

CRITERION 2
SCHOLARLY OR CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT OR RESEARCH.
(10%)

Goal:	Method:	Documentation:	ED Goal:
1. Present at a local, state, national or international conference.	1a. Respond to calls for presentation by preparing materials relevant to the conference theme and audience. 1b. Present at the conference(s).	Conference Brochures Emails Presentation Documentation Undergraduate Mentoring: Neuroscience of Poetry: Experiential Education Presentation MN Research Conference Program	1.3 1.7 2.1 2.2 2.3 3.1

2011-2012 Summary:

- I keynoted and presented “*I’ll Do it Later*” at the Infinitely Clint Foundation Kindness Scholarship Banquet in Granite Falls, MN (May, 2012).

2012-2013 Summary:

- I co-presented “*So What’s a Learning Community Anyway*” at an international research conference in Scottsdale, Arizona (April, 2013).
- I keynoted and presented “*Kindness Pays*” at the Infinitely Clint Foundation Kindness Scholarship Banquet in Granite Falls, MN (May, 2013).
- I assisted aspiring author, Reuben Chavira with preparing/presenting “*The Neuroscience of Poetry: Experiential Education*”.

2013-2014 Summary:

- I keynoted and presented “*Don’t Hurt the Money*” at an international research conference in San Francisco, CA (April, 2014).
- I keynoted and presented “*Giving Back*” at the Infinitely Clint Foundation Kindness Scholarship Banquet in Granite Falls, MN (May, 2014).
- I have given several media interviews (radio and newspaper) on the subjects contained in the book. While doing this, I have often tried to plug SMSU.
- I have received several speaking requests as a result of the release of my book. These topics include trauma induced brain damage, grief, depression, and inspiration. All speaking engagement proceeds have been donated to charity.

2014-2015 Summary:

- This year, I conducted three book club sessions with local community members.
- *Charting Your Course*, Echo Charter School, March 2015, Echo, MN
- *Navigating Life with Trauma-Induced Brain Damage*, Marshall High March 2015, Marshall, MN.
- *Reclaiming "The Money" & Filling the Gap*, Marshall High March 2015, Marshall, MN.
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, Legacy Foundation, October 2014, Marshall, MN
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, GF Area Arts Council, Sept. 2014, Granite Falls, MN
- *Welcoming Address*, CSI International Academic Research Conference, October 2014, Chaska, MN.
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, Red Hat Society, October 2014, Granite, MN
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, YMC Museum, September 2014, Granite, MN
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, June 2014, Montevideo, MN
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, May 2014, Granite Falls, MN
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, April 2014, Willmar, MN
- *No Ordinary Son: A Journey Through Death & Living Again*, April 2014, Granite Falls, MN
- This past fall, I organized an international research conference for scholars from around the globe to come and present their research work. There were roughly 80 attendees present. This process has included everything from selecting the venue, advertising the call for presentations to organizing every final detail of the conference. It was a huge success with flawless reviews. To make this event even more special, these 80 scholars (from around the globe) were brought to my home state of MN. The conference was held in Chaska.

<p>2. Actively pursue publication of articles and/or books.</p>	<p>2a. Research topics and/or projects of interest. 2b. Write on topics and/or projects of interest. 2c. Pursue publication.</p>	<p>Research Topics of Interest</p> <p>Publication Samples</p> <p>Brain Research Documents</p> <p>Infinitely Clint Foundation Press/Advertisements</p> <p>Infinitely Clint Foundation/Scholarship Website</p> <p>Infinitely Yours Publication</p> <p>Company Start Up Paperwork</p> <p>No Ordinary Son Book Release Press</p>	<p>1.3 1.7 2.1 2.2 2.3 3.1</p>
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- In February 2012, I scheduled my first annual spring writing and researching retreat at the Wells Fargo Building in St. Paul. During this retreat, I worked on my research and writing without interruption.
- Much research time has been devoted to reviewing literature on the topics within the courses I teach which has been in preparation for revision/updating of all my learning community course syllabi as well as summer courses I plan to teach (AE 553, 555, 557).
- Further, I have been conducting research on the topic of brain-based learning in preparation for writing a book with another faculty member.
- As founder of the Infinitely Clint Foundation, I have continued to operate/offer a scholarship based on random acts of kindness. This year, guidelines for the scholarship needed to be revised, the committee had to be assembled and scholarships determined. Recipients will be selected and notified later in May. 2012 awards totaling roughly \$2500 will be given.
- Finally, I am completing a book on grief that is scheduled to be released soon.

