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I am a new teacher, entering the field in the first quarter of 2019. However, I have found that I love doing this; helping people grow in their careers has been a talent and passion of mine since I learned to be a leader from the school of hard knocks. I am finding that I really enjoy giving back to the industry, the discipline I am teaching, and George Fox, which is my MBA alma mater.

I've had a long successful career in product development management, primarily in the musical instrument industry, having led product development for companies such as Gibson Guitar Corporation, Roland Corporation, and Fender Musical Instruments. In addition, I have owned and successfully operated my own companies in musical instrument manufacturing, as well as business consulting.



Academic Background

- PhD, Technology Management, Portland State University (in progress)
- MBA, George Fox University
- BS, Electrical Engineering, Western Kentucky University (university valedictorian)

Expertise and Interests

I have led many large product development, IT, and business model change projects in my career. Over the years, I have excelled in human development, team development, product management, project/program management, portfolio management, product development, strategy, and business model changes.

Over the last year, I have taught undergraduate algebra, accounting, payroll accounting, technology for managers, public relations, entrepreneurial small business management, and business/technical writing classes. I look forward to diving deep into the George Fox project management curriculum.

Outside the Classroom

I have a lovely wife of 30 years, Pam, who is a nurse working for Kaiser Permanente in their insurance section. We have two adult children, Nicholas and Kelley. Nicholas is a chef from the Oregon Culinary

Institute, and Kelley is a biochemist from the University of Oregon. Both children are the product of the Portland Christian Center, where we have been members for almost 30 years. I am active in the music ministry there, playing gospel organ and sometimes singing in the choir.

I also have a passion for landscape design and gardening. Having been raised on a thousand-acre farm in Kentucky, I always have to have my hands in the dirt, especially in the spring. Of course, being a technology nut, I do all my hardscape designs in SolidWorks, a 3D CAD system, and I design all my gardens in 3D landscaping software. My dream is to have my house of 30 years and the half-acre grounds around it fully modeled and simulated.