

# Linda Samek, EdD

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My professional life began as a middle school math and science teacher. I began teaching at George Fox in 1996, the first time! I had moved to teacher preparation and college-level mathematics instruction. I left George Fox in 2000 to work for the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and then Corban University, returning to George Fox in 2008 to be the dean of the School of Education. Having just completed seven years as George Fox Provost, I am back to being a faculty member, mostly in the EdD program. However, I thoroughly enjoy my time with non-traditional adult students as they return to complete their post-secondary degree. I love seeing dreams being fulfilled and lives changed.



## Academic Background

- EdD, Educational Leadership: Supervision and Development Studies, Portland State University
- MEd, Curriculum and Instruction, Portland State University
- BS in Science Education/Mathematics, Oregon State University

## Expertise and Interests

My academic discipline is mathematics, with a specialty in statistics. I enjoy teaching the research and decision-making courses in the MOL program along with general education math courses. Helping others find joy in mathematical thinking, often for the first time, is most rewarding.

## Outside the Classroom

Outside the classroom, I love to travel and work internationally, or I did before COVID-19! I have worked on education-related projects in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, China, India, Greece, Italy, and Germany. I also enjoy reading, hiking, photography, and spending time with my husband, two sons, and six grandchildren. Bible study groups have long been part of my life, and I am currently leading a group of professional women at Salem Alliance Church.