

DPI License Renewal

English IHE Representatives

● [Karen Bircher](#)

Elementary, Middle, and High School Literacy and Foreign Language

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Elementary, Middle and Secondary Education; English/Language Arts



Karen Bircher

Lecturer in Education at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

Areas of Expertise: Elementary, Middle, and High School Literacy and Foreign Language

Karen Bircher joined the staff of UWGB in 1993 as an adjunct instructor in the English Composition Program. In 1995 she was hired as a lecturer in that program and also began teaching Language Arts methods and Reading methods for the Education Unit. In 1999, Karen moved to a full-time lecturer position in the Education Unit where she continued to teach the Language Arts and Reading methods courses and added Foreign Language methods, Reading in the Content Areas, Adolescent Literature, and Introduction to Education Inquiry.

Karen began teaching in Ohio in 1971 after graduating from Case Western Reserve University with a degree in French. After teaching French for seven years in Ohio, Karen moved to Colorado where she earned a Masters Degree in Education as a Reading Specialist from the University of Colorado-Denver. While in Colorado, she taught French and Spanish. Karen was also certified in Iowa where she taught French, Reading, World Literature, and English Composition. In 1991, she moved to Wisconsin where she maintains a certificate in Reading and French and teaches pre-service teachers at UWGB.

Karen's interests include just about anything related to literacy, language, and learning. She has also advised the Student Wisconsin Education Association for seven years and served as the treasurer of the Greater Bayland Reading Council.



Dr. Linda Tabers-Kwak

Associate Professor, Education at the University of Wisconsin
- Green Bay

Areas of Expertise:

Elementary, Middle and Secondary Education;
English/Language Arts

Teacher Certification Credentials:

Master Educator Level

State of Florida Teacher Licensure: English 6-12

State of Illinois Teacher Licensure: K-9

State of Illinois Teacher Licensure English 6-12

State of Illinois Administrative K-12

Education

- 2000 Loyola University - Chicago
Ph.D. Leadership, Administration & Supervision
Dissertation: "Leadership: Power and Authority - An Analysis of Five Shakespearean Characters Lear, Julius Caesar, Richard III, Othello and Hamlet"
Certification: Illinois - Administrative Grade K -12
- 1994 Northeastern Illinois University - Chicago
M.A. English
Concentration: Literature & Composition
- 1993 University of South Florida – Tampa, FL
M.A. English Education
Concentration: Curriculum and Instruction
Certification: Florida - English Grades 6-12
- 1976 Barat College - Lake Forest, IL
B.A. English
Certification: Illinois - Elementary Grades K-9
Certification: Illinois - High School Grades 6-12

Experience Highlights

- 2000-Present Associate Professor, Education
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

1989-2000 English Faculty & District Administrator
Libertyville/Vernon Hills High School District 128
Libertyville, IL

1983-1989 English Faculty
Collier County Public School District
Naples, FL