

Creating a space and a place for graduate education

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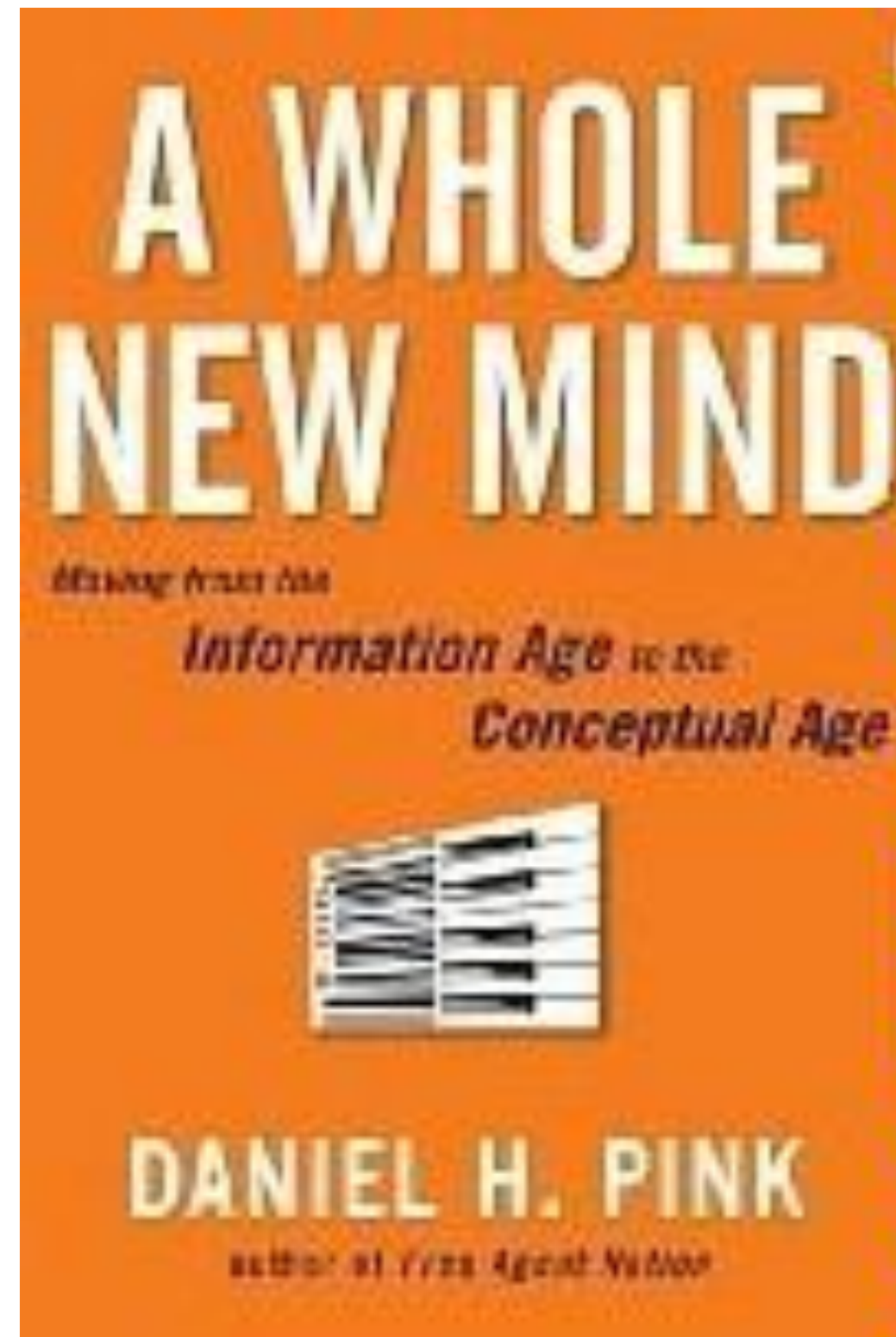
the what....

the how...

