

The Learning Portfolio: A Tool for Student Engagement and Inquiry
A Day of Conversation With Dr. John Zubizarreta
Wednesday, September 7, 2011

8:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast and Conversation with UNI Administrators (Invited session)

Opening remarks by Dr. Zubizarreta, followed by an open exploration of issues, questions, and ideas related to strategies for helping our students become more active, engaged and reflective learners. (Center for Multicultural Education)

10-11:30 a.m. Learning Portfolios: Reflective Practice for Improving Student Learning

This open workshop will offer both a foundation for the value of reflective practice in student learning and a variety of practical applications of print and electronic learning portfolios from across disciplines and institutional programs.

The session will combine presentation of information about portfolio development, learning theories that support the value of reflective practice, and diverse models with active discussion of successful uses of portfolio use in participants' own experiences and contexts. All interested faculty and staff are invited to attend. (University Room, Maucker Union)

Noon-1 p.m. Portfolios and the Liberal Arts Core (Invited session)

This lunch meeting will bring together members of the UNI Student Outcomes Assessment Committee, the Liberal Arts Core Steering Committee, the Liberal Arts Core Review Steering Committee, and the Assessment Academy Leadership Team for conversation with Dr. Zubizarreta.

Dr. Zubizarreta will begin the meeting with some opening remarks; the rest of the time will offer an informal opportunity for questions and conversations related to learning portfolios and the ways they can support student learning and serve as a resource for assessment and evaluation. (Center for Multicultural Education)

1-2 p.m. Portfolio Thinking/Thoughts at UNI

This open session will begin with brief presentations from a panel of UNI faculty discussing their use of portfolios, followed by comments by Dr. Zubizarreta and questions/comments from the audience. All interested faculty and staff are invited to attend. (University Room, Maucker Union)

2:00-3:00 p.m. Inquiry and Reflection: Critical Strategies for Lifelong Learning

In this open session, Dr. Zubizarreta will share his thoughts on the "how" and "why" of liberal learning and the connections among the liberal arts, inquiry and reflection that can help students become lifelong learners. (University Room, Maucker Union)