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Thomas Reagan is a professor at Great Basin College in the Teacher Education Program, where he is the chair of the education department and the supervisor for the elementary and secondary education programs. His experience at Great Basin College brings the community college baccalaureate program perspective with it. His experience teaching in rural K-12 schools and developing teachers for rural Nevada brings a passion and understanding of the unique challenges of those areas.

Thomas's teaching focuses on math education and the foundations of education. In addition, he spends considerable time in the public schools supervising student interns, for which he has developed a teacher performance assessment, and coordinating field experiences for students. The breadth of his position provides an ever-present link between theory and practice.

In addition to his work at Great Basin College, Thomas consults with rural school districts to provide professional development for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics.

William R. Speer

Position: Professor and Director of the UNLV Mathematics Learning Center

Alma Mater: Kent State University

Vita: [Curriculum Vita](#)

Research Interests: Mathematics Education, International Education/Studies, Mathematical Problem-solving, Professional Development, Standards, Testing

Biographical Description: William R. Speer has been on the faculty of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas since 1995 and is currently the Director of the newly formed UNLV Mathematics Learning Center. He served as Interim Dean of the College of Education at UNLV from 2009-2013. He is also an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics and Computer Education at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Dr. Speer has been a Fulbright Senior Lecturer and Scholar to the Bahamas and to England, a USAID Fellow to Malawi, and a Visiting Professor at Northern Arizona University's Science and Mathematics Learning Center. His B.S. and M.S. Ed. degrees were achieved at Northern Illinois University in 1969 and 1971 while his Ph.D. was earned at Kent State University in 1976.

Dr. Speer is a Past President of several professional organizations including the Research Council on Mathematics Learning, the School Science and Mathematics Association, the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Ohio Mathematics Education Leadership Council, the Nevada Mathematics Council (two terms), and the Nevada Association of Teacher Educators (two terms). He has served on the Mathematics and Statistics Advisory Committee for the College Board, served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Washington, D.C. based Triangle Coalition of Business, Government, and Education and, currently serves as a Nevada delegate of the Board of Directors of WestEd. He was a member of the NCTM Commission that released the landmark publication entitled Professional Standards for Teaching Mathematics and was a major author on the revised NCTM teaching standards. He has also served NCTM as the Chairman of the Affiliated Services Committee and as the Chairman of the Board of the Mathematics Education Trust.

Dr. Speer has been the recipient of college and university-wide teaching, research, and service major awards at both Bowling Green State University and the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He is the recipient of the Golden Anniversary Alumni Award from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from Northern Illinois University. His service has been recognized by his selection for the Christofferson-Fawcett Award for Lifetime Achievement in Mathematics Education and the Mallinson Award for Distinguished Contributions to Mathematics and Science Education.