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I began my journey with George Fox as a master's student in education, then proceeded to get my doctorate at Fox as well. I began working for GFU at the Portland Writing Center while helping to start a new school within the Medford School District. For over 25 years, I have taught various college and high school courses, including college writing, debate, AP Literature, AP Language, and, on the science side, biology, forestry, chemistry, geology, and psychology. I am an enthusiastic advocate for the equality of reading and literature opportunities for young people, and I worked for years studying the effects of bibliotherapy on disenfranchised youth. My teaching philosophy is that everyone has it within themselves to be a successful student, and it is my job as an educator to bring out that success in each person. My classes are designed to inspire the joy of learning by making each lesson as compelling as possible.

Academic Background

- EdD, Educational Leadership, George Fox University
- Certificate in Journalism, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Arizona State University
- MEd, Education with specialization in Reading, George Fox University
- BS, Education with specializations in Language Arts and Science, Eastern Oregon University

Expertise and Interests

Both literature and science have been my passion throughout my career. I have taught a journalism class that produced an award-winning newspaper and literary magazine; taught a debate class that competed on the state level; created a forestry and geology program at a high school in NW Oregon; and worked for over a decade with the College Board as a Reader, Table Leader, and Chief Scorer for the AP Language and Composition essays. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, I worked to start a new-concept hybrid online and in-classroom school within the Medford School District that went from 60 to over 700 students in its first two years.

As a writer and photographer, I have worked for three newspapers: two as a sports editor and one as a correspondent. I worked with students to start a printing and graphic design business that not only paid for itself but made a profit that went back into the school district student programs. My graphic design class also published books for local organizations, including the Tillamook Historical Society.

Outside the Classroom

I live in Roseburg, Oregon, and love to take early morning walks in the city parks. My wife and are both ardent readers and spend a lot of time in our library reading or writing. For years, I have also loved hiking in the outdoors of Oregon, from the misty coastal forests to the snowy Cascades to the high desert. Oregon has always been a playground for me. As a lifelong learner, one of my passions is taking classes and continuing my educational journey. I especially enjoy Native American history and customs, British history, and the history of the Middle East. I am a keen student of the Bible and enjoy doing Greek and Hebrew word studies while reading the Scriptures.