



Announcement and Call for Nominations

William & Patricia Goetter Endowed Professorship in Civics

The EWU Foundation, the Office of the Provost, and the School of Education invite nominations and applications for a faculty appointment as the William & Patricia Goetter Endowed Professorship in Civics.

Background: This professorship was established with an estate gift from William & Patricia Goetter in 2025. Dr. Goetter served 30 years as a professor of education at EWU, completing his tenure as Chair of the Department of Education. Upon his retirement in 2000, he was granted Emeritus status. A graduate of Whitman College, Patricia Smith Goetter worked as a reporter and columnist for the Spokane Valley Herald for many years, served on numerous community and church boards, and collaborated with her husband on writing articles and papers.

Purpose of the Professorship:

The purpose of the professorship is to partner with public schools in assisting boards of directors and education and political leaders in the community to transform public schools into learning environments that educate and nurture engaged and informed democratic citizens. Most K-12 public school faculties are technically competent but few are generalists with roots in democratic values that inspire our K-12 students to see our public schools as environments that focus on citizenship empowerment. Democratic values, as advocated by many professional teacher organizations, must be taught, learned and practiced, and embraced if a learning environment is to be credible. These values include devotion to human dignity and freedom to equal rights, to social and economic justice, to rule of law, to civility and truth, to tolerance of diversity, to mutual assistance, to personal and civic responsibility, and to self-restraint and self-respect. *Additionally, the scope of this professorship shall engage and educate students in civics beyond K-12 public schools, including the EWU community, specifically current EWU students, faculty and staff.*

The person selected for this professorship will serve as the William & Patricia Goetter Professor for the period from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026 and may be appointed for two years (through August 31, 2027) if the selection committee unanimously agrees. The selected person will be eligible to reapply for future appointments. Funding of \$20,000 will be made available annually to support the Goetter Professor in Civics. In consultation with and at the discretion of the Provost and the School of Education, support can include salary additional to the academic base salary of the individual and funds may also be used to support other specific research or travel costs of related research activities.

Eligibility: Nominations or applications for this endowed professorship are open to any full-time Tenured Faculty, Tenure-Track Faculty, or Special Faculty with a multiple year contract currently employed by EWU. Nominations and applications are accepted from all colleges and disciplines

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and, consistent with EWU's commitment to diversity and inclusion, nominations and applications from historically underrepresented faculty are encouraged. Nominations of others and self-applications will be accepted.

Obligations: The individual selected to serve as the Goetter Professor in Civics will be responsible to provide updates and reports to the Office of the Provost and Chair of the School of Education as required. The selected individual will also be responsible to provide to the EWU communities at least one lecture per year that provides insight into the teaching, research, or creative activity that has been enhanced or produced through this Professorship. Additionally, the Goetter Professor in Civics will represent the university and/or the School of Education at various events throughout the period of appointment.

Application: Nominations or applications for the Goetter Professorship in Civics must be received by 5:00 pm, May 30, 2025. Any nomination or application must include the following:

1. A cover sheet that lists nominee or applicant information including, full name, academic rank, academic college and department, university email address, and a preferred contact phone number.
2. A response, not to exceed two pages, to the purpose of the professorship that includes a discussion of how the nominee or applicant has or is currently working in the broad area of ideas, beliefs, and their origins.
3. An explanation, not to exceed two pages of the current teaching, research, or creative program of the nominee or applicant that includes a discussion of how that teaching, research, or creative agenda would be advanced through this professorship.
4. An explanation, not to exceed two pages of how student learning and student success would be advanced through the awarding of this professorship to the nominee or applicant specifically including how student-faculty research might be incorporated.
5. If the nomination is not a self-application, a letter of acknowledgement, not to exceed one page, from the nominee is required indicating their willingness to serve as Goetter Professorship in Civics for the specified period.
6. An abbreviated current CV that covers at least the most recent three-year period.
7. One letter of support or nomination from the department chair of the department in which the faculty member has primary teaching, research, and/or creative works responsibility and with emphasis on the research or creative agenda of the nominee or applicant as it relates to the goal of the professorship.
8. One letter of support or nomination from an additional internal or external individual with knowledge of the research or creative agenda of the nominee or applicant as it relates to the goal of the professorship.

Applications must be submitted via the [online application portal](#) no later than 5:00pm on Friday, May 30, 2025.

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