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Where did you go to school? What degree did you earn? Do you have areas of specialization or of special interest?

Southern Methodist University - B.S. in Sociology and B.A. in Religious Studies
University of Warwick, England - M.A. in Interdisciplinary Women's Studies
University of Delaware - M.A. in Sociology

How long have you been teaching at Collin?

6 years full-time, 2 years part-time before that

What courses do you typically teach?

Introduction to Sociology

What do students gain from taking your courses?

Enthusiasm for looking at the world around them in a different way!

What professional associations are you currently a member of?

Southern Rural Sociological Association

Do you advise any student organizations at Collin? Are you a member of any other programs, non-student organizations, or committees at Collin? If so, please list them and briefly describe your role.

I am the campus lead for the Book-in-Common program and I am on the Open Doors/Open Minds committee (we organize events to increase dialogue about a variety of issues such as religion, body image, racism and gender identity/sexuality discrimination).

What initially drew you to Sociology? Why do you continue to like Sociology?

I have always been a compassionate person and have worked toward animal rights since I was a child. When I was in college, the Gulf War started, the Branch Davidian tragedy occurred and I wondered how people could act so cruelly toward each other. When I took Sociology classes, it opened my eyes to explanations for human behavior that I had never imagined and made me feel that, armed with social theories, I could change the world. Also, my teachers at SMU were so smart and engaging that I wanted to make other people feel the way I felt in their classes. I hope I do them justice. Thanks Professors Hawkins, Heschel, Phillips and Campbell-Jeffries!