

Rich Corby

How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

- I have taught 5 classes at LifeQuest.

What is your educational background?

- Ba and MA (Music) from Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois
- MA in History (African emphasis) from Western Illinois, Macomb
- PhD (African and Middle Eastern emphasis) from Indiana University, Bloomington

Please list experiences, awards or recognition you've had which are related (or not!) to your upcoming class topic:

- Funded 12 times by the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program from the U.S. department of education and also by the National Endowment for the Humanities (which the current administration wants to eliminate) to direct institutes in various countries in Africa and the Middle East for humanities teachers from all over the U.S. who taught in grades 5-12. As they learned, the teachers developed curriculum materials to use in their classrooms.
- Also funded by the NEH and the Arkansas Council for the Social Studies to direct institutes on the UAM campus about various aspects of countries in Africa and the Middle East for humanities teachers who taught in grades 5-12.

Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:

- I very much enjoy the people who enroll in my classes, particularly because their memories extend back more than six weeks, unlike the memory span of undergraduates.

List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:

1. I enjoy traveling, reading, and watching old movies.
2. My favorite movie is "Casablanca," set in Morocco during World War II. The performances by Bogart, Bergman, Henreid are superb, the plot is gripping, and the dialogue is surprisingly funny considering the subject matter.
3. I watch far too many college basketball games on television and now that the season has ended, I'm in withdrawal mode.