

Brief Biography



John Zubizarreta is Professor of English, Director of Honors and Faculty Development, and former Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Columbia College. He has published widely on modern American, British, and comparative literatures; teaching pedagogy; honors education; teaching, learning, and administrative portfolios; academic leadership; and faculty development. Foremost among his disciplinary publications is his co-edited *Robert Frost Encyclopedia* (2001). A Carnegie Foundation/C.A.S.E. Professor for South Carolina and the 2010 U.S. Professor of the Year for Baccalaureate Colleges, he has also earned awards and recognition for teaching and scholarly excellence from the American Association for Higher Education, the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English, the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, the National United Methodist Board of Higher Education, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, and other educational organizations.

John has mentored faculty and academic leaders nationwide and abroad in developing portfolios to enhance and document teaching and administrative performance and to improve student learning. He has led faculty development workshops and has delivered keynote addresses worldwide. His work on portfolios includes many articles and chapters in journal and book publications such as the *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*; *The Department Chair*; *Phi Delta Kappan*; P. Seldin's *The Teaching Portfolio* (1997, 2004), *Changing Practices in Evaluating Teaching* (1999), *Improving College Teaching* (1995), *Successful Use of Teaching Portfolios* (1993); J. Roth's *Inspiring Teaching* (1997); A. Wright's *Teaching Improvement Practices* (1995); and others. He has also contributed to P. Seldin and M. L. Higgerson's *The Administrative Portfolio* (2002) and to P. Seldin and E. Miller's *The Academic Portfolio* (2009). His most recent interest in portfolio development has turned to student learning portfolios, and his latest book is *The Learning Portfolio: Reflective Practice for Improving Student Learning* (2004), now in a second edition by Jossey-Bass Publishers in 2009.

Currently, John is the Immediate Past President of the National Collegiate Honors Council, and he has served as Director of Honors at Columbia College for twenty years and Director of Faculty Development for fifteen. He has delivered many presentations and workshops at regional and national professional conferences, delivered keynote addresses worldwide, and collaborated with hundreds of students on panel presentations, publications, and collaborative undergraduate research. He sits on editorial and governing boards of several educational journals and organizations. He is an NCHC-approved program reviewer, and his most recent honors publication is a co-authored volume on *Inspiring Exemplary Teaching and Learning: Perspectives on Teaching Academically Talented College Students* (NCHC, 2008).

When the academic life becomes too hectic, John is an avid telemark skier and fisherman; an overly ambitious, aching runner; a former six-time national champion in whitewater canoe competition; a moonstruck husband; and the adoring father of two girls who keep him busy outside the ivied walls.