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Adjunct Faculty



For the last two decades I have served in Fortune 500 companies in the oil and gas and petrochemical industries, holding various management and executive roles. My career has taken me around the world, holding down leadership positions in the United States, Canada, Russia, and the Netherlands. Together, these opportunities offered a wealth of executive leadership and strategic organizational experience.

I have a passion for helping people grow. I love to mentor and develop leaders, both formally and informally. In 2000, I created a leadership development program where I had the opportunity to teach in three different countries on two different continents over the course of 15 years.

I graduated in 2012 from George Fox University, in Portland, Oregon, with a master's degree in leadership. Most recently, I completed a six-month-long "Leadership Coaching for Organizational Performance" program at Rutgers University. This course is certified by the International Coach Federation (ICF), and I have moved into executive coaching on a full-time basis.

For 14 years, from 2004 to 2018, I served GFU as a member of the Board of Regents as well as the chairman of the Board of Regents at Portland Seminary (of George Fox University). During most of that period, I also served on the Board of Trustees at George Fox University. I am an adjunct professor at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, and now an adjunct with the Department of Professional Studies.

Academic Background

- MA, George Fox University

Expertise and Research Interests

My professional journey started in construction in Detroit, Michigan, swinging a 12-pound sledge hammer building railroad track. My love of construction has never diminished over my 40+ year career that has taken me all over the world building large capital assets for international corporations. In 2001, I continued my role in building big things but switched my construction focus to building leaders within the Fortune 500 companies I worked for internationally. That 40+ year training program launched me into the fourth phase of my career as an executive coach

working with international business leaders and as an adjunct professor teaching courses in business ethics and international dynamics.

Primary Teaching Responsibilities

- MGOL 432 International Dynamics

Outside the Classroom

I love to travel internationally. Some people dislike long airplane flights, for me, the longer the better. I enjoy experiencing places I have never been and exploring new cultures and their related history. I also like to stay physically fit, so the combination of travel and physical fitness often has me in the woods, in the mountains hiking or skiing, at the seaside, or most often at the local gym. I have four beautiful children and three wonderful grandchildren whom I love more than travel! My first love has always been construction. Whether building large, capital assets in the international construction industry or doing home renovations, construction for me is salve for the soul.