...and the why

If lasting institutional reform is to be achieved, it will require **changes in graduate education**, with greater emphasis upon the **integration** of disciplines and their applications to **societal** issues. Preparation for **leadership** should be a part of graduate education....

James Duderstadt, 2001



2005



Conceptual Age

“We are moving from an economy and a society built on the logical, linear, computer-like capabilities of the Information Age to an economy and a society built on the **inventive, empathic, big-picture** capabilities of what’s rising in its place, the Conceptual Age.”

— Pink, 2005

Agricultural Age - Industrial Age - Information Age - Conceptual Age

not just function but....



design

not just an argument but...



a story

not just focus but also...



symphony

not just logic but also ...



empathy

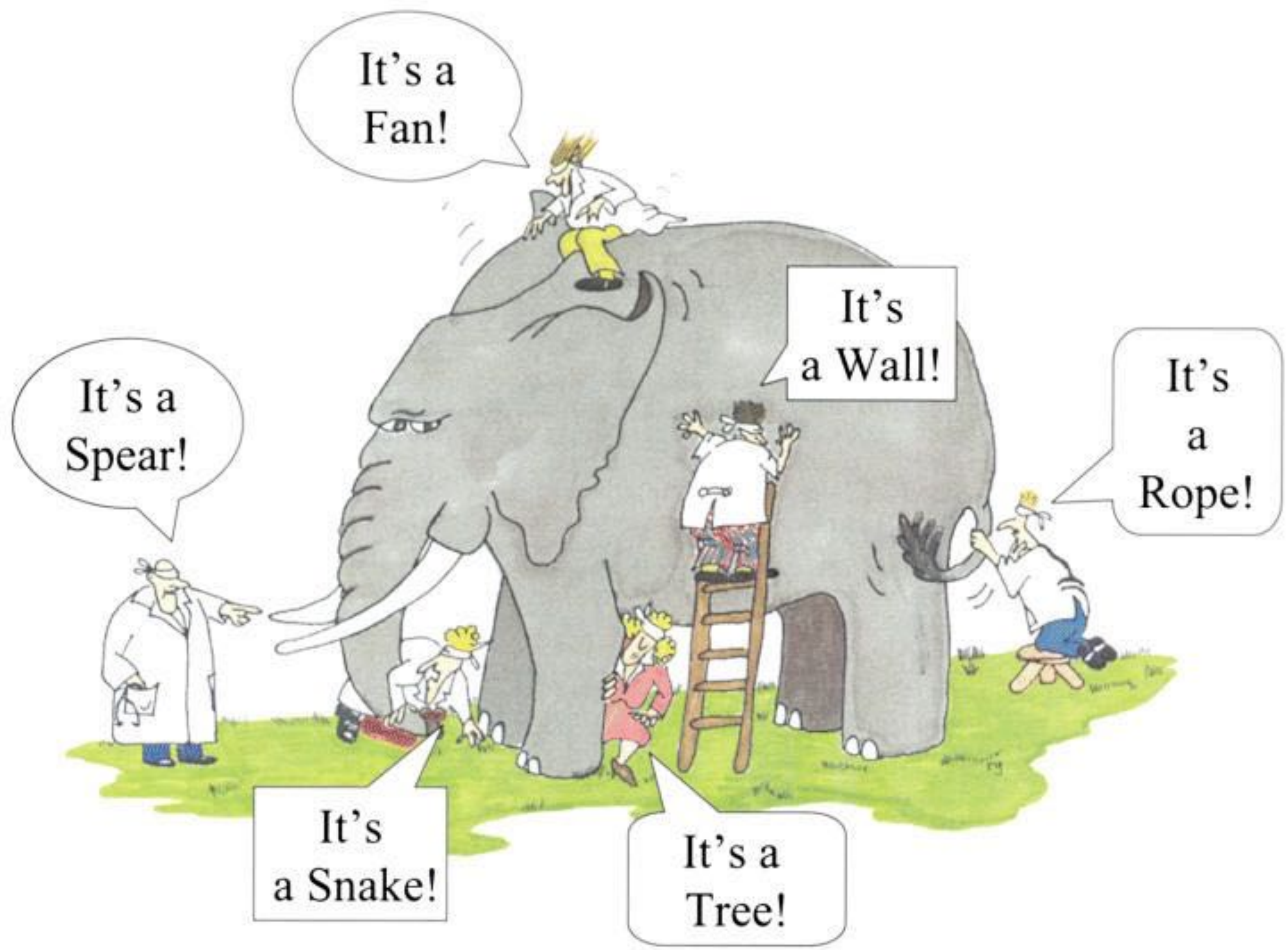
the confluence of the 21st century
university and conceptual age

