

# UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING



## DOCTORAL STUDY IN LITERACY EDUCATION

The faculty in Literacy Education at the University of Wyoming is seeking highly qualified and motivated graduate students to pursue a PhD in literacy education.

**The Program:** Doctoral students will study with a cadre of professionally active and knowledgeable faculty, take advanced coursework in literacy education, collaborate with faculty on grants and research projects, and have the opportunity to teach undergraduate literacy methods courses as they prepare for their scholarly careers in academe.

**The Faculty:** Full-time Literacy Education faculty includes Barbara Chatton (PhD, Ohio State University), Steven Bialostok (PhD, University of Arizona), Tim Rush (PhD, Purdue University), Patrick Manyak (PhD, University of Southern California), Deb Parkinson (PhD, University of Wyoming), Leslie Rush (PhD, University of Georgia), Peggy Laughlin (EdD, University of San Francisco), and James Baumann (PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison), and George Kamberelis (PhD, University of Michigan).

**Affiliated Faculty:** There are additional faculty within the College of Education and in other departments at the University who provide expertise for PhD students in the areas of English Education, ESL, Communication Disorders, Early Childhood Education, Diversity, Communications, Special Education, College Teaching, Math Education, Science Education, Counselor Education, Foreign Language Education, and American Indian Studies, which includes a newly approved graduate certificate program for Teachers of American Indian Children.

**Areas of Study:** The specific focus of study in literacy will be determined by students in collaboration with their doctoral advisor and committee, but potential areas of study include Emergent Literacy, Family Literacy, Early Childhood Literacy Education, Elementary Grade Literacy Teaching and Learning, Adolescent Literacy, Content Area Literacy, Children's and Young Adult Literature, English Education, Literacy Teacher Education, New Literacies, Evaluation and Instruction of Students with Reading Difficulties, Literacy Education for English Learners, and Literacy Education for Culturally Diverse Students.

**Graduate Assistantships:** Graduate assistantships are currently available through university funds and faculty research grants to support PhD students throughout their doctoral studies. As a graduate assistant, doctoral students will be immersed in the academic and scholarly environment as they have opportunities to work with faculty on research projects, collaborate on papers for presentation and publication, and teach courses and supervise students in the undergraduate teacher education program.

**Literacy Center:** The University has committed to the establishment of a Center for Literacy, which will provide additional opportunities for doctoral research, scholarship, and graduate assistantships.

**The University:** The University of Wyoming is a doctoral/research (extensive), public, land-grant university and the only four-year institution of higher education in the state. UW provides all the academic, cultural, and athletic benefits of a major university along with the advantages of a smaller school that enrolls 13,000 students with a faculty of about 600. As one of the largest units, the College of Education includes a robust teacher education program and confers degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels.

**The College:** The theme of the College of Education is to develop competent and democratic professionals, and there is commitment to social justice and to recruiting and supporting an increasingly diverse faculty. The University of Wyoming's mission is to "nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity, and mutual respect," which the College of Education supports through the Shepard Symposium for Social Justice, the Social Justice Research Center, and the President's Advisory Council on Minority and Women's Affairs. The College of Education has long-standing partnerships with public school districts, including schools on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

**The Community:** The University of Wyoming is located in Laramie, a town of 27,000 in the heart of the Rocky Mountain west. Located on a high plain between the Laramie and Snowy Range mountains, Laramie has over 300 days of sunshine a year and provides beautiful mountain views. Laramie is within close proximity to year-round outdoor activities that include skiing, hiking, camping, and climbing. The community provides the advantages of a major university and a distinctive identity as an important city in a frontier state. The larger cities of Colorado's Front Range are within 1-3 hours driving distance.

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