2017 Bickimer Fellowships
for Ohio Public School Teachers

Fellowships: The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English will offer $7,500 Bickimer Fellowships for Ohio public school teachers, to support summer study at the School of English in 2017 as well as year-round classroom work. Teachers will take two graduate courses in English and allied fields, and they will become active members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN), a state-of-the-art professional development network fostering pedagogical innovation and teacher-research and advocacy year-round. (Find more information about BLTN and the work of its connected teachers at [http://www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn](http://www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn) and [http://sites.middlebury.edu/bltnmag/](http://sites.middlebury.edu/bltnmag/)). The fellowships are supported by Promise of Learnings, Inc. (POLI) and by Middlebury College; they were established in memory of David A. Bickimer, Ohio-born educator and founder of POLI.

Eligibility: All fellowship applicants must be full-time teachers in an Ohio public school: they must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2017 and must be teaching in an Ohio school during the 2017-18 academic year. Applicants must also apply for admission to the Bread Loaf School of English. In selecting fellows, we will give preference to teachers who plan to integrate creative arts into their teaching; first-year fellows will get priority registration in one of our courses that feature creative arts.

Fellowship Obligations:

- First-year fellows must attend either the Vermont or New Mexico Bread Loaf campus and take two graduate courses, including one designated Group 1 course in writing, pedagogy, or literacy (contact Dana Olsen for course options). Returning students must take two courses, in areas and at a campus of their choosing.
- All fellows must participate in weekly BLTN campus meetings and plan two innovative pedagogical or research projects, to be carried out during the 2017-18 academic year in collaboration with other BLTN members. These projects can become the basis for an Independent Reading Project, which carries one unit (three semester hours) of course credit.
- During the 2017-18 academic year, fellows must attend all meetings and participate in the activities of their BLTN state or local group.
- Fellows must submit three detailed reports on their BLTN projects and activities:
  - Before the end of classes at their campus: a report on Bread Loaf courses and summer work, and proposal detailing the two project plans for 2017-18
  - February 1, 2018: a progress report on their projects and BLTN activities
  - June 15, 2018: a final report on their projects and BLTN activities
- Fellows must acknowledge the Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, and the Bickimer Fellowship in all publications and presentations resulting from their fellowship year.

Award notifications: Fellowship recipients will be chosen and notified on a rolling basis.