



**Academic Career:**

Dr. Tighe is an Assistant Professor (soon to be promoted to Associate Professor) at Western Oregon University with the Criminal Justice Department. He is responsible for teaching Introduction to Homeland Security, Policy Analysis in Criminal Justice, and Native Americans, Culture, and the Criminal Justice System .

Dr. Tighe primary research interest centers on Native Americans and their culture. He recently have turned his attention to Native Americans ensnared in the U.S. criminal justice system, and spent considerable time working with Western Community Policing Institute on Native American Issues, which include drug use and abuse among Native American Tribes.

Dr. Tighe holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Miami University (Ohio) with a double major in public administration and public policy analysis. He has held faculty positions at Miami University (Ohio), Northern Kentucky University, Chemeketa and Linn Benton Community Colleges. He has gained experience teaching political science, international relations, and history courses while teaching at these institutions.