FACULTY PROFILE

Department

CSU College: Business
CSU Discipline: Master of Business Administration

Basic Info

Name: Carol Jensen
Title: Part-Time Faculty
Email: carol.jensen@columbiasouthern.edu
Personal Preferred Availability: Weekends

Education

PhD in Educational Studies/Educational Leadership and Higher Education
University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Master of Business Administration
Nova Southeastern University

Bachelor of Science in Management
Upper Iowa University

Biography

Background
I am a lifelong resident of Iowa and began a business career in finance in 1981. I took my first college course in 1989 (after all three children were in school). I totally understand what it is like to have to juggle family and job commitments while going to college. I couldn’t have slept much from 1989-1994 since those were the years that I drove to various colleges in order to attend undergraduate and graduate classes (some of those round-trip commutes were 180 miles).

I had my first opportunity to take online courses through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for my PhD (I simply love the flexibility of online). Teaching satisfies my lifetime commitment to learning and helping others. I am a workaholic who enjoys a good book, even a good textbook.

CSU Story
I have been teaching CSU students since 2010.

Hobbies/Interests
I gained a great appreciation for research after completing my PhD in 2008. I eventually wrote a book on college financial aid in order to help students and their families better understand the responsibilities of borrowing money for college.

Additional Information

Awards:
- Numerous teaching awards
- Iowa Governor Branstad’s Financial Literacy Summit - 2015

Teaching Philosophy
I answer emails and return phone calls. I feel that is extremely important for all students, and especially online students, to be able to reach their academic goals.

Advice for Current Students
You’ll find that earning a college degree will be one of your best investments of both time and money.