“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.
Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Dr. Susan Shaw, Professor of Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies at Oregon State University and the co-PI for OREGON STATE ADVANCE. Susan is the author of Reflective Faith: A Theological Toolbox for Women and God Speaks to Us, Too: Southern Baptist Women on Church, Home, and Society and the co-author with Mina Carson and Tisa Lewis of Girls Rock! 50 Years of Women Making Music. She also serves as the general editor of the 4-volume Women’s Lives around the World: A Global Encyclopedia. Susan is the co-author and editor with Janet Lee of a forthcoming new edition of Gendered Lives, Feminist Visions: Classic and Contemporary Readings in Women and Gender Studies. She is also the co-author with Grace Ji-Sun Kim of the forthcoming book Intersectional Theology: An Introductory Guide, Fortress Press. Susan formerly directed OSU’s School of Language, Culture, and Society, OSU’s Women Studies Program, and OSU’s Difference, Power, & Discrimination Program.

Segment One [00:00-12:21] - In this segment, Susan shares about using a feminist perspective in her research in theology.

Segment Two [12:22-23:43] - In this segment, Susan describes the process of creating a new research method in feminist theology.

Segment Three [23:44-36:15] - In this segment, Susan shares about her experiences as an academic blogger.

Bonus Clip [00:00-03:04]: Defining Intersectionality

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Describe an example of developing a new research method
- Discuss some potential challenges in developing a new research methodology
- Describe the purpose academic blogging
- Define intersectionality

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What does Dr. Shaw share are the types of research methods she utilizes in her research?
- How does Dr. Shaw explain she decides which types of research methods to use in her research?
- According to Dr. Shaw, what might be some of the challenges in developing a new research method?
- How does Dr. Shaw explain she began academic blogging?
- How does Dr. Shaw explain she chooses topics for academic blogging?
- What does Dr. Shaw share has been her experience as an academic blogger?
- According to Dr. Shaw, what is the purpose of academic blogging?
- How does Dr. Shaw define intersectionality? (See also, Bonus Clip)

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:
http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e110/
Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e110/) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.

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- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Susan Shaw if they could?

Suggested Citation (APA, 6th edition)

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“Research in Action” is hosted by Dr. Katie Linder, research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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