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About me:

I was fortunate enough to be introduced to philosophy in high school and knew I wanted to study it in college. But when I had received my degree I had no plans for further study. It was my discovery of political philosophy some years later that revived my love of the subject. I went on to study political theory and teach both philosophy and political science.

Where are you from?

I grew up in the Northwest but have spent most of my career in other parts of the country.

What topics or subject areas do you enjoy teaching the most?

I like teaching topics that combine theoretical and practical considerations.

What excites you most about teaching in higher education?

It's exciting to think that one can influence the life of another person in a positive way.

What are your hobbies and other interests?

I like to walk or hike and read books.

What is your main source of motivation or inspiration?

I'm inspired by the thought that it's a great privilege to spend one's time trying to understand the world.

Why did you choose UT?

I appreciate the forward-looking spirit of the people here.

Share one fun or unusual fact about yourself:

I recently visited the graves of my great-great grandparents.