Dr. Luke Schlueter is an Assistant Professor of English at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) specializing in literature, creative writing, and composition. He is also currently involved with several exciting initiatives that serve to accelerate students through developmental English.

Dr. Schlueter earned his Ph.D. in 2000 after writing a dissertation on the ecological and domestic visions of two contemporary American poets, Gary Snyder and Wendell Berry. He continues to present on these poets and others and is a published poet himself. In addition, Dr. Schlueter also speaks extensively about central place of the humanities in a complete education and the current state of the humanities at the college level.

Speech Topics:

- **Developmental Education** – In this talk, Dr. Luke Schlueter draws upon his work with various initiatives in developmental education to address not only the current state of developmental education at the community college level but the promise these initiatives have in helping students to pursue their educational goals and achieve their dreams.

- **The Value of the Humanities** – In this talk, Dr. Luke Schlueter addresses the critical importance of the humanities in helping us to achieve a just, compassionate, and dynamic society and the various pressures on humanities programs at the college level. Dr. Schlueter also speaks to the role the humanities can have in helping individuals develop a broader understanding of life, culture and society and how the humanities can prepares today’s students for a broad array of careers.

- **The Ecological and Domestic Visions of American Poets Gary Snyder and Wendell Berry** – This speech will introduce audiences to the works of American poets Gary Snyder and Wendell Berry through focusing upon the rich expressions of family and community in their prose and poetry. Upon request, Dr. Schlueter can focus his talk on one poet or the other.

- **Creative Writing for Everyday Life** – In this talk, Dr. Luke Schlueter draws upon his many years of experience with teaching creative writing and on his own creative work in addressing the role creative writing can have in helping persons at any level achieve a fuller, richer, more aesthetically fulfilling life through creative writing.