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PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING
(Bullet Format)

Principles

- Respect each student's learning style(s) and his/her right to learn.
- Maintain a wholesome classroom environment for intellectual inquiry and growth.
- Treat every student, faculty colleague, administrator, and staff member with dignity.
- Respect myself as a professor of historical inquiry; honor the profession's goals/aims.

Praxis

- Use various pedagogical methods to accommodate different learning styles.
- Challenge students to excel; set realistic and attainable standards; adjust if necessary.
- Tell more stories (i.e., narrative history).
- In assignments and assessments, give students options.
- Read assigned material(s) with the students.
- Write new questions for assessments each semester.
- Review pedagogical methods and practice after each semester.

Professional Development

- Maintain currency in content area(s).
- Upgrade technological skills when opportunities are available.
- Take a course or seminar in pedagogy every third summer.