teach and how they teach. For example, McMaster’s Don Woods (1991) says, “I spent the first 15 years of my life as a teacher trying to show students how I solve problems and hoped, like having someone watch a violinist perform, that the ‘watchers’ would become skilled problem solvers (or in the analogy, skilled violinists). They don’t.... We found we have to identify explicitly one particular skill, give the students a chance to see how they do it, offer a model of how the skills should be done and then give them a chance – with immediate feedback – to improve” (p. 8).

The University of Western Ontario’s Madeline Lennon (1993) found her classes grew from 65 to 330 students. She says, “Over the years, I have learned about some very helpful techniques that allow me to actively address the frustrations I experience around the issue of how to involve students more effectively in the learning process” (p. 5).

Guelph’s Sandy Middleton (1994) has completely revamped an introductory course in Zoology because he realized that the classical
approach with its emphasis on taxonomy and anatomy did not reflect the dynamic, conceptual nature of the discipline. The course, in its new format, focuses on Zoology as a branch of science in which the concepts and methods of investigation are given prominence. Questions are raised to which the students must find the answer either through devising and testing hypotheses, or through observation and synthesis. Creative thinking replaces rote learning.

A Policy Which Supports Diversity in Scholarship

Although external awards for teaching scholarship, like the 3M Fellowships, recognize and celebrate teaching excellence, the institutions themselves must value, encourage, and reward scholarly teaching. The University of Guelph has a policy, developed in 1983, which encourages scholarly diversity amongst its faculty. Although the policy is not perfect, and certainly not the only one of its kind, it is one with which the authors are familiar.

The policy, Article 19, was revised in the Special Plan Agreement (University of Guelph, 1993). It states:

"...the University should accommodate a large diversity of acceptable paths for career development.... Career paths may give particular emphasis to discipline-based research, education, extension, or similar activities.... Each career path must leave open the possibility of promotion to the highest academic ranks and no path is to be deemed as inferior to any other."

The document further states, "...every faculty member must have a teaching/education component of responsibility." The policy definitely states that, when teaching is the career emphasis, the individual is:

"...expected to engage in scholarly activity which may be related to education. Such activity should have impact and influence beyond the University of Guelph. That is, classroom instruction, by itself, only partially fulfills the responsibilities of a faculty member whose career path emphasizes teaching/education" (pp. 27-28).

Diversity is further legitimized by the University of Guelph's definition of research: "The term research as here used means the search for new
knowledge, the conscious effort to add directly to the store of knowledge or to alter ways in which we see, appraise, or apply what is already known” (University of Guelph, 1989, p. A-1).

To date few faculty have chosen to emphasize the teaching career path. The University of Guelph’s experience reveals, among other things, the importance of language. Faculty tend to interpret the requirement to engage in “a scholarly activity which may be related to education” to mean conducting research in the field of education. Thinking that would mean switching disciplines, they refrain from choosing the teaching career path. They also are apprehensive over the designation of the teaching career path as the “alternate career path.” In the eyes of many, that designation is seen as being a secondary choice and, hence, of lesser value than the traditional research path.

Guelph’s experience does reveal that a university-wide policy with flexible career options is a necessary, but not sufficient, condition to validate scholarly diversity. Because career decisions are made first at the departmental level, policies like Article 19 also must become a part of departmental policy.

Policies, once in place, must be rigorously implemented. As a critical mass of faculty choose to emphasize the scholarship of teaching, and are recognized for their work, universities can be assured their policies are effective. It would appear from the current situation that much work remains.

**How will the scholarship of teaching foster better education?**

If scholarly teaching is to develop, academics must address teaching questions and make their findings accessible to colleagues. As Medley (1987) reminds us, university teaching is at the same developmental stage as medicine was at the turn of the century when doctors were guided by case knowledge developed through practice. Happily most patients improved so the doctors came to trust their treatments.

Academics develop case knowledge as they teach. Happily most students learn. Still, if results were studied more closely and new ways were sought to help students learn, teaching could become more effective. It is not enough to leave this work to those in the field of education because
asking questions about teaching requires "...deep, expert knowledge of specific subject matter" (AAC, 1985, p. 2). As academics open their teaching reflections to collegial discussion (and to the refinements which follow), their understanding of teaching will deepen, teaching will improve, and the universities’ critics will be silenced.

