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My teaching career began in Boston, Massachusetts, where I was a high school math teacher. After that, I taught math in Huntington Beach, California, but after several years, I became interested in teaching English as a Second Language, so I went back to school to study that field. I got a teaching credential for English as a Second Language and taught for Los Angeles Public Schools. I found that I greatly enjoyed working with students from other countries, and I loved hearing their stories about their countries and cultures. My interest in learning about other cultures and countries continued to grow, leading me to Japan, where I taught English for 29 years. After I returned to the United States, I was extremely fortunate to be asked to teach at George Fox University. I have spent three very happy years here working with wonderful students, faculty, and staff. Every day, I feel so blessed and so grateful to have been given the chance to help George Fox students in any way I can.

Academic Background

- MEd, Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology in Education (TESOL), Temple University (Japan)
- BS, Mathematics, Boston State College

Expertise and Interests

I am interested in teaching ways for students to communicate their ideas and opinions. I enjoy teaching writing because it gives students a chance to think deeply and to express themselves freely without the pressure that they sometimes feel when they need to speak without time to organize their thoughts. Writing also gives students the chance to reflect on what they have written, which often provides inspiration for further writing.

I also enjoy teaching students how to write research papers. It gives students such a great feeling of accomplishment when they discover the exact information they need in an article or in a study to answer their research question. It's also a very satisfying feeling for teachers when we can observe students experiencing that eureka moment.

Outside the Classroom

I love traveling and learning about different cultures. If I'm not able to travel, I watch movies or read books about the people, cultures, and customs of various countries. I also love traveling in my own country and enjoy the magnificent natural beauty of Oregon and other parts of the United States.