Teaching Portfolios

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Today’s presentation

- What is a teaching portfolio?
- Why compile one?
- What can I include in my portfolio?
- How do you use one?
What is a teaching portfolio?

a description of your major strengths and achievements as an instructor
What is a teaching portfolio?

Use an “organizing principle” or central idea around which materials can be selected, organized and reflected upon

– Pat Hutchings
Three key questions

- How do you teach?
- Why do you teach the way you do?
- How do you know that you’re being effective?
Why compile a teaching portfolio?

• for an academic job application

• to prepare for the interview process

• to reflect on your teaching practice
What’s in a teaching portfolio?

- Evidence
  - Personal material
  - Material from others
  - Products of good teaching
Personal materials

- Teaching Philosophy Statement
  - Experience/Responsibilities
  - Interests
- Sample Syllabi
- Course Materials Developed
- Instructional Innovations
- Pedagogical Improvements & Training

What do you have?
Material from others

- Statements from faculty observers
- Student evaluations
- Honors & awards
- Pedagogical training

What do you have?
Products of good teaching

- Student work
- Examples of graded student work
- Information about how your teaching has affected students’ career choices

*What do you have?*
What’s in a teaching portfolio?

- Evidence
  - Personal material
  - Material from others
  - Products of good teaching
- Reflections on that evidence
What’s in a teaching portfolio?

This syllabus has been expanded from an original 4 week summer course I taught in 2010. It demonstrates the emphasis I place on practical experience in my courses, and shows the multiple avenues I use to provide my students with feedback. After teaching the course in 2010, I adapted the final project to include a proposed research plan …

- Reflections on that evidence
Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness

From the Instructor

Statement of Teaching Philosophy
Syllabus
Lesson Plans
Activities
Assignments
Video
Teaching enhancement activities

From Others

Classroom observation
Evaluation of course materials
Honors and awards

From Students

Student work
Successive drafts of student work
Scores on pre/post tests
Student evaluations

Kearns K D, Sullivan C S
Format?

- Hard copy
- Electronic

& / or
How do you compile one?

1. **Articulate your teaching philosophy** & Gather your evidence
2. Draft your portfolio & Organize it
3. Reflect on it
4. Get feedback from others
5. Revise & Proofread
Helpful hints

- Be selective
- Organize your portfolio well
- Make it visually appealing
- Proofread
- Consider creating multiple versions
Get feedback

- Your faculty advisor & other faculty members
- Graduate student & postdoc colleagues
- Sheridan Center staff
- Writing Center staff
How do you use a portfolio?

- Send it
- Offer to send it (e.g., cover letter)
- Link to it
- Bring it
Your Name
Your Department
Brown University
Your_email@Brown.edu

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Your Name
Ph.D. Candidate
Your Department
Brown University
Your_Email@brown.edu

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- Humanities & Social Sciences (1)
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Online & Print Resources

- Sheridan Center’s website
  - http://brown.edu/sheridan/teaching-learning/documenting-teaching-effectiveness/teaching-portfolios

- Sheridan Center’s Resource Library
The Sheridan Center
96 Waterman Street

The library (8:30am-5pm M-F)
• example teaching portfolio’s
• successful cover letters and CVs
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GOOD LUCK!!!