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Adjunct Faculty

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I joined the George Fox Connect Faculty team in 2022. My mission is to equip leaders with passion and purpose. My leadership journey and professional experience started in the financial industry when I became a peak-time teller. I later transitioned to information technology, holding several senior programs, project, change, and service delivery manager positions. For more than 22 years, I have advocated for global changes with diverse teams, assisted non-profit organizations, and coached IT leaders to lead with passion and purpose and reach their full potential. I strive to bridge the gap between scholarly teaching of leadership and the real-world practice of leadership.



Academic Background

- DM, Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership with a specialization in Information Systems and Technology, University of Phoenix
- ITIL Foundation, APM Group Limited
- MBA, General Management, Marylhurst University
- PMP Certification, Project Management Institute
- MS, Computer Information Systems, University of Phoenix
- BS, Computer Science, Saint Thomas University

Expertise and Interests

It is my passion to inspire long-term success and teamwork within organizations. Through experience as a communicator, team builder, and negotiator, I strive to maximize a team's efficiency and productivity while strengthening their performance and morale. When high-performing, empowered and globally diverse teams are in place, loyalty and collaboration result.

My background in business and technology leadership enables me to focus on making actionable decisions that support business needs and priorities. Results are, at times, achieved through the strategic application of technology to business challenges. Additional experience in product engineering, merger management, acquisitions, divestitures, and global integration impact my emphasis.

I enjoy philanthropist activities in my local community, Portland, as well as nationally and internationally. Currently serving as a soccer coach and president of two non-profit organizations, I also perform annual service projects in Haiti, Cambodia, Uganda, and Kenya.

Outside the Classroom

Born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, I moved to the United States and first lived in Miami, Florida. Portland, Oregon, has been my home sweet home since 2002. My wonderful wife and I have been married for 21 years and I have been blessed with four children. We enjoy traveling and spending time together, whether camping or traveling internationally. I love watching competitive soccer tournaments such as the FIFA World Cup, Gold Cup, UEFA European Championship, Copa America, and the African Cup of Nations (my newest one).