rethinking and re-imagining graduate education

**Graduate School (Graduate College)
Graduate Life Center
Transformative Graduate Education
(TGE) Initiative**

Graduate school....

- **responsive, integrative, interactive, inclusive & innovative**
- **a space and place for graduate education**
- **incorporates building academic communities**
- **has power to convene**
- **has responsibility for change**
- **must be strategic and lead transformation**



It's a Fan!

It's a Wall!

It's a Rope!

It's a Snake!

It's a Snake!

It's a Tree!

It's a Snake!

challenges and differing perspectives

students

faculty

departments

university policies

student affairs perspectives

- **value-added to graduate degree (professional development)**
- **compliments not duplicates departmental efforts**
- **incentives (certificates, academic credit)**
- **commitment of time by Dean**
- **utilize resources within Graduate School**
- **share and sustain resources**
- **dynamic and evolving; meaningful and relevant**



VT Graduate School: unique and innovative

**transforming graduate education
through initiatives and programs**

Transformative Graduate Education (TGE)

Knowledge

Leadership



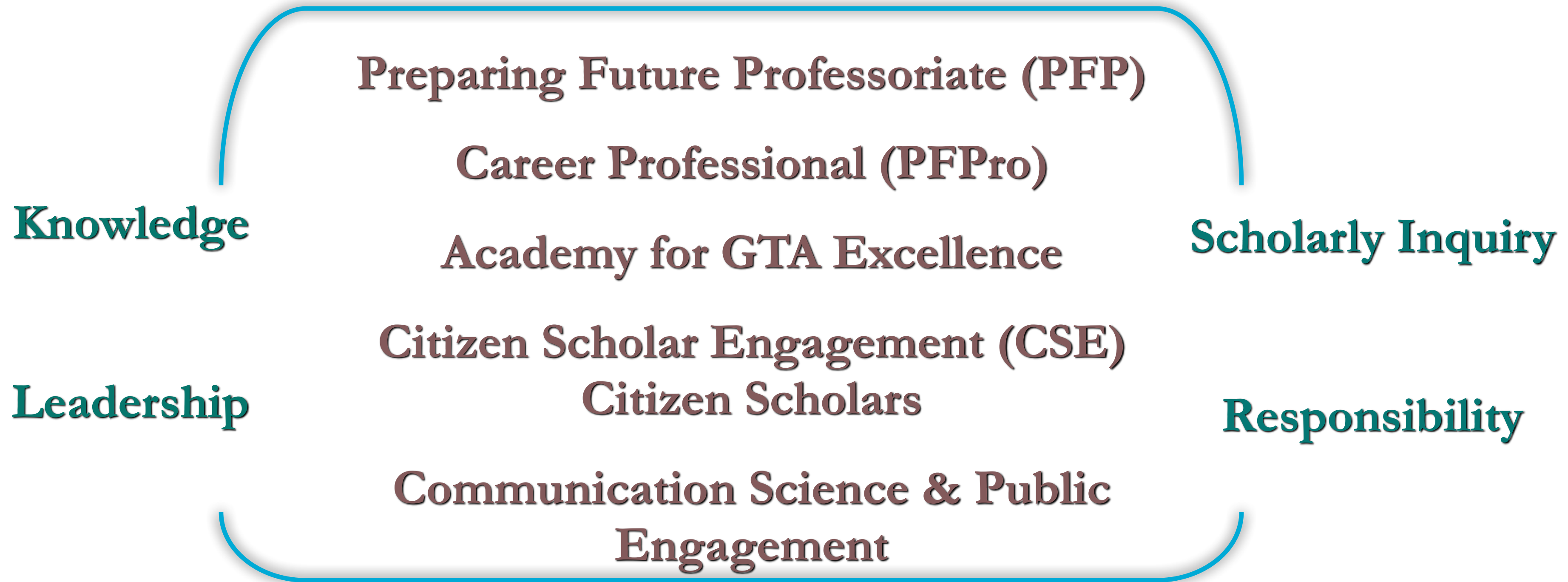
Scholarly Inquiry

Responsibility

Technology, diversity, interdisciplinary,
ethics, & global

DePauw 2003 (rev 2017)

Transformative Graduate Education (TGE)



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Graduate Courses & Certificates

- **Preparing the Future Professoriate (3)***
- **PFP: Global Perspectives (3)**
- **GTA Workshop (1)**
- **Contemporary Pedagogy (3)***
- **Library Research Skills (1)**
- **Interdisciplinary Research in Science & Engineering (1-3)**
- **Ethics and Responsible Conduct of Research (2)**
- **Citizen Scholar Seminar (3)**
- **Preparing Future Career Professional (3)**
- **Industrial Professional in Science & Engineering (3)**
- **Diversity & inclusion for a global society (3)**
- **Communicating Science (2)**
- **International Research (3)**
- **Interdisciplinary Research & Graduate Education (3)**

