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## Men in Teaching series Men who teach are always valued AND vulnerable.

Dr. Garry Jones, Werklund sessional instructor, offers a series about, and for, men in teaching. Drawing on extensive research, invited guests and personal experience, he will lead participants through conversations about the complex lives of male teachers, with a focus on elementary and early childhood teachers. This is open to pre-service teachers, university instructors and practicing teachers.

Tuesday September 17, 2024

Tuesday October 15, 2024

Tuesday November 19, 2024

Tuesday January 21, 2025

Tuesday February 11, 2025

All sessions are from 7:00 to 8:00pm MST.

To register for one or all of these sessions, visit

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sceCqqj0tGtcaMNLjdJ7OK20HErRyQIRX>

For more information see also

<https://werklund.ucalgary.ca/teaching-learning/events/Presentations>

1. Tuesday September 17 Male teachers: endangered species? Dr Garry Jones will provide an overview of his research about men who choose to teach. He will discuss the topics for the other sessions in the series.
2. Tuesday October 15 Choosing to teach: accidental or intentional?  
Little girls play school and imagine themselves teaching. Little boys rarely play school. We seldom experience a male teacher until grade six, or secondary school. Why do some men choose to teach? Why **don't** men choose to teach?

Guest Bryan G. Nelson has worked with young children, men, fathers and families since the 1980s. He is founding director of [MenTeach.org](http://MenTeach.org) and serves as faculty at [Metropolitan State University](http://Metropolitan State University) in Minnesota. He is also a co-facilitator of the [World Forum's Men in Early Childhood Education program](http://World Forum's Men in Early Childhood Education program).

3. Tuesday November 19 Let the fox in the farmyard? Men in early childhood? Impossible!

Guest, Ron Blatz, was the Executive Director of Discovery Children's Centre, a Not-for-Profit Child Centre in Winnipeg, Canada, where he has worked for over 41 years. Discovery Centre has over 300 children enrolled between the ages of 9 months – 12 years and is widely known for its interest in employing a gender balanced staff. Ron will share strategies that succeed in recruiting more men in the early years.

4. Tuesday January 21. Male teachers: male role model? Superhero or the Big Bad Wolf? What kind of maleness do we want to model?

“Kids need a male role model” is often the first thing people say to male teachers, but there are many different ideas about maleness, gender fluidity, male roles, “being a man”. What are the ideal roles we are expected to model?

5. Tuesday February 11 What do WE know about boys?

I was a boy student who grew up to be a teacher, so you think I'd know all about teaching boys. But I was just as puzzled by the real boys in front of me as were other teachers. What have I, and others, figured out about teaching the boys? Guest Dr. Eric Perrault

Guest Eric Perrault was an educator for over 30 years as a teacher and administrator for three different school districts. Throughout his career he has work in a diverse range of seeing and focused on young people who the box didn't fit. Coincidentally, a majority of his students were boys. He currently works as a sessional instructor working with becoming teachers at Ambrose University and Mount Royal University in Calgary.