Conclusions

If teaching is to be valued, it must be considered legitimate academic work. The scholarship of teaching, because it extends the definition of the university and makes it more viable, meets Bennis’s (1970) criteria for effective change.

Extending the definition of scholarship not only makes a cultural shift possible, it has the added advantage of offering all academics greater knowledge of their disciplines. Like the astronauts and engineers in The Right Stuff (Woolf, 1979) academics like to push the envelope. By reminding us that, like an envelope, knowledge has four sides, application, integration, discovery, and teaching, Boyer (1990) suggests fresh possibilities for extending knowledge. This more encompassing vision of knowledge gives academics opportunities to understand how their disciplines are taught, applied, integrated, as well as discovered. These multiple ways of knowing create fresh approaches for academics to explore and more deeply engage their disciplines.

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Appendix A

Where to publish the Scholarship of Teaching: A Partial List

General Journals in Higher Education

Academe (American Association of University Professors)
Canadian Journal of Higher Education
Change Magazine of Higher Learning (AAHE)
Chronicle of Higher Education (weekly)
Community College Review
College Teaching
Educational Record
HERDSA (Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia) News
Higher Education
Higher Education Research and Development
Journal of Higher Education
Liberal Education (Association of American Colleges Bulletin)
New Directions for Teaching and Learning
Research in Higher Education
Review of Higher Education
The Times Higher Education Supplement
The Teaching Professor
To Improve the Academy

Discipline Specific

Agriculture

Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education

Biology

American Biology Teacher
Journal of Biological Education

Business

Journal of Business Education

Chemistry

Education in Chemistry
Journal of Chemical Education
Biochemical Education

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Computer Science

SIGCSE Education

Economics

Journal of Economic Education

Engineering

Chemical Engineering Education
American Society of Engineering Education

English

ADE Bulletin
College Composition and Communication
College English
Freshman English News
JETT: Journal of English Teaching Techniques
Research in the Teaching of English
English as a Second Language
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
TESL Talk

Geography

Journal of Geography

History

History Teaching

Languages and Literatures and Linguistics

ADFL Bulletin
Foreign Language Annals
IRAL: International Review of Applied Linguistics in Language Teaching
Language Learning
Teaching Language Through Literature

Law

Journal of Legal Education

Liberal Arts/General Education

Forum for Liberal Education
Liberal Education

Mathematics

Journal for Research in Mathematics
The Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics and Its Applications (UMAP)
The American Mathematics Monthly
Mathematics Magazine
The College Mathematics Journal
Cashin and Clegg (1994) developed a list of American periodicals on teaching and published it in the Center for Faculty Evaluation and Development's Idea Paper, No. 28, Periodicals Related to College Teaching. The Center's address is Kansas State University, College Court Building, Manhattan, KS 66506-6001.
Appendix B

Where to present the Scholarship of Teaching: A Partial List

General Conferences

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Annual Conference each June; Location varies around Canada; For more information contact:

Pat Lockhart
Instructional Development Centre
General Sciences Building, Room 217
McMaster University
1280 Main Street W.
Hamilton, ON
Canada
L8S 4K1

The Higher Education, Research and Development Society of Australasia
HERDSA Membership
 c/o PBOBLARC
PO Box 555
Campbellton, NSW, 2560
Australia

Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network
 c/o David Graf
15B Exhibit Hall South
Iowa State University
Ames, IA 50011
U.S.A.

American Association for Higher Education (AAHE)
One Dupont Circle, Suite 360
Washington, DC 20036-1110
U.S.A.
telephone - 202-293-6440
fax - 202-293-0073
Discipline Specific

Within discipline conferences like the American Society of Agronomy, there are special sessions on teaching. Disciplines also have conferences specifically devoted to teaching.

Notes

1 At the American Association of Higher Education’s (AAHE) 1992 Forum of Exemplary Teaching, a disgruntled faculty member remarked that engaging in the scholarship of teaching looked like another way to increase each academic’s work load.

2 Boyer (1990) unfortunately confuses the relationship of time and scholarship when he states, “At the very heart of the current debate [about the priority of teaching]...is the issue of faculty time” (p.xi).

3 The University of Guelph, one of the 16 universities in Ontario, has 760 faculty, 11,000 full-time and 2,000 part-time undergraduates, and 1,500 graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.).

4 Guelph faculty are not unionized.

5 This proviso in the Agreement agrees well with the requirement that scholarship is public.