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Dr. Bresciani's research focuses on the evaluation of student learning and development. She uses naturalistic inquiry and grounded theory to explore how systems and processes contribute to student learning centeredness, which includes the study of leaders' roles in these systems and processes.

Dr. Bresciani has held faculty and higher education administration positions for over 20 years. In those positions, she has conducted enrollment management research, quantitative and qualitative institutional research, course-embedded assessment, and academic and administrative program assessment. Previously as Assistant Vice President for Institutional Assessment at Texas A&M University and as Director of Assessment at North Carolina State University, Dr. Bresciani led university-wide initiatives to embed faculty-driven outcomes-based assessment in the curriculum. She has led reforms in outcomes-based assessment program review, assessment of general education, quality enhancement, and assessment of the co-curricular.

Dr. Bresciani has been invited to present and publish her findings on assessment and is a leading author of books on assessing student learning and outcomes-based assessment program review. She has edited a book on good practice case studies in general education assessment and is currently at work on identifying good practices in assessment of student learning in student affairs/services. Dr. Bresciani has developed and delivered several courses on assessment of student learning, and serves on the editorial board of the *NASPA Journal*. She is a reviewer for the Australian Quality Assurance Agency and is also a managing partner in an international assessment and enrollment management consulting firm.

Dr. Bresciani holds a Ph.D. in Administration, Curriculum, and Instruction from the University of Nebraska and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Hastings College.

In her spare time, Marilee enjoys mountain biking, kayaking, backpacking, scuba diving, technical rock climbing, and music (both performing and listening). She will try out her creations from the kitchen on anyone who is willing to attempt unusual combinations of food and spice or willing to risk heart failure by partaking of creations infused with butter and olive oil.