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I am excited to be a part of the George Fox Department of Professional Studies. I grew up in a home where both of my parents were professors at a Christian college. It feels a bit like coming home to be in the higher education environment.

My current job (besides working as an adjunct at George Fox), is as a Mental Health Consultant working with Head Start families. Here, I get to combine two of my great interests of supporting families and teaching. By joining the George Fox adjunct teaching team, I get to do even more teaching, and bring my experiences in the field of Social Work to the classroom and support others on their journey towards their goals.

Academic Background

- MSW, Social Work, California State University, Long Beach (2001)
- BS, Psychology, University of California, Davis (1995)

Expertise and Interests

I started my career working in a residential counseling setting for young people who were making destructive life choices. As I saw the residents heal and grow, it solidified my desire to be in the field of mental health. From there, I decided to get my master's degree in Social Work. I felt that God's work in my life was encouraging me to be someone who would "bind up the brokenhearted" (Isaiah 61:1). I got to help families do this in my next job where I worked in foster care and group home settings as a Social Worker. I continued on to become an Adoption Social Worker at an agency that worked with placing foster children in permanent placements. I loved the work of creating and supporting families. It was there that I also began teaching parenting and adoption classes. I realized I also loved teaching! After several years there, I relocated with my family to the Portland area.

Primary Teaching Responsibilities

- MSBS 431 – Social Dynamics and Public Policy

Outside the Classroom

When I am not working, I love to be outside: walking, hiking, backpacking, gardening, or building. Last summer I built my two kids a treehouse. I may have enjoyed the building process, more than they are enjoying the finished project! When I'm not outdoors, working, or taking care of my family, I also enjoy reading, baking, or sewing gifts for people. Getting together with family and friends is also very important to me. I am also active in our church as a Home Group leader with my husband, and love being a part of a community who love Jesus and each other. I have seen God's love expressed to others and felt God's love for me come through the hands of other people enough to feel strongly that as people, we belong in community.