## Achieving Academic Promotion for Your Education Contributions

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## Scholarship Research vs. Teaching

Research Teaching

Funding Source Costs

<u>Knowledge</u> Discovery Transmission

<u>Value</u> "Opportunity" "Obligation"

Cuban: How Research Trumped Teaching, 2001

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## **Impact**

- Scholarship became solely associated with research
- Teaching simultaneously became more needed and less of a priority
- Reward structure soared for research and plummeted for education

Diamond: Disciplines Speak: Rewarding the Scholarly, Professional and Creative Work of Faculty, 1995 \_

#### Scholarship Reconsidered

A call to reexamine the alignment of :

- Scholarly roles of individual faculty
- · Scholarly priorities of institutional missions
- . Definition of scholarship
- Reward structure

Boyer. Scholarship Reconsidered. 1990

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"Specifically we conclude that the work of the professoriate might be thought of as having four separate, yet overlapping functions.

These are: the scholarship of discovery; the scholarship of integration; the scholarship of application; and the scholarship of teaching."

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### **Scholarship of Discovery**

- · Discovering new knowledge
- This is the most common definition of scholarship for academic promotion
- Example: original research

Boyer EL. Scholarship Reconsidered. 1990 Beattie DS. Acad Med. 2000; 75: 871-876.

### Scholarship of Integration

- Scholarship of Integration seeks new meanings from existing knowledge
- The effective synthesis of information and discovery of new insights
- Making connections across disciplines, placing findings in a larger context, illuminating data in a revealing way
- Has received least attention, is poorly understood and perhaps most needed

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## **Scholarship of Application**

- The application of existing and new knowledge to solve problems of consequence
- New understanding arises from the very act of application
- · Practice and theory inform one another
- Encompasses the service function of academics

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# Scholarship of Teaching: Controversy

 "The lack of broadly acceptable definitions for the scholarship of teaching, scholarly teaching, . . . and research on teaching and learning is an unresolved issue. . . . Links between expertise in teaching and the scholarship of teaching have not been adequately explored."

> Kreber C (ed.): Perspectives on the Scholarship of Teaching: New Directions for Teaching and Learning. Jossey-Bass, 2001.

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# Recognition that Education is a Scholarly Activity

- Clinician Educator Career Tracks
- Educator Portfolios
- Academy Movement
- Faculty Development Programs
- Expanding Promotion Criteria

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## Education Scholarship Problems

- No consensus on what education activities constitute scholarship
- Presentation of evidence is variable
- No metrics to value contributions
- Making judgments for academic promotion is difficult

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# AAMC GEA Consensus Conference on Education Scholarship

- Defined 5 activities that could constitute Education Scholarship
- Developed methods to document and present evidence of scholarship
- Proposed a system to value education for academic promotion

## What is Education Scholarship?

- Teaching
- Curriculum Development
- Advising / Mentoring
- Assessment of Learners
- Education Administration / Leadership

GEA Consensus Development Conference February 2006

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## What is Scholarship?

Advancement or transformation of knowledge as it applies to a community

by the application of one's intellect in an informed, disciplined, and creative manner

Boyer EL. Scholarship Reconsidered. 1990

Standards of Scholarly Work

- Clear goals
- Adequate preparation
- Appropriate methods
- Significant results
- Effective presentation
- Reflective critique

Glassick CE: Scholarship Assessed, 1997

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## What is Scholarship? Essential Features – 3P's

- The work must be disseminated public
- The work must judged as creative peer review
- The work must impact on practice <u>platform</u> (is reproducible and can be built upon)

Hutchings and Shulman Change. Sept / Oct 1999, 10-15

## Assessment Framework "Q2 + Engagement"

- Quantity
- Quality
   Engagement with Academic Community
- Scholarly Approach
- Scholarship

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## Scholarly Engagement with the Academic Community

Scholarly Approach – draw from the field to inform one's work.

Scholarship – contribute to the field to inform others work. ("advancement or transformation of knowledge as it applies to a community")

Pathway to Scholarship

Scholarship of activity
Public, peer review, platform

Scholarly approach to activity
Evidence of professional development

Quality in activity

Data collection

Involvement in activity (Quantity)

2006 GEA Consensus Development Conference

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# Pathway to Scholarship Scholarship of activity Public, peer review, platform Scholarly approach to activity Evidence of professional development Quality in activity Data collection Involvement in activity (Quantity) Instructor

## **Documentation of Quantity**

- Description of education activity including educator's role and responsibilities, learners, # of learners, # of contact and preparation hours, etc.
- Narrative or tabular display
- Answers who, what, when, where, how many, how much

#### **Documentation of Quality**

- Summary of learner or peer evaluations (with normative data and change over time)
- Evidence of excellence (with comparative measures)
- Awards (with selection process and criteria)

## Documentation of Scholarly Approach

- Professional Development Activities
- Description of literature based practice
- Comparison with "best practice"
- Evidence of improvement
- Reflective self assessment

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## **Documentation of Scholarship**

- Publications peer reviewed, invited
- Presentations peer reviewed, invited
- Adoption of practices or products
- Invitations as consultant
- Securing competitive funding
- Description of "platform"

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## Rigor

Expanded forms of scholarship will be viewed as "legitimate" scholarship when the rigor of this work is evident to all stakeholders

We must provide the evidence

**Accountability** 

The academic community must have the capacity to make expert judgments about the rigor and impact of this work within and across institutions

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## **Judging Scholarship**

Capacity for Judgments About Quality

Common Criteria

Clear Goals

Adequate Preparation
Appropriate Methods
Significant Results
Effective Presentation

A Community of Expert Judgment For Peer Review Challenge and Opportunity Capacity for Expert Judgment

- Develop criterion-based models of Education Scholarship
- Develop metrics for Education Scholarship
- Educate Academic Promotions Committee
- GEA Education Scholarship Project

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## **Education Scholarship Opportunities**

- Interactive virtual patient cases
- Videos of key pathophysiology concepts
- Facilitation guides for faculty
- USMLE reviews, self assessment
- UME and GME clinical experiences
- Student and resident designed projects

# Scholarship of Application Opportunities to Reward Clinicians

- Education Research
- Clinical Practice Improvement
- Institutional Service Committees

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## Challenge / Opportunity R.O.I.

- Education is viewed as a cost
- Education will be viewed as an investment when we can demonstrate return on investment

"to ask what an individual wants out of his work is to a large extent to ask what he wants out of his life"

M. Rosenberg
Occupations and Values, 1957

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## **Organizational Capability**

Organizational capability is affected by the alignment of:

Resources

**Activities** 

**Values** 

Alignment is the work of leaders

\*Christensen, CM. Harvard Business Review. March-April 2000

Thank You

Questions

Comments

Discussion

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