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I love teaching, and explaining how networks of linked neurons carry out complex cognitive behavior. From 2014 through 2017, I served as a full time instructor and outreach coordinator in Neuroscience. I've also taught continuously as an adjunct faculty member in Psychology and Neuroscience at WSU-Vancouver since 2001.

My dissertation research in Behavioral Neuroscience at OHSU examined

nicotine effects on spatial attention, time perception, and boredom in non-smokers. Some earlier (pre-2001) studies of nicotine had reported cognitive improvements, but assessed these changes in habitual smokers, where results may have been linked to relief from withdrawal effects. I carried out this research in Dr. Barry Oken's lab.

In addition to teaching undergraduates and graduate students at Portland State University, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland Community College, Lower Columbia College, and WSU Vancouver, I routinely bring undergraduate volunteers and brains (rat, monkey, human) to K-12 classrooms in Portland, Vancouver and Evergreen Public Schools.

I've developed collaborative relationships with multiple area educational institutions, and along with my colleague Jeff Leake, created the nonprofit nwnoggin.org. Jeff and I offer arts-integrated neuroscience outreach opportunities for undergraduates and graduates in our community...

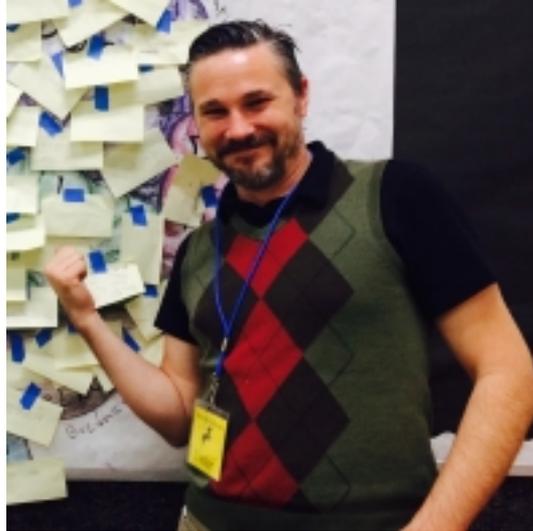
NOTE: WSU chose not to support [innovative](#), multi-institutional, arts-integrated STEM outreach (we were told that administrators did not approve of highlighting collaborative efforts involving non-WSU students). Both Jeff and I respect and appreciate our Vancouver volunteers, and encourage them to stay involved through nwnoggin.org. We can be reached at jleake@pdx.edu and griesar@pdx.edu.

More details on neuroscience outreach opportunities are available at the following website:

<http://www.nwnoggin.org>

(And when my kids get annoyed with each other – and now that they are teenagers, when they get annoyed with ME – they often blame it on their amygdala. :)

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[Curriculum Vitae – Jeff Leake](#)

A California Bay Area native Jeff Leake uses the landscape as a vehicle to create a narrative between our presence as a distant and pervasive element, and the natural world. He holds a Masters in Fine Arts from UC Davis and a Bachelors in Fine Arts from the San Francisco Art Institute. He currently lives and works in sunny NE Portland.

Personal Artwork: <http://www.jeffleake.webs.com>

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More details on true #scicomm (*not just academic talk – but real community action*) and arts-integrated neuroscience outreach opportunities are available at the following website:

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