



# The Wakonse Conference on College Teaching

Memorial Day Weekend  
**May 24-29, 2012**

Do you love teaching and feel it should be a fulfilling part of your academic life? Do you enjoy sharing ideas and learning from other people? If so, consider participating in the Wakonse Conference, a five-day event on the scenic shores of Lake Michigan. Nearly thirty Notre Dame faculty members have attended over the past ten years, as have nine grad students.

Wakonse brings together scores of academics from around the country to learn effective practices, reflect on teaching, display their talents, and enjoy the beauty of nature. The word *wakonse* is Lakota for “teach” or “inspire.” During your time at this retreat-like event, dunes and woodland surround you in a truly inspirational setting.

Sessions at Wakonse take a variety of forms. Some presenters model teaching techniques to inspire attendees. At other times, participants informally share personal observations on teaching. This year, participants are asked ahead of time to read *What the Best College Teachers Do*, by Ken Bain. Material from the book will serve as a backdrop for small group activities.

Wakonse is also an opportunity to get to know colleagues from a variety of disciplines at diverse institutions, such as the University of Missouri, the University of Michigan, Arizona State, Kansas State, and Texas A & M. Food, lodging, and attire are camp-style, and one never knows what the weather will bring. These apparent obstacles serve to intensify the experience. There’s even an optional challenge to move out of your comfort zone and tackle a high ropes course!

**Come and spend time with people who are passionate about teaching. Get away from computers, email, phones, meetings, television, and the refrigerator. Join us at Wakonse!**

The registration fee is \$700 (\$750 after April 1) and includes five days' lodging, meals and materials. For a limited number of attendees, the Kaneb Center will subsidize the cost so that you pay \$200 (\$100 for grad students). We will also set up a carpool to keep travel costs low.

**TO REGISTER OR TO LEARN MORE:** contact the Kaneb Center (631-9146, [kaneb@nd.edu](mailto:kaneb@nd.edu)). Visit the web page <http://kaneb.nd.edu/programs/wakonse/> for past attendees, photos, and more.

**Apply for a fellowship by March 24, 2011**