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- In February 2013, I scheduled my annual spring writing and researching retreat at Embassy Suites in Brooklyn Center. During this retreat, I worked on my research and writing without interruption. I have conducted these retreats for several years.
- As founder of the Infinitely Clint Foundation, I have continued to operate/offer a scholarship based on random acts of kindness. This year, donations were collected, advertising was done, a call for applicant nominations went out, the committee had to be assembled and recipients/scholarships determined. Recipients were selected and a banquet was held. We were able to give \$2500 to 13 nominated YME seniors.
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- I completed and published “*No Ordinary Son: A Journey through Death & Living Again*”. This book has sold out of print for the 2nd time. All proceeds have been donated to charity.
- I have given several media interviews (radio and newspaper) on the subjects contained in the book. While doing this, I have often tried to plug SMSU as the institution of choice.
- I have received several speaking requests as a result of the release of my book. These topics include trauma induced brain damage, grief, depression, and inspiration. All speaking engagement proceeds have been donated to charity.
- I started a publication company called *Infinitely Yours Publication*. This company was started to assist novice authors with navigating the publication process. To do this, much research was involved with how to start a publication company, the incorporation process, assembling an editorial team, etc.
- I am in the final stages of completing the first children’s book in a series called “*The Toughest Day of My Life*”. The first book is “*The Toughest Day of My Life: My Parent’s Divorce*”. Currently the book is being illustrated by a high school senior from Lakeview. I am trying to give her career as an artist a start. It was a conscious decision to mentor a young entrepreneur from the local area. This book will be available and in print soon.
- This year, I wrote and published an e-book for assisting researchers in presenting their research findings at a professional conference. It is called “*Probe, Prescribe & Present*”
- Additionally, I continue to research and work on several publications including one additional book, two social skills curriculums, and three articles.

2014-2015 Summary:

- In March, my publishing company, Infinitely Yours Publications was nominated for The IPPY 2015 Independent Publishers Award for the publication of the book *No Ordinary Son: A Journey through Death & Living Again*, which I also wrote. Publishing companies will be notified in late April regarding the awards.
- My book, book *No Ordinary Son: A Journey through Death & Living Again*, was nominated for the Living Now Book Award 2015.
- After several years of offering the retreat *Writing Right*, I decided to write and publish the book *Research and Writing Right: Piecing Together & Sharing Meaningful Research*. The book has been an amazing resource for my students. I have received several verbal and graduate council comments on how helpful this very detailed resource has been through the students’ research journey.
- My book “*No Ordinary Son: A Journey through Death & Living Again*” continues to be a huge success. It has sold out of print four times and is currently in its 5th printing. It has also been developed into an e-book (launching summer 2015) and soon (2015-2016) an audio book. All proceeds have been donated to charity. To date we have donated thousands of dollars.
- The illustrator of the book is “*The Toughest Day of My Life: My Parent’s Divorce*” has completed the illustrations for the book. The book is now in final typesetting and will go to press in late spring or early summer.
- After several years of blindly navigating the portfolio process, I decided to write and publish the book *Building Your Portfolio: What You Need to Know*. The book has been an organizational resource for my students. I have received several verbal and graduate council comments on the usefulness of this resource.
- In 2012, I researched and started 3 refereed academic journals including the following:
 - *Journal of Scholastic Inquiry: Business*
 - *Journal of Scholastic Inquiry: Education*
 - *Journal of Scholastic Inquiry: Behavioral Science*

Through my gratis work with these journals, I have built a volunteer peer review network that spans the entire United States and includes literally dozens of universities and scholars. As part of this process, I have secured (volunteer basis) and work closely with Dr. Jamal Cooks (Editor-in-Chief) from San Francisco State University. The journals have been offered in print and digitally. I have an editorial board with members from across the U.S. that guides all the publication decisions. The board is currently pursuing a partnership with the publishing powerhouse, University of Pittsburg, for publication of the journals.

