

Scott Feller
Willamette University
1988 Winner



Following graduation from Willamette, Scott went to grad school at the University of California, Davis where he worked for Don McQuarrie, receiving his PhD in physical chemistry in 1993. He was a postdoc with Rich Pastor at the NIH, and began his academic career with a visiting faculty position at Whitman College. He then moved to Wabash College in Crawfordsville Indiana where he has spent the past 21 years on the faculty in the Department of Chemistry. He has served various leadership positions at Wabash including department chair, chair of the division of natural sciences and mathematics, and his current role as Dean of the College and Howell Professor of Chemistry.

He has maintained an active research program with undergraduate collaborators focusing on the properties of lipid bilayers as a model for understanding cellular membranes. This work has been supported with continuous NSF support for over 20 years as well as grants from the NIH and a [Camille and Henry Dreyfus](#) Scholar award. His research has been recognized with awards from Indiana University and Eli Lilly as well as the Biophysical Society which awarded him the Thomas Thompson Award for outstanding contributions in the field of membrane structure and assembly.

At Wabash, Scott has taught physical chemistry courses as well as introductory courses for majors and non-majors and is a regular participant in the college's great books colloquia and its freshman seminar program. He received the McClain-McTurnan-Arnold award, the college's teacher of the year award. Scott has been active promoting undergraduate research, both at Wabash and through the Council on Undergraduate Research where he served several terms including one as the chair of the chemistry division. He regularly serves on review panels for the NSF and recently completed a term on the NIH study section devoted to membrane biochemistry and biophysics.

Scott is married to Wendy Feller and they have two children. Daughter, Amanda and her husband Ries live in Bloomington, Indiana with Scott and Wendy's first grandchild, Gus. Son, Jake, is an engineer who lives outside Silverton, Oregon on Scott's family's farm.

