

Excellence in Teaching by Career-Track Faculty Member

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Julie Menard's passion for teaching and clear expertise in her field radiates in every lecture, whether she is instructing a large class of introductory-level students, a small group of Honors scholars, or a diverse set of online learners. Through her curricular innovations and her dedication to elevating scientific literacy, she has made a positive impact across WSU and the wider community.

An enthusiastic and versatile instructor, Julie encourages critical, scientific thinking by incorporating interactive in-class activities and dynamic research projects for further exploration. She actively engages her students in the learning process and helps them find personally meaningful connections with science and the natural world.

Incorporating evidence-based teaching approaches, she continually refines her pedagogy based on feedback from students and colleagues. She watches for struggling students and provides 1:1 coaching.

While teaching classes of up to 600 students, Julie also manages as many as 12 graduate teaching assistants and provides guidance to build their skills as educators. She also connects K-12 pupils to science and its applications by conducting scientific demonstrations at local schools.

Julie is exemplary in her commitment to providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.

