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I began my adjunct teaching career at George Fox University in 2001 after my wife and I retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators, a Christian mission organization. Many years earlier, our middle daughter attended GFU for her freshman year, providing my first exposure to this fine institution of learning. While serving with Wycliffe, I successfully completed the degree completion program at GFU (our youngest daughter has since obtained a degree in project management through the adult degree completion program at GFU). My passion for George Fox runs deep, both as an institution where Christ is honored and a place for gaining meaningful knowledge about living a Christ-centered life in our world. Obtaining a bachelor's degree through the degree completion program was a life-changing thing for me.

Opportunities opened up for me to be in positions of leadership and management in the mission work we did and previous to that at a fire department in the Beaverton area. After 19 years, I retired from Wycliffe, having served as International Coordinator of Management Training for a few years. Previously, I took an early retirement from the fire department after 18 years of service, 10 years as a Battalion Chief. With those experiences came a deep respect for leaders. Dare I say that I am in love with the whole concept of how leadership and good management practices work? There, I said it, because that's where I'm at in life.

Academic Background

- MS, Management of Human Relations and Business, Amberton University (1997)
- BA, Management of Human Resources, George Fox University (1992)

Expertise and Interests

Over the years with George Fox, I've been privileged to teach most of the courses in the organizational leadership program.

Primary Teaching Responsibilities

- MGOL 401 – Organizational Behavior
- MGOL 403 – Organizational Theory
- MGOL 404 – Organizational Communication
- MGOL 413 – Ethics for Managers
- MGOL 442 – Dynamics of Leadership
- MGOL 450 – Strategic Leadership

Outside the Classroom

I love life, I love my Lord, and I love my wife and three daughters. Being well into “retirement years,” I find it difficult to just sit back and coast the rest of the way. Engagement in life and with people is critical to me. I love learning new things; I learn from students all the time. Interacting with adult students brings real joy to me. I am currently in a mentoring relationship with a former student, one whom I hope to see teaching at George Fox some day in the adult degree program. Communication with former students is very rewarding, informing me often of the master’s and doctorate degrees they have gone on to obtain.

Currently, I am writing a novel and learning a new art form. I love to golf—though not particularly good at it, it provides opportunity to spend time with friends and to occasionally make that good shot that takes me back to the course for the next round.