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Adjunct Faculty

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I am pleased and honored to be on faculty at George Fox, helping to prepare students to be a positive part of today's workforce. As an alum of GFU, I know firsthand the impact that a quality education can have on one's life and future.

I see education as an exchange of knowledge and believe the best learning experiences come from conversation between the students and educators. I find that as I teach, I am often learning as much as the other participants.



## Academic Background

- Master's Degree, Public Health, Public Administration and Policy, Portland State University
- Bachelor's Degree, International Studies, George Fox University
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, Portland State University

## Expertise and Interests

Over the past 14 years, I have worked with adult learners to enhance their understanding and application of the concepts of change management, facilitation, and managing interpersonal relationships. Additionally, I have lead change strategies that have accelerated the adoption of significant transformation across large organizations. My expertise lies in the following areas:

- Leading change
- Organizational Transformation
- Organizational Culture
- Healthcare Administration
- Facilitation

## Outside the Classroom

I have worked for Providence Health and Services for over 20 years. During my time at Providence, I have worked in a variety of capacities ranging from onsite operations to administrative services. Currently, in my role managing the function of Organizational Transformation Team, I am leading my team to create a Center of Excellence for Change Management.

Within that scope, I oversee a team of talented consultants in developing new change management methods and tools, providing internal consulting and coaching as well as educating leaders in various change methodologies. We support all of Providence St Joseph in the Oregon Region, an employee group of over 20,000.

Outside of my engagement at Providence, as time permits, I enjoy consulting with organizations that I believe are poised to make a significant positive impact in our society. To this end, I have independently worked both locally and internationally with a variety of organizations to find unique solutions to their individual needs.

I am a news junkie, and also enjoy traveling, hiking, quilting, and cooking in my free time. I have lived in the Portland Metro area since childhood, where I currently reside with my wonderful husband and two children.