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PEDAGOGY PHILOSOPHY:

Communication is the underlying phenomenon that creates, sustains, and destroys our social worlds. Everything we do in life involves communication. Understanding how communication works can be a powerful way for students to learn how to shape their social worlds. I truly enjoy sharing my love of communication with my students through enriching readings, reflective activities (both inside and outside of class), stimulating writing assignments, analytical group work, practical role-playing scenarios, important skill-building exercises, and dialogic discussions. My teaching style is conversational and discussion-based, as I hope to continually engage my students in intellectually stimulating conversations involving (but not limited to) communication, culture, power, and identity. My overarching teaching goal is to work with students to understand the complex connections among how our learning inside the classroom applies to other aspects of our academic, professional, and personal lives. I look forward to learning with you!

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- B.A. in Communication Studies, minor in Spanish Literature, UCLA
- M.A. in Speech Communication, SJSU
- Intermediate Spanish language certification, Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain
- Certified in Mediation through the Office of Human Relations County of Santa Clara
- Western States Communication Association (WSCA) Member, Panelist, and Presenter