



# Education Department

Forming Effective Teachers, Leaders & Counselors in the Jesuit Tradition

*Aligning Our Work with the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences*

## Our Mission

The Creighton Education Department aims to empower teachers, administrators, and counselors to transform the lives of their students by preparing graduates to be compassionate and effective leaders in the Jesuit tradition.

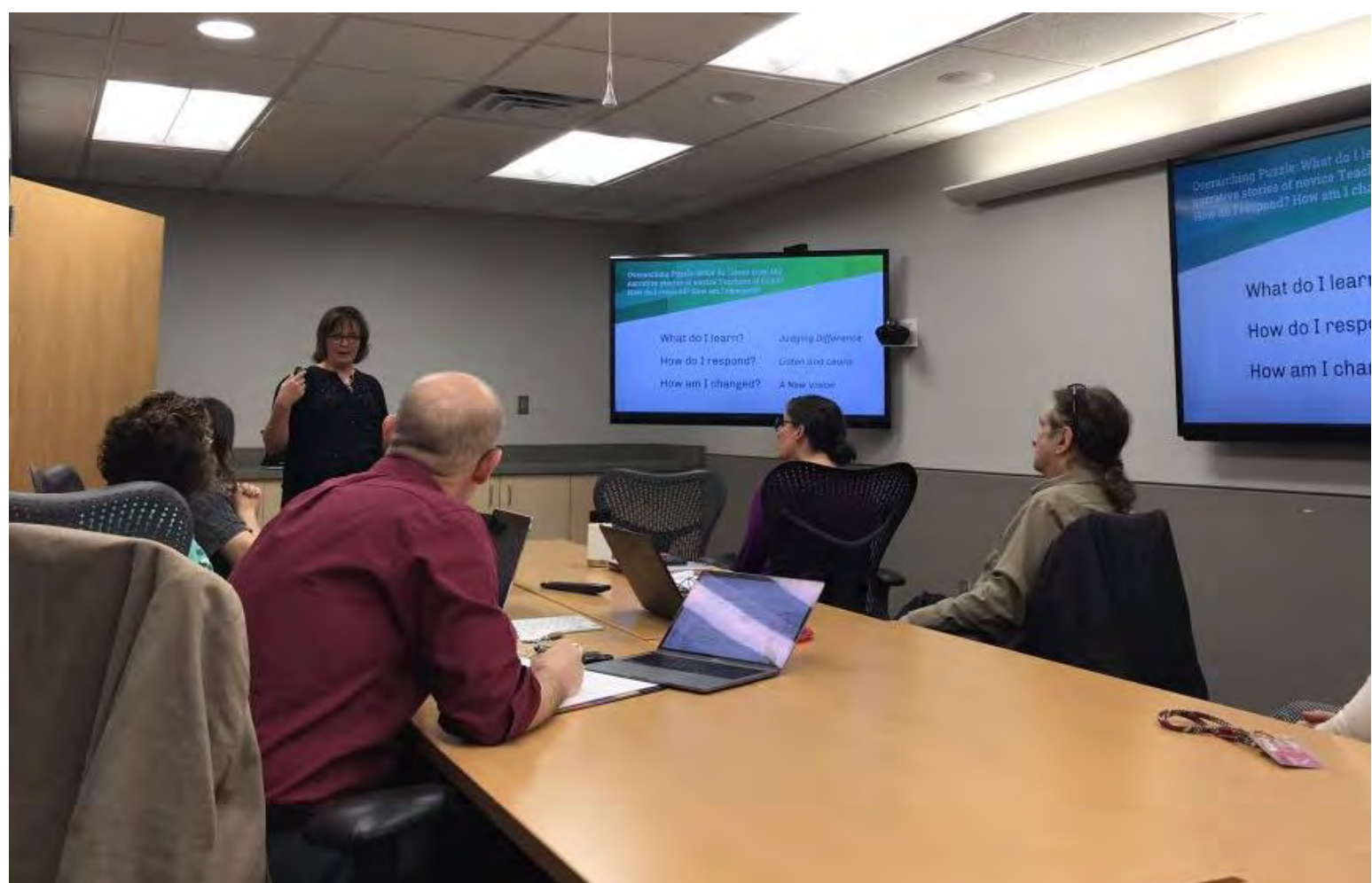


## Journeying with the Youth

Preparing Educators to Work Effectively with Diverse Learners

New professors and adjuncts are oriented and formed to understand, model, and apply Ignatian social justice in their coursework. The Education Department works to identify strategies for recruiting, welcoming, and being culturally responsive to a diverse student body as well as to be able to understand the diverse backgrounds of students and be mindful of their diverse needs.

Programs also map where and how Catholic school issues and needs are applied in their curriculum, and where and how students are assessed in relation to their understanding of Catholic school issues and needs.



## Caring for the Common Home

Sustainability Initiatives

The Education Department takes part in a number of sustainability efforts. Water bottle refill stations have been installed to reduce the plastic waste that comes with one-time-use bottles. In order to combat paper waste, all offices in the department have been outfitted with recycling bins and printing practices are evaluated in order to reduce paper use whenever possible. In communal areas like the kitchen, electronics that are not in use are unplugged. The kitchen also makes use of compostable K-cups for coffee and encourages the use of silverware over disposable, plastic cutlery.

## Walking with the Excluded

Partnerships With Local Urban Schools

Partnership with Metro area schools have been developed as a means of assisting local schools and students with the hopes of giving back to the schools and communities. Partner schools were chosen based on several criterion including student diversity, technology, proximity, and ELL/dual language. Creighton students work with talented mentor teachers within the schools and in return, mentor teachers are given opportunities for Creighton grants to further their education.

## Showing the Way to God

Faculty/Staff Retreats & Charisms in Coursework

Jesuit Charisms and Ignatian pedagogy are placed at the center of all teaching practices and coursework.

Additionally, the Education Department holds a yearly faculty and staff retreat for members of the department to grow individually and collectively in our understanding of our Catholic, Ignatian identity and how to apply the mission to our work and our teaching. We have members of the Jesuit community facilitate a prayerful workshop day that includes a prayer service, small and large group discussions and community building activities.



## Our Marks of Distinction

The Education Department:

- Places the Jesuit charisms and Ignatian pedagogy at the center of all coursework.
- Emphasizes social justice so that our graduates are formed to lead in highly diverse schools.
- Provides specialized preparation so that our graduates are ready to serve students with diverse needs and backgrounds in P-12 schools.
- Provides specialized preparation for those who wish to serve in Catholic schools.