

## **STATEMENT OF TEACHING PHILOSOPHY**

My primary teaching goals are to (1) inspire students by role modeling lifelong learning, (2) challenge students to envision social phenomenon from alternative, sometimes uncomfortable perspectives, and (3) foster respect for scientific processes and professional ethics. Foremost, a good instructor is also an active learner. To be an active learner, instructors must avoid the occupational pitfalls of arrogance and complacency. Students learn best from instructors that are with them, rather than above them. Teaching continues to be both challenging and rewarding for me. I am pleased that many of my students describe my courses in similar terms.