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Spring 2016 Academy business meeting - April 29th - academyforGTA-g@vt.edu. To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/topic/academyforGTA-g@vt.edu/discussion/spring-2016-academy-business-meeting-april-29th

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2016 Conference on Teaching Large Classes at Virginia Tech - academyforGTA-g@vt.edu. To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/topic/academyforGTA-g@vt.edu/discussion/2016-conference-on-teaching-large-classes-at-virginia-tech

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Tomorrow: Academy Meeting - this Thursday - academyforGTA-g@vt.edu. To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/topic/academyforGTA-g@vt.edu/discussion/tomorrow-academy-meeting-this-thursday

Today: Webinar - The State of Graduate Education - academyforGTA-g@vt.edu. To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/topic/academyforGTA-g@vt.edu/discussion/today-webinar-the-state-of-graduate-education

2016 POD Network Conference Call for Proposals - academyforGTA-g@vt.edu. To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/topic/academyforGTA-g@vt.edu/discussion/2016-pod-network-conference-call-for-proposals

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Discuss Pedagogy

The VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence serves as a community hub for graduate students who are interested in teaching to connect with each other as well as faculty, staff, and other campus resources.

Slow Scholarship and Building Community to Thrive in Graduate School

COMMONS OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Pedagogy Resource Repository

The VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence hosts a wealth of pedagogical resources that may help one improve their teaching.



Service Work

The VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence provides service to the campus and broader community by providing some human, technical, and other resources in support of teaching and improving one's pedagogy.

Research and Funding

This blog post is in part processing a few research thoughts and working on research statements for my Feminist Research Methods course. Last week was Grad Ed Week at Tech. Part of what that brought



