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OBJECTIVE

To use both my teaching and business experience and expertise to alter the way students see themselves and their futures. Being successful is a habit. My objective is to empower students to develop the habit of success.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have enjoyed 32 years as a college professor teaching, advising and counseling a wide range of students in all aspects of life from academic pursuits and career goals to personal dilemmas and tax return inquiries. I invite students into the educational process by getting to know their backgrounds, interests, families, ambitions, capabilities and uncertainties.

My experience owning and managing my own business brings the critical element of reality to my classroom and allows me to personally demonstrate what it takes to be successful.

EDUCATION

1985-present Licensed Certified Public Accountant
1983 Passed Certified Public Accounting exam
1983 M.B.A., 4.0/4.0 GPA,
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
1982 B.A. in Business Administration, 3.97/4.0 GPA
Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

EMPLOYMENT

2008-present **Tenured Professor, Associate Professor of Accounting
Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA**

- School of Business Chair, Fall 2015-present
- Department Chair, Fall 2013-Spring 2015
- Acting Department Chair, Fall 2012
- Teach multiple accounting courses
- Advise students
- Act as liaison to prospective employers
- Compose letters of reference and recommendation
- Organize, schedule and escort students on field trips
- Consult and participate in the Accounting Consortium
- Lead freshman Young Presbyterian Scholar small group
- Serve on numerous faculty committees

1991-present **Owner/Operator
Drove Pasture Farm, Mercer, PA**

- Manage all financial, operational, environmental and marketing aspects of 300 acre crop and beef farm
- Involved in agricultural education and awareness through hosting student and adult groups, including international graduate students from Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh
- Educate children and youth about safer farming practices at Penn State Cooperative Extension Farm Safety Days

- 1985-2009 **Tenured Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Adjunct Professor of Accounting**
Thiel College, Greenville, PA
- Held rank of full professor since 1996
 - Tenured since 1991, youngest tenured professor in Thiel College history
 - Taught multiple accounting courses
 - Instrumental in development of Forensic Accounting program at Thiel
 - Advised approximately 60 students annually
 - Sponsored numerous student internships
 - Acted as liaison to prospective employers
 - Worked closely with Career Services to prepare students for employment opportunities
 - Composed hundreds of letters of reference and recommendation
 - Consulted and participated in the Accounting Consortium
 - Organized, scheduled and escorted students on field trips
 - Supervised student audit of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
 - Advised numerous student groups including Chi Eta Sigma, Commerce Honorary
 - Advised freshman in Thiel's First Year Experience program
 - Assisted Thiel's international students in filing proper tax returns
 - Presented business and tax workshops
 - Annually lectured to Science and Global Heritage students on sustainable agriculture
 - Hosted Thiel student organizations for bonfires and hayrides at our farmstead
 - Spoke at Thiel Christian Fellowship
 - Recruited students
 - Interviewed scholarship candidates
 - Participated in fund raising activities
 - Served and/or acted as chairperson on numerous committees
- 2006-2008 **Adjunct Professor of Accounting**
Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA
- Taught upper-level accounting courses and Finance
- 1991, 1994, 2008 **Adjunct Professor of Accounting**
Grove City College, Grove City, PA
- Taught upper-level accounting courses
- 1987-2005 **Professor of Accounting**
Thiel College Satellite Program, Greenville, PA
- Taught 30+ off-campus (Mercer, Lawrence and Crawford Counties) accounting courses
 - Advised non-traditional students
- 1983-1985 **Staff Accountant**
McGill, Power, Bell and Company, Grove City, PA
- 1982-1983 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- Taught freshman accounting

PUBLICATIONS

- "Overprotected" – Article published in AICPA's "Save Wisely, Spend Happily" by Sharon Lechter.
- "I'm a CPA and I'm Here to Help" - Article published in PICPA Student News.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (past and present)

- Secretary/Treasurer – Mercer County Cooperative Extension Board
- Auditor – Mercer County Crop Management Association
- Auditor – Wolfcreek Township
- Auditor – Ebenezer Presbyterian Church
- Speaker - North West Chapter PICPA, “What’s New in Accounting Education”
- PICPA Member – Chairperson, Relations with Schools and Colleges Committee
- Guest Lecturer - Mid-Atlantic Highland Association Convention at Penn State University, “Hobby Loss Rules”
- Westminster College Alumni Council – chairperson of the Citations and Nominations Committee
- Westminster College Alumni Reunion Coordinator
- Thiel College Walk-A-Thon for Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital
- Grove City High School Alumni Reunion Coordinator
- Elder – Presbyterian Church
- Pre-marriage Counseling Seminar Mentor - Bethany Presbyterian Church
- High School Sunday School Teacher – Bethany Presbyterian Church
- Salvation Army Volunteer

AWARDS and HONORS

- Westminster College Audio Visual Service and Support Award, 2012
- Westminster College Lambda Sigma Distinguished Faculty Member, 2011
- President’s Award for Teaching Excellence, Thiel College, 1998
- Pennsylvania Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator, 1994/95
- Mercer Area Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator, 1994/95
- PICPA Award, Westminster College, 1982

COURSES TAUGHT

Principles of Accounting I
Principles of Accounting II
Intermediate Accounting I
Intermediate Accounting II
Cost Accounting
Auditing
Taxation
CPA Review – Preparing for the Profession
Accounting Theory
Advanced Accounting
Governmental Accounting
Managerial Accounting
Finance