



# WABASH CENTER

For Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion



## Open to Surprises when Biases Are Strong

Stephen McMullin, *Acadia Divinity College*

Blog Series: Theological School Deans

May 09, 2018

Tags: administration | higher education | theological school deans



I was not happy to see the headlights of an approaching dune buggy – its presence would ruin the unspoiled beauty of the beach. Yet when the dune buggy (labeled the “Turtle Patrol”) got close, I realized that the very friendly driver was actually removing a lot of plastic and other litter from the beach, thus caring for and enhancing its natural beauty. I still do not like vehicles on the beach, but I need to be more discerning. In theological education, as a dean, I must learn to withhold prior judgment of what I perceive about the ‘dune buggies’ approaching

in the distance.

<https://wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2018/05/open-to-surprises-when-biases-are-strong/>