13 years

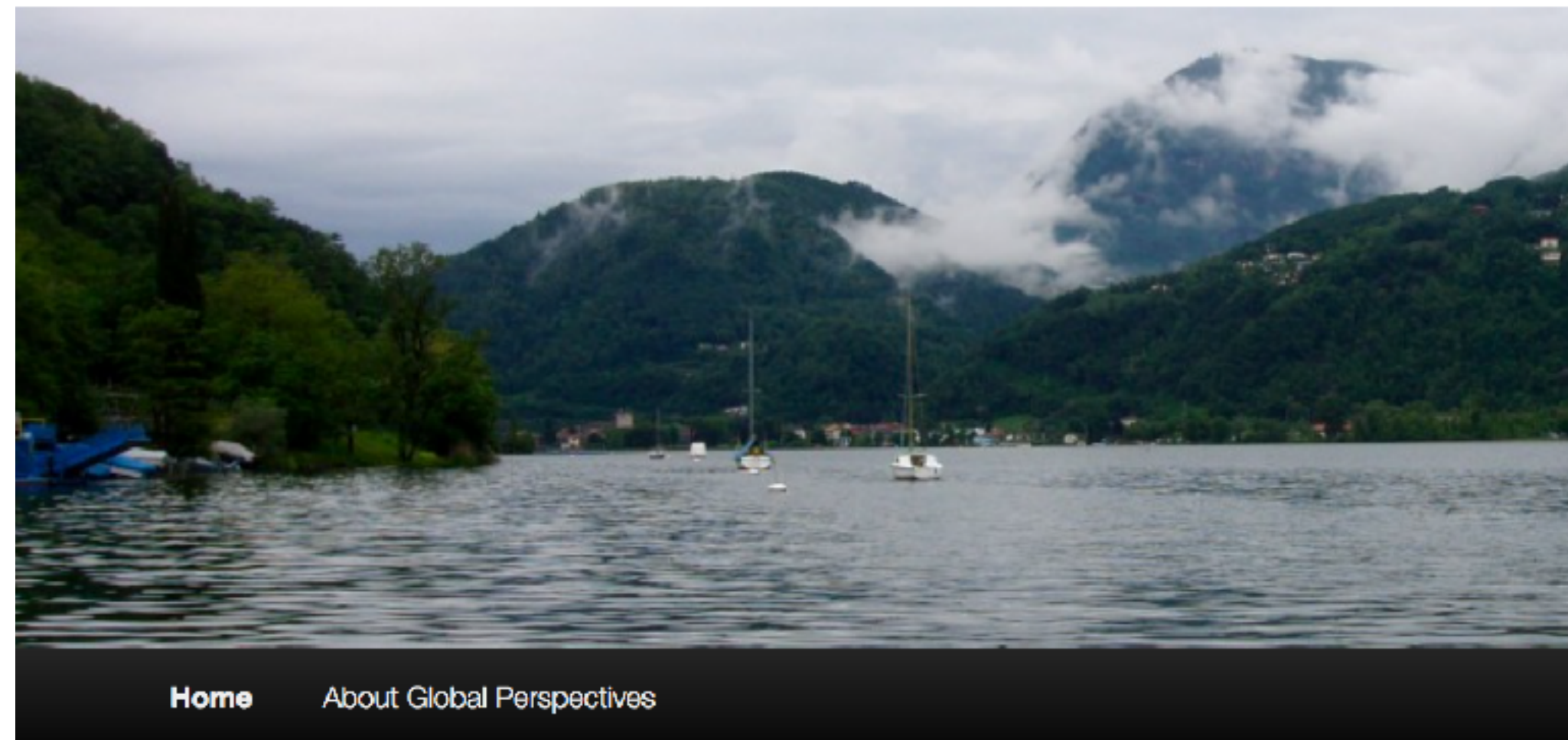
160+ participants

6 summits at Swiss Embassy

6 web published manuals

Global Perspectives

Collected Thoughts About Global Higher Education



Office of Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives



Photo taken by John McCormick

Recruiting and graduating the leaders of tomorrow



Students in the Graduate Life Center study room

Funding Opportunities

Various forms of funding are available to students and academic departments to support the recruitment and retention of top candidates. The Graduate School's **Dean Diversity Assistantships** are given to faculty-nominated students who demonstrate strong academic abilities and are underrepresented in their field. These are two-year assistantships with one year of funding provided by the Graduate School and year two funding provided by the department.

