

Growing Oregon Membership in the Heterodox Academy

In response to growing concern about the ideological homogenization of higher education in the United States and elsewhere, a group of politically diverse faculty in the U.S. launched the Heterodox Academy (www.heterodoxacademy.org) in 2016 to promote viewpoint diversity in higher education. Members agree to the following statement:

“I believe that university life requires that people with diverse viewpoints and perspectives encounter each other in an environment where they feel free to speak up and challenge each other. I am concerned that many academic fields and universities currently lack sufficient viewpoint diversity—particularly political diversity. I will support viewpoint diversity in my academic field, my university, my department, and my classroom.”

Oregon would appear to be one of the states in most dire need of viewpoint diversity in its higher education. It is thus heartening to see that as of August 2018 there are 20 faculty members at Oregon universities and colleges who have been accepted as members (out of a total national membership of 2,216). Since the Academy makes its membership list public, there is no reason not to applaud these scholars by name:

Lyell Asher, Associate Professor of English, Lewis & Clark College

Björn Bergström, Assistant Professor of Applied Psychological Science, Pacific University

Candis Best, Doctoral Faculty Chair, College of Education, Concordia University

Robert Chavez, Assistant Profess of Psychology, University of Oregon

Jaime Cloud, Assistant Professor of Psychological Sciences, Western Oregon University

Shawn Davis, Associate Professor Professional Psychology, Pacific University

Keith Eggener, Distinguished Professor of Architectural History, University of Oregon

Martin Erwig, Professor of Computer Science, Oregon State University

Bruce Gilley, Professor of Political Science, Portland State University

Susan Glosser, Associate Professor of History, Lewis & Clark College

Ralph Heidl, Assistant Professor of Management, University of Oregon

Kevin Hill, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Portland State University

Matthew Hunsinger, Assistant Professor of Applied Psychological Science, Pacific University

Robert Knapp, Professor of English, Reed College

Jason McCarley, Professor of Psychology, Oregon State University

Craig Parsons, Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon

Ian Sundwall-Byers, Lecturer in Management, Chemeketa Community College

Joel Sweek, Adjunct Professor of Arts and Sciences, Lewis & Clark College

Michael Trigoboff, Instructor of Computer Science, Portland Community College

Michael Weingrad, Professor of Judaic Studies, Portland State University