

My thoughts on Teaching:

Teaching entails a personal investment and a commitment, inextricably tied to a social responsibility of imparting and inculcating young people with the requisite knowledge to understand the society that they not only inhabit but also help create and shape. Given my own proclivities and personality, teaching for me is highly interactive, can be quite animated and yet with a seriousness of purpose. I am an academic, living the life of the mind navigating it often unevenly, through questions, introspection, even doubt and an insatiable appetite to study.

A professor's approach to teaching inevitably derives from their personality and their social consciousness that defines their interests, passion and intellectually driven commitments. My classes are centered on a carefully planned arc of content, i.e., a 'purpose' without which the plan by itself is devoid of any essence. All my courses at all levels contain relevant depth and breadth of thinking.

We expose students to a world of ideas in our respective disciplines and thereby impart education. But our work as academic's especially at a liberal arts institution is also a social avocation especially because smaller colleges are committed to a personal approach to imparting education. What this affords those of us in these smaller institutions is to have an experience with our students and teaching that is significantly different from that of larger universities. Teaching, mentoring and research culminate to inspire young people both in their individual spheres and shape the way that they approach life.