Nivaldo Tro is a Professor of Chemistry at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, where he has been a faculty member since 1990. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Stanford University, for work on developing and using optical techniques to study the adsorption and desorption of molecules to and from surfaces in ultrahigh vacuum. He then went to the University of California at Berkeley, where he did post-doctoral research on ultrafast reaction dynamics in solution. Since coming to Westmont, Professor Tro has been awarded grants from the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund from Research Corporation and from the National Science Foundation to study the dynamics of various processes occurring in thin adlayer films adsorbed on dielectric surfaces. He has twice been honored as Westmont’s outstanding teacher of the year and has also received the college’s outstanding researcher of the year award.

Nivaldo will be presenting his thoughts and philosophies pertaining to what he sees as constituting quality instruction. Certainly those of us interested in education will find this a thought-provoking and perhaps inspirational discussion.

Wednesday, March 4
3:00 PM in TBBC 4630
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