- From 9/14-9/17, 2014, I scheduled my annual fall writing and researching retreat at Breezy point. During these retreats, I work on my research and writing without interruption. I have conducted these retreats for several years.
- From 2/11-2/13, 2015, I scheduled my annual spring writing and researching retreat at Embassy Suites in Brooklyn Center. During these retreats, I work on my research and writing without interruption. I have conducted these retreats for several years.

Ancillary Goals Summary:

- As part of my dedication to research, since 2012, I have offered two research scholarships annually. These scholarships are competitive and offered to researchers from around the globe. The endowments are awarded to those who seek to make a difference in academia through scholarly inquiry. These scholarships are given our twice annually in the amount of \$250 each. I am entering my 3rd year of providing this endowment.
- This past fall, I started a blog called the Unordinary Professor. On this site, I share educational facts, research, and items that may be interesting to my students and colleagues. This site has attracted many educational professionals from around the state. This site will also be utilized to market my future LC sites.
- Last summer, I started a Facebook Learning Community page called Dr. Yerigan’s SMSU Learning Community. On this site, I share educational facts, research, and items that may be interesting to my students and prospective students. I am using it to build a strong base from which to market my future LC sites. I gather statistical data on what is of interest to my followers. I have found some significant findings through this process that will inevitably help as I enter the 2016 marketing season.
- This year, I learned about websites and built a website for myself. On this site, I have everything listed about me as a professional including my publications, presentations, background, philosophy, and much more. This site helps prospective and current students feel like they know me professionally and personally. As a result, many of them have contacted me to conduct workshops at their schools. Again, this has become a major and significant base from which to market future LC sites.
- I continue to serve (voluntary) as the executive director of the Center for Scholastic Inquiry (CSI). Serving in this capacity has opened the doors to so much learning and advanced skill building in research. I am able to discuss and share ideas with a huge international network.
- I have extensive involvement in externally and internally sponsored research.
- My scholarship commitment has had a significant impact on other disciplines with focus on merging the three (education, business, and behavioral science) into one cohesive international network of both novice and veteran scholars. To date, I have a database of 135,000 scholars that I am in monthly communication with. I have a strong and sustained commitment to scholarship both within SMSU and beyond. This makes me a great resource for my students with knowledge of many researchers’ work.

Funded Research Projects

Facebook Page

**Unordinary Professor Blog
Screen Shot**

**Dr. Yerigan Professional
Website**

**International Network Letters of
Support**

Radio Scripts

Newspaper Clippings

Refereed Journals

- Over the past four years, I have researched how to and issued many B-1 visas invites to provide our international scholars the opportunity to enter the United States and share their diverse research. As a result, I have professionally networked with scholars in several countries including Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Guam, Canada and may more.
- As part of the release of my book in the spring of 2014, I have given dozens of radio and newsprint interviews. In nearly all of these interviews, I have taken the opportunity to plug SMSU as my employer.
- In the last four years, as the managing editor of 3 referred journals (that I developed), I have peer reviewed 150+ manuscripts from national and international scholars.
- In an effort to bring the most cutting edge neuroscience advances to my students, I have entered into bi-monthly mentoring sessions with my colleague, Dr. Richardson.
- As part of my publication of the three refereed journals, I have developed a complex website and documents to help navigate the publishing process including a publication timeline, a publication checklist, manuscript guidelines, an a manuscript template. All of these items are available on the organization's website with electronic hyperlinks to everything.
- Last fall, the 4th publication cycle of the journals was completed and the journals were published. Currently, I am in the fifth publication cycle of the refereed journals (education, behavioral science and business). There have been over 400 submissions for theses journals. All submissions are double-blind reviewed by colleagues from around the world. There is a very active editorial board and editor-in-chief that oversee and assist with the process.