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# COLLOQUIUM



**Thursday,  
April 22nd  
4:00pm,  
Ackerman Hall,  
Room 210**

**Guest Presenters from  
College of Education:**

**Kerri Wenger and Jan Dinsmore  
Associate Professors of  
Education (TVCC)**

## **COLLABORATION ACROSS COUNTIES: SUPPORTING RURAL TEACHERS**

Rural schools in Oregon and Idaho experience particular financial burdens, often struggle to show student achievement gains required by federal legislation, and serve high poverty, linguistically diverse student populations. Our presentation will provide highlights from two in-depth, qualitative research studies. First, challenges and opportunities encountered during rural teachers' collaborative inquiries into their own practice are analyzed. Second, our ongoing study of rural teacher life histories examines aspects of teachers' identity that lead to effective practices in multicultural classrooms. This work has implications for recruitment and retention of rural teachers who can work for school improvement, as well as implications for how we may best prepare and support teachers in EOU's education programs.

**Presentation begins at 4:00 pm**

**Refreshments provided at 3:30 pm**

*Questions?*

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