

MAPS Summer Faculty Profile

Name: W. David Scales

Title/Department: Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

Learning Community & Theme: TBA

How long have you worked at WCU? Eight years

About Me: I am a psychologist and psychometrician with 22 years of knowledge, education, training and experience in various branches of psychology. Upon completing my undergraduate work at the University of New Mexico, I began my clinical career working in inpatient hospitals for children and adolescents with many different kinds of psychological disorders. After several years, I did my graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in educational research methods, statistics and evaluation, and came to WCU shortly thereafter. Though I love research, my passion is being in front of a classroom. Elsewhere, my lovely bride is a professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, and we are parents to a wonderful eight-year-old boy. I am an amateur historian of rock music and a major fan of science fiction television and film, especially "Doctor Who".

Why should students be excited about taking your course this summer? This is the fifth year I've worked for MAPS' summer program, teaching General Psychology for either the Catamount Gap or ASP programs. I absolutely love what I do. I also know the knowledge, skills and abilities of everyone else who is involved in the ASP program, and it's almost impossible to find a more dedicated and passionate collection of people. This is a brilliant way to get a head start on an undergraduate degree here at WCU.