

Elon Teaching and Learning Partnership (ETLP)

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College and high school teachers face common challenges in their teaching, despite many differences in the context of their work. English teachers of high school and college students, for example, strive to improve their students' writing and critical thinking skills. The goal of the Elon Teaching and Learning Partnership (ETLP) is to support collaborative research into student learning, bridging the traditional high school/college divide. By focusing teachers from different contexts on specific problems of student learning, ETLP offers a new paradigm for addressing, and potentially resolving, important issues in secondary and post-secondary education.

The initial 16 ETLP participants (8 Elon University faculty and 8 teachers from Alamance/Burlington and Orange County high schools) were selected in early 2008. During a three-day institute at Elon on August 4-6th, ETLP participants will develop specific research plans that they will conduct in their classrooms during the 2008-09 academic year. They will share the results of their research at their schools, at regional and national conferences, in academic journals, and in an online gallery on the ETLP web site, org.elon.edu/etlp.

ETLP is funded by a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, and coordinated by Elon University's Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. ETLP is facilitated by Peter Felten, Ben McFadyen, Katie King, and Kim Pyne. Joining ETLP as guest scholars during the institute are Judith Howard and Glenda Crawford from Elon, and Beth Powers-Costello and Michelle Jay from the University of South Carolina.

Teachers from Orange and Alamance County High Schools

Christi Boone, Science, Southern Alamance
Mark Byers, Social Studies, Western Alamance
Frank Felicelli, Social Studies, Cedar Ridge
Pamela Fitzpatrick, English, Cedar Ridge
Valerie Jones, Science, Graham
Mark Meacham, English, Williams
Crystal Medlin, Science, Cedar Ridge
Marcy Summers, English, Western Alamance

Faculty from Elon University

Sophie Adamson, French
Jeffrey Coker, Biology
Ayesha Delpish, Math
Megan Isaac, English
Jessie Moore, English
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