Diversity Scholars Program

Diversity Scholars are graduate students who specialize in and advocate for the awareness, knowledge and skills associated with diversity and inclusion in the Graduate School and community. The goal of the Diversity Scholars Program is to create dialogue, provide advocacy, and implement change for a more diverse and inclusive experience for all graduate students, faculty, staff, and administration. The Scholars do this in many forms such as influencing curriculum or research agendas, providing leadership and educational tools for effective communication and multicultural competencies, and implementing programming aimed at increasing awareness of global and social justice issues.

www.graduateschool.vt.edu/diversity

Students are encouraged to take **GRAD 5214: Diversity and Inclusion for a Global Society** as well as participate in campus activities which promote diversity and inclusion. Students are nominated for this program and are offered a modest compensation upon completion. Diversity Scholars are expected to mentor future Diversity Scholars and continue participation in the program to graduation.

HBCU/MSI Research Summit

Building Community(ies):

diverse, inclusive & global

- holistic admissions
- diversity requirement
- health and wellness space
- climate survey
- post admissions student services survey
- work-life grants
- connect lunches, GSA welcome socials
- and more



Graduate students on the lawn of the Graduate Life Center



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Helping VT Students Meet Their Childcare Needs

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Childcare Options

Babysitter Clearinghouse

The Babysitter Clearing House is an initiative aimed at creating a pool of qualified babysitters in the area for Graduate Student families to access as a resource. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

Cooperative Playgroup

The Virginia Tech Graduate School Child Play Group (VT-GS-CPG) is a parent-run cooperative playgroup for children between the ages of 2 and 5 with a paid on-site program director. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

and parent/family support group

Disrupting Academic Bullying

To maintain a culture of civility throughout the graduate education experience, academic bullying is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

VT Graduate Life Center



Residences

Academic, Cultural & Social Programs

Graduate Student Organizations Offices

Graduate School Offices

GLC Plaza, amphitheater and cafe

“Having a space and a place for graduate education important and Donaldson Brown provides the physical space and institutional place for 21st century graduate education... will provide space for ...important support services (**childcare, wellness, counseling, etc.**)...It will also provide the place for and environment through which intellectual engagement and academic discourse will permeate the hall of the academic institution (e.g., **seminar rooms, library, wellness, coffee house, etc.**)...will serve as a **hub of energy** and focus on graduate education. There will be **no other place like this in the nation.**”

(DePauw, 2002).

partnerships and collaborations have developed

much has been accomplished and efforts continue

Struggles and missions not yet accomplished

student life policies
university procedures
coffee shop
cobblestone cafe
GLC dog

graduate students are not older undergraduates



VT Graduate School: unique and innovative

transforming graduate education
through

...building vibrant inclusive graduate community

and

**understanding cultural change and
building a new culture with new
traditions and expectations**

changing the rhetoric and reality

of graduate education

from surviving.....

to thriving

and much more...

Charge to Graduate Deans and Graduate Schools

Challenge to Student Affairs Colleagues



see things differently and look for the 'unobvious'

**build a new culture with new
meaningful and relevant programs**

Graduate school and partners...

- **be responsive, integrative, interactive, inclusive & innovative**
- **create a space and place for graduate education**
- **build academic communities**
- **be strategic and lead transformation**

CONSENSUS STUDY REPORT

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GMI **GRADUATE** XETZLRNL3S
KTNYMA **STEM** KUPWIWGBKBRM
ECQFO **EDUCATION** RSEJTNZ
N5LGBXP **FOR THE** HXPXLR
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...it would be wise to acknowledge and understand the current and future challenges facing this system and take steps now to ensure that it remains vital, adaptable, and relevant for many generations to come. To neglect graduate education, or to ignore threats to its success, puts the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the nation at risk. (p. 19, 2018)

... the why

the what....

the how...

What programs do you currently offer?



What things do you want to learn?





a space and place for graduate education



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What are your key take-aways?



What additional topics for more information?



How will you create a space and a place?





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