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Adjunct Faculty



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I began my journey as an adjunct professor for George Fox in the spring of 2016. I first taught face-to-face in the Social and Behavioral Sciences major, and then switched to teaching general education courses online after moving to Denver, CO. Having been both a student and a writing consultant at George Fox, I fully believe in the mission and vision of this university. I am honored to be a part of a program that embraces students' spiritual beliefs and views community as an integral part of the learning process.

## Academic Background

- MA, Marriage, Couples, & Family Counseling, George Fox University (2016)
- BA, English, George Fox University (2012)
- BS, Early Childhood & Elementary Education, George Fox University (2012)

## Expertise and Interests

The written word is a fundamental part of who we are as individuals and as a culture. Even our informal daily communication has become written: text messaging, emails, social media, etc. By improving writing skills and learning to understand the different mediums we communicate through, we are better able to express ourselves, communicate our needs, and connect with those around us. My goal as a writing professor is to provide students with the tools they need to pursue their goals and build the lives they want.

## Primary Teaching Responsibilities

- LACC 102 – Writing for Adults II
- LACC 285 – Facts & Myths of Social Media

## **Outside the Classroom**

For the next year, I am blessed to be living in one of the most beautiful cities in the country: Denver, CO. This will be a year full of both urban and outdoor adventuring with my husband and our puppy, Huckleberry (who is shaping up to be just as mischievous as the Mark Twain character he is named after). My other mission for the year is to read all of Powell's Books' recommendations on their "25 Books to Read Before You Die" list (<http://www.powells.com/25-books-to-read-before-you-die>).

As for my personality and interests, I am an odd combination of an academic and a yogi. While completing my master's degree in counseling, I became passionate about the holistic well-being of individuals, and became a yoga teacher as a way to help people discover health and healing. I find great fulfillment teaching several yoga classes each week at a small studio near my house. At the same time, I work online as a professor, provide free-lance editing and consulting services to graduate students, and am collaborating on several academic journal articles. With my love of both yoga and academics, it sometimes feels as though I am straddling two radically different cultures. I believe that both worlds have a lot to offer one another, and I hope to spend my career building a bridge between the two.