Team Teach with a Student

Tara Gray
Teaching Academy

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9:30–11 a.m.
OR
1:30–3 p.m.
Milton Hall Room 50

Come learn how to team teach with your graduate assistant or another student. Research suggests that professor-student teaching teams offer several benefits to students, student teachers and professors. Students reported enhanced learning because the method gave a student perspective and improved the availability of teachers; student teachers felt they learned a lot about teaching and the subject matter; and professors felt it gave them an ally in their teaching, excellent substitute teachers and a valuable source of feedback for teaching improvement. We believe the promise far outweighs the problems but for a review of both the benefits and the challenges, come to the workshop. As a result of the many benefits of team teaching, the professors and student teachers involved in this study in the NMSU Department of Criminal Justice all indicated they would like to team teach again (Gray and Harrison, 2003). It is no wonder team teaching is sometimes touted as something that “every instructor should try” (Harte, 1995, p. 3).

Tara Gray serves as Director of the Teaching Academy at New Mexico State University. Previously, she taught criminal justice and economics for ten years each. She has published three books and won seven awards for teaching and service. Tara has given faculty development workshops, including *Publish & Flourish* and *Be All You Can Be–Teach!* to to 5,000 faculty in more than 30 of the United States, and in Guatemala, Mexico, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Duncan Moorman is a retired police officer who now teaches at a local community college. The long journey that brought him to this place in his life began at New Mexico State University in 1991. That’s when Duncan began to study criminal justice and eventually participated in team teaching two classes.

After 14 years of service as a police officer, Duncan needed something to keep him busy and considering the wonderful experiences he had as a team teacher, teaching again seemed a natural fit. He was hired as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Pikes Peak Community College. He also teaches high school students from around the region in the Area Vocational Program. Students learn everything from crime theories and basic law to defensive tactics and how to conduct a traffic stop and write a ticket.

Registration is required at teaching.nmsu.edu. If you have problems registering online, call 646–2204 for help.